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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Library Hours and Services During the Holidays

During Thanksgiving and Winter semester breaks, the library will be closed on the following days:

- November 25
- December 24-25
- December 31-January 1

A schedule of holiday and interim library hours can be obtained at the information desk in Evans Library or online at URL: <http://library.tamu.edu>

Access to the online catalog will be available at all times through the internet.



The Evans lobby will close for construction December 16 - January 14. Traffic will be rerouted through the Annex during that time.

Community rallies in support of 12 Bonfire accident victims

BY JULIE ZUCKER
The Battalion

As the Bonfire tragedy continues to affect the Texas A&M community, Brazos Valley businesses are rallying around A&M to assist and support those grieving.

Joe Brown, public information officer for the City of Bryan, said the help from surrounding areas shows the true spirit of Aggieland.

"The thing about it is, no one asked them to help," he said. "All of the companies and businesses supported A&M out of the kindness of their hearts and love for the Aggies."

Among the organizations who helped during the recovery of the Bonfire victims are businesses that are doing their part to lessen the suffering.

Kenneth Williamson, manager of Inspirations in Post Oak Mall, said they worked all night to reprint shirts to raise money for the victims' families.

"We pulled hundreds of Bonfire shirts off the shelves and printed a ribbon and an 'in memory' saying on the sleeves," he said. "A lot of people want something permanent to wear to remember those A&M has lost."

Williamson said Inspirations memorial shirts have flown off the shelves, and they plan to print new designs this week.

The Monkey Bar in downtown Bryan and KHLR 103.9 will host a benefit concert for the victims Tuesday at 7 p.m. to raise money for a Bonfire memorial.

The concert will be \$5 and includes performances by Ocean X, Linus, Last Free Exit and Blue Earth.

Kevin McKay of KHLR 103.9 and Chris Mercer, co-owner of the Monkey Bar and Class of '95, said all proceeds go to the families and the memorial fund.

Pending record label contracts and author verification, radio station B102 plans to release their remake of Sarah McLachlan's "Angel" complete with additions of the de-



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Flowers were placed on the perimeter fence around Bonfire site in memory of the 12 Texas Aggies who died as a result of the collapse of the collapsed names and highlights from news stories last week.

Joey Armstrong, program director for B102, co-creator of the remix and morning show host, said the tape is a tribute to those students who perished in the Bonfire accident.

"We hope to release this tape to the public in memory of the fallen Ags in thought of their parents and the Aggies who remain in the hospital," he said.

Armstrong said he hopes the song brings comfort and peaceful feelings to those who are still hurting.

Copies will be sold for \$5 to the public and will be given as gifts to close relatives and family members of the victims.

"Everyone here at our facility prays for a speedy recovery and our deep thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of the fallen Ags and the A&M community," he said.

Area Wal-Marts are out of white and burgundy candles, but contacted other stores in Texas to ship supplies. Wal-Mart facilities all over Texas are contributing their efforts to help the candlelight vigil this Thursday.

Lezlie Ramsey, assistant manager of the College Station Wal-Mart, said Wal-Mart will maximize all of

their efforts to get the candlelight time they have.

"It's a race against time," he said. "We have contacted a Texas store and we are attempting to get candles from outside the community, but there is no demand for candles, so we have to get enough by Thursday."

Ramsey said the issue is important to the entire Wal-Mart community and everyone who helps to make the difference what they can do.

Help and support has extended beyond Texas borders.

Ron Wheat of Seattle started an account through Bank of America where donations will go to a memorial fund.

The account can be accessed through Rivals.com under Bonfire Memorial Fund. Individuals can make donations through the mail or at any Bank of America location.

Dan T. Rhodes, Bank of America bank officer, said donations are being made from across the entire country.

"We most recently received a donation from Idaho," he said. "This account was started by a customer, and it shows how we support this community such a tragic time."

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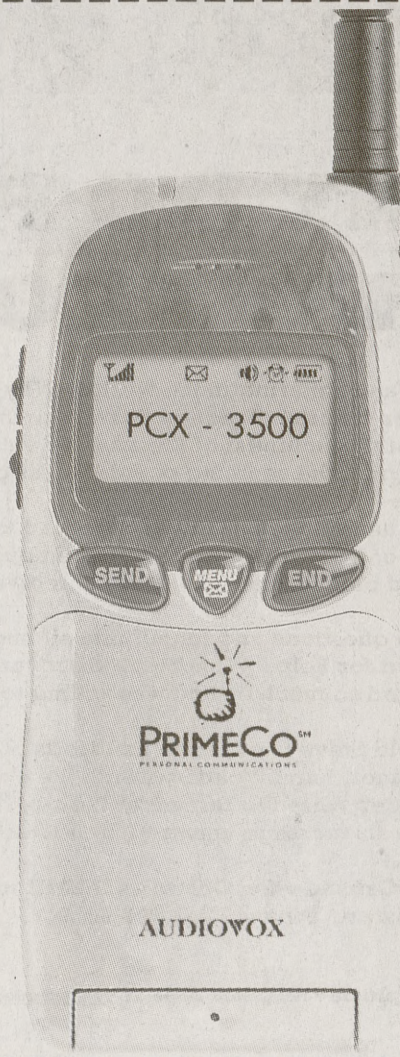
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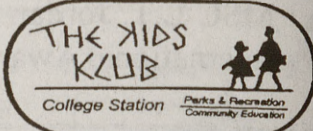
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