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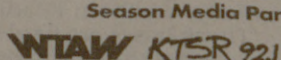
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News In Brief

Quarantine to end for Aggie Mascot

After a 10 day observation period, the highest ranking member of the Corps of Cadets, Reveille IV, will return to her normal responsibilities starting Monday.

During a photo shoot with local preschoolers at Kyle Field two weeks ago, a group of children running by Reveille startled the collie and she reacted by biting one of the children.

The child was taken to the hospital out of simple precaution and suffered no injuries. The child's parents filed no incident report.

Reveille was also taken to her veterinarian where she was placed on home quarantine, a period in which she cannot make any special appearances except for football games.

Jeff Bailey, head yell leader and a senior agricultural systems management major, said the home quarantine period is a time to observe Reveille's behavior.

"[Home quarantine] is just a form of making sure the animal's okay and there are no reoccurrences of other problems emotionally or mentally," he said. "We have had no reoccurrences since then."

Bailey said Reveille is a dog and did not react any differently than another dog would have.

"Any dog, no matter how good they are with kids, can be startled," Bailey said. "[Reveille] does really well with kids and she could be around 20 kids all petting her, but when the kids get anxious, Rev. gets anxious."

Reveille will be in Oklahoma this weekend for the Texas A&M and University of Oklahoma football game.

High Court Justice to answer questions

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas will give a lecture and answer audience questions in the Presidential Conference Center of the George Bush Presidential Library complex today at 5:30 p.m.

The presentation is being hosted by the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation.

Former President George Bush and Thomas will host a question-and-answer session after the lecture.

The University distributed 300 tickets to various student leaders and organizations. Any remaining seating in the 600-seat auditorium was taken by area leaders and Bush Library donors.

Thomas has served on the Supreme Court since 1991 and was appointed by Bush.

Prior to his appointment to Supreme Court, Thomas served as Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. He was also assistant secretary of civil rights and chair of the Equal Opportunity Commission.

Thomas received his law degree from Yale Law School and began to practice law in 1971.

Former president to speak Saturday

Former President George Bush will speak at a conference presented by the Center for Presidential Studies this weekend at the George Bush Presidential Library Complex.

Dr. George Edwards, director of the Center for Presidential Studies, said the conference will focus on the military intervention strategies and the related presidential decision making. Both events begin at 8 a.m.

He said Bush will speak Saturday, along with Thomas, undersecretary of state.

Sunday's speakers include David Abshire, former ambassador to NATO, and Michael L. Time Magazine correspondent.

The conference is open to the general public.

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