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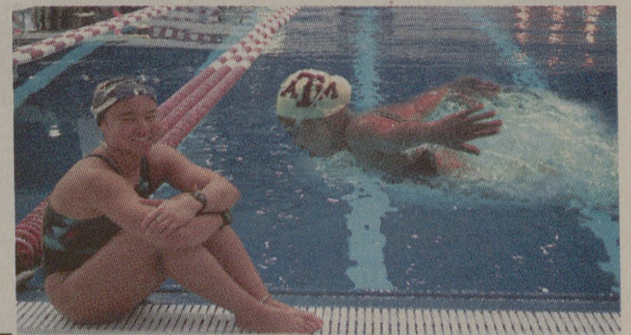
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Abstinence rally stresses strength through religion

BY LISA K. HILL
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Risks of premarital sex and forgiveness from God were the discussion topics of an abstinence rally sponsored by Aggie Sisters for Christ.

Last night's rally held in the MSC opened and closed with prayers, and free speakers discussed abstinence and related issues, focusing on the mental and physical risks.

Micah Wing, rally coordinator and member of Aggie Sisters for Christ, wanted to let attendees know they have a choice when it comes to premarital sex.

"We want to spread the word that abstinence is an option in relationships," she said. "Abstinence is not an

old-fashioned decision."

Barret Curnutte, Class of '97, spoke on how choosing to be a born-again virgin changed his life.

"My views on sex took a 180 because I turned my life toward Christ," he said. "I want to let students know that abstinence is a reasonable solution in the prevention of STDs and AIDS."

Curnutte said the turning point in his life was when he saw the inner peace of those waiting to have sex until they were married.

"I was missing that inner peace," he said, "and now that I have it, I'm hooked in spreading the word."

David Bereit, rally coordinating assistant and a guest speaker, focused on sexual responsibility.

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ERIC NEWMAN/THE BATTALION

Physician **Noren Johnson** speaks to the attendees of the abstinence rally sponsored by the Aggie Sisters for Christ Monday Night.

Old Glory



GUY ROGERS/THE BATTALION

Ben Arcuni, (left) a freshman aerospace engineering major, and **Damon Donoho**, a sophomore biomedical science major, retire the colors in front of the Academic Building.



ERIC NEWMAN/THE BATTALION

Susan Nennery (right), a Planned Parenthood representative, discusses reproductive health care with **Jennifer Murphy** (left), a senior Chemical Engineering major, during the mini health fair in the MSC Flagroom Monday.

Mini health fair keeps students informed

BY AMANDA PALM
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Sexual Responsibility Week, sponsored by Student Health Services Health Education and Aggie REACH began yesterday with a mini health fair in the MSC Flagroom.

Health organizations from Bryan, College Station and Texas A&M were present to offer students free HIV testing and information about safe sex and sexually transmitted diseases.

Marcy McDonald, a wellness coordinator with the Brazos County Health Department, said the fair was an effective method to reach a lot of people. "If we don't provide the information, students will not get it," McDonald said.

Sara Mendez, a community outreach specialist with family health services, said fields including family planning, pediatric care and HIV testing and AIDS services are offered through family health services.

Erin Howard, an intern with the Brazos County Health Department, said students do not know enough about sexually transmitted diseases.

"College students are at a high risk for STDs," she said. "They don't know about the more common diseases like chlamydia."

Howard said statistics for Brazos Valley are hard to obtain because many students go back to their home counties to get tested for diseases, but STDs and AIDS directly affect students at A&M.

Images of Earth aid scientists' research

BY ANDREA BROCKMAN
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A representative of the Johnson Space Center discussed advantages to hand-held cameras, long-term missions and showed images of Earth's coastal changes from volcanoes, floods and human modification yesterday at the third annual Oceanography Seminar.

Dr. Cynthia Evans said short-term shuttle missions occur eight times a year, last eight to 10 days and capture 2,000-12,000 high-resolution images.

"We have collected a lot of data," she said. "We know the cycles in which the forests burn and the plankton bloom."

Evans, who was in charge of the program for the two-year MIR space station mission, said longer-

term missions are advantageous.

"From a space station platform, astronauts can observe events on a longer time scale," Evans said. "We can determine the longevity of smoke and smog palls, dust storms and plankton blooms."

She said they are better able to track flood-water movement and detect changes to the Earth's surface during and after volcanic eruptions.

"We can also determine seasonal changes and effects of longer-term events, such as El Niño," Evans said.

In a year, NASA will launch another long-term mission on the International Space Station.

Evans said hand-held cameras provide a variety of angles for detail and context.

"Having a human behind the lens can capture events unmanned space craft can't," she said.

She said astronauts are trained to decide which areas and phenomena to photograph, and hand-held photography complements aerial photography and imagery from unmanned satellite scanners. "Hand-held cameras can document human-induced changes, weather cycles and particularly coastline evolution," she said.

Evans said all coastal systems are heavily modified by humans. "Since coastal systems are integral to transportation and industry, it is important to know how things are changing and prepare accordingly," Evans said.

Evans displayed photos of the Yellow River Delta in China, the Nile Delta in Egypt and Atchafalaya Basin in Louisiana.

"We have been able to inspect some pretty dramatic changes," she said.

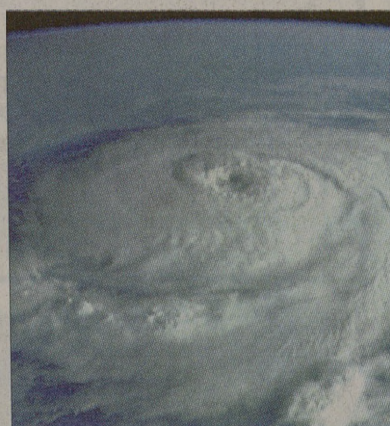


PHOTO COURTESY OF NASA

Hurricane Elena as it appeared in the Gulf of Mexico, Sept. 1, 1985.

Human-tended spacecraft have produced more than 350,000 images of Earth over the past 30 years, enabling scientists to observe geological, oceanographic, environmental and meteorological phenomena.

Muster draws CEO as speaker

BY BETH MILLER
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Through evaluation of more than 100 nominees, members of the Student Government Association Muster Committee selected Mike W. Baggett, Class of '68, as Campus Muster Speaker for this year's ceremony.

Caroline Kohler, sub-chair for the speaker selection sub-committee and a junior environmental design major, said the sub-committee chose Baggett through a process of repeated researching and discussion with Muster committee members. She said the nominees are from a list collaborated over several years.

She said there are no specific requirements to be Campus Muster

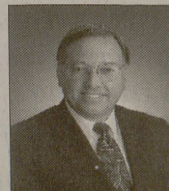
Speaker, but they are often former students.

Baggett, CEO of Dallas law firm Winstead, Sechrest and Minick, served as vice president of Alpha Phi Omega and a head yell leader while he was an undergraduate student at Texas A&M. Since graduation, he has served as president of the Dallas A&M Club, president of the Aggie Bar Association and a trustee of the A&M Development Foundation.

David Parker, a sub-committee member and a senior economics major, said Baggett was chosen because he fit the profile of who the sub-committee members thought would be a perfect Muster speaker.

"He has just done everything you could possibly do at this University," he said. "He was in the Corps and a yell leader."

"We knew what a successful man he was. We knew he could address all age groups."



BAGGETT

Texas senators play impeachment roles

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Clinton's impeachment trial enters the final stretch, Texas' two senators have maneuvered themselves into leadership roles on two of the major issues of the day: Censure and the public's right to know.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is leading a bipartisan coalition seeking to pry open the final deliberations and allow the public to see how the 100 senators reach their verdict on the articles of impeachment charging Clinton with perjury and obstruction of justice.

For his part, Sen. Phil Gramm is vowing to block a move toward censure of the president's conduct, dismissing such a resolution as an unconstitutional "covering-your-tiny" strategy that could irrevocably muddle the separation of executive, legislative and judicial powers.

"Censure establishes a new precedent which will invite punishment through cen-

sure every time a Supreme Court justice's ruling displeases one party or another, or an administration official offends Congress," the Texas Republican said Monday, calling censure "dangerous."

Senators from both parties have been working on a censure statement that would be debated only after the Senate voted — as early as Thursday — to acquit or convict Clinton. Amid clear signs that the votes aren't there to remove the president, censure has been increasingly discussed as an alternate option.

In an appearance Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," Gramm indicated that he would avail himself of every legislative option available to derail the censure movement. "I am adamantly opposed to censure, and I intend to fight it hard," he warned.

Gramm or other opponents could force censure advocates to marshal 60 votes to bring the resolution up for consideration.

The stance puts Gramm at odds with censure supporters who are demanding the opportunity to voice their disapproval of Clinton's conduct in covering up his extra-

marital relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

"We're trying to make a historic statement of record" on Clinton's behavior, Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle said Monday, predicting that 20 Republicans would have to join Democrats in voting to clear the expected filibuster by Gramm or some other Republican.

Gramm can't claim his fellow Texas Republican as an ally.

Hutchison views censure as constitutional and wants the opportunity to send the signal that "this is not appropriate behavior, and the standard for perjury and obstruction of justice is not blurred."

In her own battle to waive Senate rules and allow the public to witness the final deliberations, Mrs. Hutchison can't count Gramm among her supporters.

"For 2,600 years, since the ancient lawgiver Solon in Athens and every day since in every courthouse in America, we have open trials, we have public evidence, we have public witnesses, but when the jury deliberates, it goes behind closed doors," Gramm said Sunday.

Jordanians bid farewell to Hussein, funeral brings together world leaders

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — To a welter of haunting images — a riderless white stallion, a sea of sodden black flags, a pale queen in tears and a simple white burial shroud — Jordan's beloved King Hussein was laid to rest Monday under a gray-veiled sky.

Dignitaries and leaders from all over the world — some from states sworn to enmity — lionized the king, a testament to the enormous stature that belied Hussein's status as the monarch of a small and unassuming desert kingdom who preached peace in a turbulent region.

The funeral produced some stunning scenes of reconciliation, including a handshake between a radical Palestinian guerrilla leader and Israeli President Ezer Weizman.

Nayef Hawatmeh's guerrillas commandeered a school in Maalot in 1974, a hostage operation that killed 24 Israelis.

Ordinary Jordanians viewed him more as a father than a monarch, and wept from

the heart.

The king was buried on a day dominated by extraordinary images.

The grief-stricken faithful pelted his coffin with flowers and police strained to hold back surging crowds seeking a final glimpse of Hussein.

Echoing the poignancy of the proceedings was the appearance of the king's riderless white stallion and Noor, the American-born queen, glimpsed briefly in the palace doorway as she watched her husband's casket borne off for a solemn procession through Amman, his capital.

The five-hour funeral was also the occasion for some delicate diplomatic pas de deux, drawing sworn enemies like Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Syrian President Hafez Assad.

The two stayed well apart, but even so, their presence at the same event was unprecedented.

Some of the hundreds of dignitaries attending put aside pressing problems.



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