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Ricky Juarez, an 18-year-old Houston boxer, pursues his life-long dream in a Bryan ring against the Mexican International Team.

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Get on the bus

Community bands together to raise school supplies for Bryan-College Station kids

By ROD MACHEN
City Editor

Several community organizations have come together to "Stuff the Bus," a city-wide effort to collect school supplies for needy children.

For the third annual School Supply Drive, two buses have been placed in the parking lot of Target on Texas Avenue. People from the community are encouraged to bring donations of school supplies or cash to be placed on the buses between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. today.

Samantha Haislip, a social worker with the Bryan Independent School District, said applications were sent to teachers and administrators last spring to assess which students were in need.

"Right now we have about 2,000 requests," she said.

Ella McGruder, administrative assistant for Project Unity, said many people have donated, but they could still use more.

"We need more donations," she said. "I think we have enough school supplies for about 400 children."

James Haverland, manager at Target, said he sees the need for school

supplies as an important issue.

"This is a reaction to a social need that isn't reacted to well enough in our community," he said.

Haverland estimates there are 2,500 to 3,000 kids in Bryan and College Station in need of school supplies.

"There are actually families whose income is less than what it costs an Aggie to go to school for a year," he said.

Haislip said any donations will go to children who are in need of them. Any children in the program are referred.

"The kids that get this are truly needy," Haislip said. "It is going where it needs to go."

Suggested donations include pencils, tissues, map pencils, spiral notebooks, scissors, glue, folders, markers, erasers, school boxes and rulers.

After today, donations for this cause can be made at Brazos Valley Interfaith Outreach, St. Joseph Community Place at Post Oak Mall, Project Unity and the Barbara Bush Parent Center.

Haislip said the project needs volunteers next week at the Parent Center and to package the donations.

The supplies will be handed out on August 11 at the Parent Center and at Project Unity in the Carver Center.



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And in this corner ...



MIKE FUENTES/THE BATTALION

Guillermo Perez (left) from Mexico, and Robert Brooks (right) from Fort Hood, battle it out Wednesday night at the Lulac Recreation Center when international boxing came to Bryan.

Texas A&M's oldest living yell leader dies at 90

By PHIL MURRAY
Special to The Battalion

A young man from Thrall, Texas, came to Texas A&M University on a baseball scholarship. He graduated in 1931 with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology, but never left behind the traditions and spirit of the University.

Colonel Earl John Berryhill (USAF, ret.), the oldest living Aggie Yell Leader, died Thursday morning after a brief illness.

Berryhill was born in 1908, the 10th of 13 children.

After graduating from A&M, he received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Berryhill served three years as a commissioned officer with the Civilian Conservation Corps before transferring to the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941.

In 1943, he was assigned to duties as group executive officer of the 398th Bomber Group, which flew 195 missions against Nazi forces in World War II.

For his distinguished service, he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

In 1952, he was appointed deputy of personnel of the 13th Air Force and was later made commander of the Port of Manila in the Philippines.

He was subsequently appointed director of training at the USAF Systems Command.

He retired from Maxwell Air Force base in

1962 at the rank of colonel, with over 30 years of service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

After retirement, Berryhill returned to school, and at the age of 61, graduated with a doctoral degree in education from the University of Houston.

Berryhill then joined the faculty of the Citadel in 1965. In 1971, he was promoted to associate professor of education and retired in 1974.

Berryhill was active in many organizations including Sons of the Republic of Texas, Sons of the Confederacy, Sons of the American Revolution and the Military Order of the World.

Perhaps his most affectionate affiliations were with the 398th Bomber Group Memorial Association, which he helped to found, and the Texas A&M Club in which he held the distinction of being Texas A&M's oldest living yell leader.

Berryhill is survived by two daughters, six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Visitation is tonight from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sunset Funeral home in San Antonio. A rosary will be recited tonight at 7 p.m. at Sunset Chapel.

Funeral mass will be held at St. Peter Prince of the Apostles Catholic Church in San Antonio tomorrow at 10:15 a.m. Internment will follow at Fort Sam Houston with full military honors.

Search for Director of Student Activities narrowed to six candidates



PHOTO BY RYAN ROGERS/THE BATTALION

Jim Waite was addressed by A&M students and staff in an open forum Wednesday.

By ANDREA BROCKMAN
Staff Writer

The competition heightened for the position of student activities director as another candidate met staff and students in an open forum Wednesday in Rudder Tower.

Jim Waite, director of student life at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, said strong leadership, organizational skills and a firm commitment to student

development are assets he can bring to Texas A&M.

"I have worked in a variety of higher educational settings which have challenged me to broaden my understanding of the unique needs of today's college students," Waite said.

Waite said his personal motto is, "There is much more to college than what is taught in the classroom."

"Student activities give students opportunities to have a common goal," he said. "The people connections you make will be beneficial in the future."

He received a bachelor of arts in business and economics at the University of Pittsburgh, a master of science at Western Illinois University and a master of business administration at Rosary College.

Waite, also an advocate of multicultural awareness, said when students arrive at college, not every one looks and acts

the same, but they still need to appreciate others' beliefs.

"My personal goal is to get elements of diversity out into the mainstream of campus life and expose as many students as possible to ideas and principles foreign from the majority viewpoint," he said.

Waite said he is very student-centered, and an appointment is not necessary to talk with him.

"I enjoy working with students," Waite said. "It's who I am."

Waite said his favorite part of the year is commencement, and he attends all eight of the ceremonies at his university.

"Meeting parents, getting contacted by students in the future and knowing I influenced their life is what it's all about," he said.

The next open forum will be held on Monday, August 3 at 3:45 p.m. in 504 Rudder Tower.