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## Sign of the times



(From left) Fish Camp counselors **Blaire Tully**, a senior community health major, **Tiffany Graf**, a sophomore accounting major, **Bill Quinn**, a junior accounting major, and **Ben Inman**, a junior biology major, spend Saturday morning painting a Fish Camp banner for Camp Siebert Classified in the Zachry Building.

# Week to raise men's health awareness

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A survey conducted by Men's Health magazine and CNN revealed one-third of males surveyed would not go to the doctor even if they were experiencing life-threatening symptoms such as severe chest pains or shortness of breath, which are two top indicators of potential heart attacks.

National Men's Health Week, which is being held today through June 20, strives to make men more aware of their health needs.

According to the Men's Health Website, the goal of National Men's Health Week is to raise national awareness among society, especially among men, of the importance of preventive health behavior in the early detection and treatment of health problems affecting men and their families.

Margaret Griffith, health education coordinator for A.P. Beutel Health Center, said there was a U.S. Senate bill recognizing Men's Health Week passed in 1994, but many people remain unaware that such a week exists.

"The average college male thinks that just because they workout all the time, they're healthy," Griffith said. "They need to realize physical fitness is only one part of their health."

Men's Health Week will cover

topics ranging from heart disease to prostate cancer.

Griffith said there will be an information table outside the Underground Food Court Thursday with information on testicular cancer and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs).

"Young man's testicular cancer generally strikes between the ages of 15 and 34," Griffith said. "However, this can be detected early and is very easy to catch just by performing a simple monthly test."

She said many males are unaware of the many threats to their health, including the adverse effects STDs can have.

"Men can become infertile from STDs, too," she said.

Griffith said they will also be distributing free condoms and teaching males about the roles condoms play in birth control.

Griffith said another topic being addressed is tobacco use.

Courtney Pickens, executive chair for Aggie Representatives Educating About College Health (R.E.A.C.H.) and a senior biomedical science major, said she feels the table will help target the incoming freshmen attending New Student Conferences.

Griffith said the table Thursday will be operating from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. More information on national Men's Health Week can be found at [www.menshealth.com](http://www.menshealth.com).

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# CS honors Aggies for fire rescue

BY CARRIE BENNETT  
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A last minute decision by two Texas A&M students to take an early morning walk saved the lives of a College Station family.

At last week's City Council meeting the City of College Station and the College Station Fire Department presented Kathy Chatham and Jenny Moore, both child psychology graduate students, with a plaque for their "heroic efforts" in saving the lives of the Crumbley family.

At 6:40 a.m. on May 19, Chatham and Moore were walking down Munson Avenue and noticed a garage burning on Holt Drive. They went to the house and began knocking on the door.

"It was really early so we were knocking hard to try to wake the family up," Moore said.

Moore then went to a neighbor's house and knocked on the door and called 911, while Chatham continued knocking on the Crumbley's door until she alerted them of the fire.

Eric Hurt, assistant fire chief for the College Station Fire Department, said the family heard the knocking and escaped the house just as smoke entered the living area of the house.

Chatham said they had never been out for an early morning walk before and they decided to take that route along Munson Avenue.

"I am just thankful that we came along when we did," Chatham said.

Hurt congratulated the girls for "performing acts of kindness and caring."

Moore said this was not the first act of heroism for her. Two weeks before alerting the Crumbley family, she said she alerted another family in her hometown of Brownwood of a fire.

"One night during an electrical storm, my boyfriend and I were driving to my house at about 11:30 at night and noticed smoke coming from another house two houses down from mine," Moore said. "We were the first ones to that fire also."

Moore said she has invested in carbon monoxide and fire detectors since these two incidents.

# Response center offers anti-terrorist training

BY SUZANNE BRABECK  
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The Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), a member of the Texas A&M University System, will receive \$4 million in funding for its counterterrorism program this fall.

In an effort to combat domestic terrorism, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison was one of the members of Congress who pushed for increased funding for the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center at A&M.

The \$4 million congressional funding granted for the program is a 50 percent increase over last year.

The National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center teaches personnel such as police, medical personnel and firefighters how to respond properly to numerous types of terrorism, including chemical, biological and nuclear acts of violence.

"I have seen first hand how the training at the center will save lives in the future," Sen. Hutchison, a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee, said.

She said this is why the training center is a priority even at a time of budget constraints.

Training courses will be offered in College Station, other U.S. cities and even over the Internet.

The following courses will be offered and are either already in the program or under development: Emergency Medical Service Operations and Planning, Tactical Emergency Medical Services, Weapons of Mass Destruction - Incident Management, Threat and Risk Assessment and an Internet Awareness Course.

"Senator Hutchison has worked hard to ensure that the nation's first responders are equipped and trained to do their jobs in the event of terrorist attacks," Dr. G. Kemble Bennett, director of TEEX, said.

"As a result of her leadership, we will have the capability to train more than 14,800 firefighters, emergency medical personnel and law enforcement officers over the next year in critical topics related to weapons of mass destruction."

The funding will be made available on Oct. 1, 1999. TEEX became a member of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium in 1997. Sen. Hutchison said the goal of the program is to train one million first-response workers over the next five years.

# Educators build leadership skills

BY STUART HUTSON  
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The Texas Leadership Conference, which was held at the George Bush Presidential Conference Center, focused on issues such as developing grants for leadership programs, teaching leadership skills to students going into business and public sectors and the development of a State Leadership Educator's Association to help educators share and expand leadership training ideas.

Chris Townsend, an associate professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, said the association would include anyone who performs leadership training including those involved in civic associations, higher education, high schools, elementary schools, medical and technical schools.

Brad Butler, a third-year medical student at A&M, said the more people research leadership, the more they realize it is important regardless of what profession they are in.

"Leadership education has previously been neglected," Butler said, "but now, more and more schools are starting to have leadership curriculums."

Townsend said the idea for the State Leadership Educators Association began a few years ago with a coalition between A&M's colleges of agriculture and medicine.

This coalition expanded to include departments from universities around the state. He said educators in Kansas have implemented a similar program called the Leadership Education Network.

Curt Brungardt, assistant professor for the Institute of Leadership Studies at Fort Hays State University in Kansas, said the interest and vision of the faculty at A&M allows the faculty to see the importance of getting people to teach leadership across the state of Texas.



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**Nancy Dickey**, president of the American Medical Association and an associate professor in the College of Medicine, speaks at the Texas Leadership Conference Thursday.

"The ball is now rolling and people are sharing ideas," he said. "The potential is tremendous."