



## CAMPAIGN '98

# An evening with Steve Ogden

Candidate for Texas State Senate  
at Rudder 308 on October 29 at 8:30 p.m.



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## Snack time



Lisa Patterson restocks vending machines in the Harrington Education Center Wednesday. Patterson has been working for Bryan Coca-Cola for 5 years, said the vending machines are restocked every day.

## AIDS Services to offer HIV tests at Beutel

BY BETH MILLER  
The Battalion

Beginning today, AIDS Services of the Brazos Valley will visit A.P. Beutel Health Center every Thursday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. to offer students free and anonymous HIV-testing opportunities.

Latisha Barnes, testing coordinator for AIDS Services of the Brazos Valley, said the organization will offer confidential and anonymous testing. Confidential testing, which is also offered by Beutel, means the medical records, including the test results, are accessible only to the student. Barnes said when being tested anonymously, the student can only be identified by a fake name, the student's birthday and an identification number assigned by the organiza-

tion. She said both types of testing are free to students; Beutel charges \$3 for the test.

Margaret Griffith, health education coordinator at Beutel, said AIDS Services used to offer testing at the health center, and she helped to convince the organization to offer them again.

"I always thought [free testing on campus] was an excellent service for students especially for students who don't have access to a vehicle," she said.

Griffith said the health center is hosting AIDS Services in order to reach out to all students.

"Getting tested for HIV is something that a lot of students are doing, and we wanted to make it easier for them by offering both options on campus," she said.

Barnes said it is important for people to know whether or not they are infected with HIV. She said the organization is offering the testing at no charge is the organization's way of helping students. "It's really important to know your status, especially if you have a relationship," Barnes said. "I have a lot of students who don't have a lot of money. They just want to know if they just a peace of mind."

Barnes said she hopes AIDS Services will successfully educate students about HIV in addition to providing them with testing. She said representatives from the organization plan to speak at organization meetings on campus and provide information and counseling for students.



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