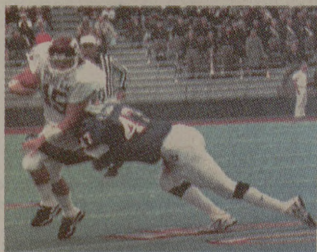


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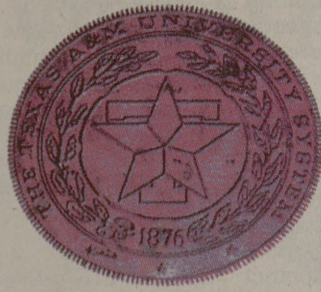
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Group aims to break stereotypes with program

BY AMANDA STIRPE
The Battalion

Phi Beta Sigma fraternity will host "Portrait of the Black Male" week, which began Sunday and will run through Saturday with a variety of discussions and events throughout the week.

"Portrait of the Black Male" was chosen by the fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma and sorority in Panhellenic sponsors a week throughout the year to host events, lectures and discussions.

Joel Garrett, chair of the MSC Black Awareness Committee and member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, said the week will promote fraternity.

"It will promote what we stand for," Garrett said. "The week will play different sides of the black man." Garrett said he hopes the lectures and discussions will be positive for African-American men.

"It will show our versatility and helpfully break stereotypes and myths that have been around for a long time," Garrett said.

The week started Sunday with a mass service. Today Phi Beta Sigma will host a discussion between African-American males about the

status of black men in today's society.

Tuesday a relationship forum will discuss what students can improve, and Wednesday a self-image discussion is planned. Thursday the fra-

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— Joel Garrett
Chair, Black Awareness Committee
and Phi Beta Sigma member

ternity will host a presentation on jazz music and its origins called "All That Jazz." There will be a party at the Student Recreation Center, and the week will end with a barbecue Saturday before the Texas A&M-Nebraska football game.

"Portrait of the Black Male" is not exclusive to men. All students are invited to attend the events during the week.

More information about the week or the fraternity is available on their Website at <http://stuact.tamu.edu/stuorgs/pds>.

Groups hope clothing shows Aggie unity

BY NONI SRIDHARA
The Battalion

Maroon Out, a project sponsored by the class councils, will open this Saturday at the Texas A&M-Nebraska football game.

The goal of the event is to get every Aggie to wear maroon to the football game on Oct. 10.

The class councils already have ordered 15,000 Maroon Out T-shirts and have 10,000 more available. The shirts will be on sale this week from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the MSC, Chry, Commons and the Wehn-Building. They will also be available on game day for \$5.

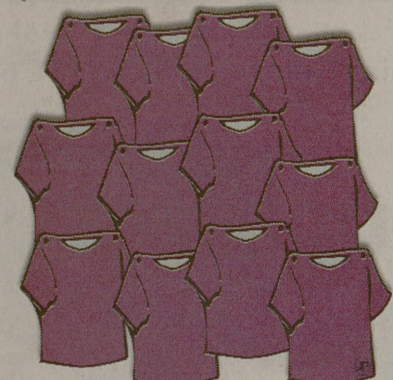
Kyle Valentine, Maroon Out director and Class of '00 President, advised students to get their shirts as early as possible in case they are not any left. Valentine advised community merchants are aware of the Maroon Out project and are keeping a lot of maroon T-shirts in stock.

Maroon Out has the support of various organizations on campus including the Student Government Association, the 12th Man Foundation, the Athletics Department, Corps of Cadets and the Greek community.

Valentine said the Association of Former Students is also involved and expects high participation from alumni.

"I am predicting that we will have 99-100 percent participation from the alumni," he said.

Tara Toliver, Class of '00 secretary, said in a press release there are benefits that will result from



Maroon Out

this event.

"One of the benefits is that we will be bringing together current students as well as former students for a common cause," she said. "Other benefits include an electric atmosphere leading up to and during the game and incredible publicity for Texas A&M across the community, state and nation."

Valentine said Kyle Field holds 62,000 people, and they are expecting 4,000 to 5,000 Nebraska fans.

"Therefore," Valentine said, "there should be 57,000 Aggies all wearing maroon."

Toliver said it is important to reemphasize the main purpose of the event.

"The purpose of this event is to unite all Aggies and our spirit," she said. "We are not attempting to create a new tradition. The creation of a tradition is completely up to the desires of the entire student body."

Mini-Olympics offer international students chance to compete

BY NONI SRIDHARA
The Battalion

The International Students Association Mini-Olympics '98 opening ceremonies and first round of tournaments were held this weekend.

The opening ceremonies began with a parade of the 32 participating countries carrying their flags followed by several guest speakers, among whom included Texas A&M Tennis Team champion Monica Ru-

Some of the sports scheduled for the

Olympics include golf, bowling, badminton, tennis, basketball and chess. The soccer tournament concluded this weekend with Spain taking first place and Africa taking the runner-up position.

Alejandro Nieto, an international student from Spain and a fire investigator professional and student in the fire training division, said competition was not the main focus of the game.

"We do not play just to become champions," Nieto said. "We play as though we are all brothers, both our teammates and our opponents. The important thing that every-

one has to remember in all these competitions during these Olympics is that everyone plays from the heart."

Edward Bucktron, director of the Mini-Olympics, an international student from Panama and a senior electrical engineering major, said all students benefit from the Olympics.

"There is a lot of interaction that goes on and all the competitors get to meet everybody and learn about different cultures," he said. "A lot of friendships develop from here as well."

Bucktron said he would like to have

spectators other than international students come out to the various events.

"Even though this is the international Olympics, I would like to have support from the University," he said. "Just by coming and watching, students can learn a lot about different cultures as well."

Ping-Ya Hsu, vice president of programs for ISA and a senior international studies major, said the main goal of the Olympics is to unite the international students.

"Our main goal is to help students achieve cultural unity through the world of sports," Hsu said.

Sasse: women want low-rent option

• Hart residents meet to discuss future of hall's all-male status.

BY AMANDA SMITH
The Battalion

Residents of Hart Hall will meet with Ron Sasse, director of Residence Life, tonight to consider the department's proposal to provide women with an opportunity to live in Hart Hall.

The meeting will be held at 10:30 p.m. in the Hart Hall lounge. Sasse said a study conducted among on-campus residents last

spring showed women were interested in a low-rent, non air-conditioned housing option.

Residence Life is considering opening up one or two of the 10 ramps in Hart Hall for female residents interested in a low-rent housing option.

Travis Vice, a Hart Hall resident adviser and a junior mechanical engineering major, will lead a committee to review the inclusion of women in Hart Hall. The tentative committee will include current Hart Hall residents and women interested in a low-rent housing option.

"We are not fighting (women moving into Hart Hall)," Vice said. "We want to find something that will be beneficial for the current residents and the female residents."

Hart and Walton halls are the only two non air-conditioned

dorms on campus and currently cost \$572 per semester.

The lowest-priced housing option available for women is the balcony dorms, which cost \$970 a semester.

More than 100 Walton Hall residents met Tuesday with Residence Life to discuss adding air conditioning to the hall, which would increase the housing fee for Walton residents.

If air conditioning was added to Walton Hall, Hart Hall would be the only non air-conditioned dorm on campus.

Sasse said there is no longer demand for two non air-conditioned facilities.

Hart Hall can hold 274 residents but currently holds 259 residents. Walton Hall can house 336 residents but currently houses only 314 residents.

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Rolling on



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Thomas Faulk (far right), a junior construction science major, leads other posts in unloading Bonfire logs at stack site Sunday evening. Faulk is junior redpot coordinator for Aggie Bonfire.

March targets prayer, not protest

BY JENNIFER JONES
The Battalion

Community members lined the pews of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and filled the streets of Bryan yesterday to celebrate Respect for Life Month.

The celebration began at 1 p.m. at St. Anthony's with a prayer gathering and was followed by a 3.7-mile Eucharistic procession down East 29th Street to the site of the new Planned Parenthood women's reproductive health clinic.

Rev. David Konderla, associate director of campus ministry at St. Mary's Catholic Center in College Station, said the event was a time for reflecting on the meaning of life. "This is not a time of protest but of prayer," he said.

Konderla said about 150 people

were present at the prayer service,

and by the time they reached the Planned Parenthood site, the number had doubled.

At the prayer gathering, Rev. Steve Kana of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Bryan said the event was a way to express a message of life, not through protesting but through prayer and reflection.

"What we face in society today is a spiritual battle," he said. "Today we gather together, not with posters or billboards, but with the most powerful [symbol] ... the Eucharist."

The Eucharist in the Catholic Church is consecrated bread and wine. Since the Eucharist is not seen as a symbol for the body of Jesus Christ but believed to be the actual body of Christ once blessed, the procession carried Je-

sus to the clinic.

Jan Wooderson, a resident of Bryan, said the procession was an expression of faith.

"The procession is a prayerful statement of the sacredness of life," she said.

Although the event was not a direct protest against the construction of a new Planned Parenthood facility in Bryan, the procession still carried a pro-life message.

Peter Durkin, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas, said he did not have a problem with the march.

"Planned Parenthood believes in participatory democracy," he said. "If people have different opinions, that is fine as long as it remains peaceful and prayerful."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Co-op career fair set to begin today

The Co-op Career Fair begins today with representatives from 56 companies and offers prospects for summer internships and jobs after graduation.

The career fair is located in the Zachry Engineering Center lobby. It will run today and tomorrow 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The companies visiting offer a variety of options for all undergraduates: scholarships and fellowships will be offered and information about conferences, seminars and other career fairs will also be given.

Offers for permanent jobs are available as well as summer internships, research positions and co-ops.

Graduate and undergraduate students can bring their resumes with them to the fair and register with the Career Center.

Bowens show thanks with BBQ

BY MEGAN WRIGHT
The Battalion

Texas A&M University President Ray Bowen and his wife, Sally Bowen, are hosting a barbecue for students on Oct. 19 at 6 p.m.

Last spring, a similar event was held and proved a success to coordinators.

Jonathan P. Kraatz of the Office of University Relations said the purpose of the event is to allow students to voice their opinions.

"President Bowen and the others want to hear what student have to say and what their concerns might be," Kraatz said.

Due to limited space, students will be selected after registering at different spots around campus.

Students can use a registration box located in East Bizzell Hall or register via the Internet at the address <http://tibble.tamu.edu/freebbq>.

Deadline for entry is today, and 100 students will be selected and notified by Oct. 6.

Bowen and other University officials will serve the barbecue as a way of expressing their appreciation of the students.

"We want to meet as many students as possible, and we welcome the opportunity to learn firsthand of any specific concerns or issues that we need to be addressing," Bowen said.

Entertainment will be provided by Fade to Black, a student dance group, and improvisational comedy performances by Freudian Slip.



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George Stewart, a freshman agricultural engineering major from Costa Rica, blocks an attempt on a goal. Stewart is playing in the International Student Association's Mini-Olympics.