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106 YEARS AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Cosby to perform at A&M First Yell

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In its second year, First Yell is looking to attract another enthusiastic crowd of Aggies and supporters by bringing in entertainment-superstar Bill Cosby.

The event, as stated in its mission statement, is a time for the Aggie family to come together to kick off a new year and share the excitement of being home in Aggieland.

The Aggie yell leaders and Memorial Student Center Town Hall have been working together for a year to make Cosby's appearance a reality.

Rusty Thompson, adviser to the yell leaders, said, "We're not sure if the Ol' Ag Class of '43 would enjoy a performance by Adam Sandler or Chris Rock as much as the younger Ags. Bill Cosby's humor spans the generations."

"We wanted a top-of-the-line performer, someone who would appeal to the widest variety of people," said Ricky Wood, senior yell leader and theater arts major.

"His name was on the top of everyone's list," said Bubba Moser, senior yell leader and agricultural economics major. "Everybody knows this guy."

With last year's introductory effort serving as a guideline to this year's planning, Thompson said they are ahead of schedule.

"Things are really coming together for us this year," Thompson said.

"We want to put this event on the map, and establish it as a tradition here at Texas A&M," Moser said. "We want to build on the success of last year's First Yell and prove that it wasn't a one-time thing."

First Yell gives the opportunity for former students to relive their days here, Wood said. "It's also a great chance for students to get involved with happenings on campus ... and it's all for creating excitement for the football game," he said.

Moser and Wood are already planning what they'll say on that first encounter with Cosby.

"I'll show him our appreciation for his coming," Wood said. "I'd also let him know about the type of crowd that Aggies are."

"The first thing I'll say is 'Howdy,'" Moser said.

First Yell takes place on Sept. 8-9, with a variety of events including live music, carnival games, midnight Yell Practice, Great Aggie BBQ and the Texas A&M vs. Wyoming football game. Cosby's performance is Friday, Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. in Reed Arena with opening performances by the Singing Cadets, Kappa Alpha Psi and Freudian Slip.

"Tickets are already being reserved," Thompson said. "So you should get yours as soon as possible if you plan on attending."

The deadline for ordering tickets is July 31, 2000.



COSBY

Bluegrass braids



Artist "Feather" of Wimberly weaves leather strips into a braided purse at the 12th annual Bryan Bluegrass Festival at Lake Bryan on Saturday. Feather was taught the art of leatherworking by her Norwegian grandfather in the early 1960s and has been creating traditional Native American leatherwork for many years.

Cancer survivors celebrate joy of life

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According to Lynn McDaniel, a marketing and advertising staff member for the Central Texas Cancer Care, any oncology group that wants to participate in National Cancer Survivors' Day can have their own events. The Brazos Valley celebration, hosted by Central Texas Cancer Care and other local businesses, is open to anyone surviving cancer or relatives of cancer survivors.

Edwina Ramczyk, a nurse working with Central Texas Cancer Care, defined cancer survivors as "anyone from the moment of diagnosis throughout the rest of their life, whether they live one year, 10 years, 20 or 30 years."

The program for the event included the presentation of a proclamation, a song sung by McDaniel, two speeches by cancer survivors, an open microphone time for anyone in attendance to speak about their experiences and entertainment by the Aggie Wranglers. Ramczyk said she has been working at this event for the past four years, and has seen how a positive attitude can affect a cancer patient.

Scott Mogonye, a sophomore general studies major, first noticed the lump on his shoulder while taking a shower in early July

1998. One month later, his family doctor gave Mogonye the diagnosis he had cancer.

"When I went to the doctor, I knew something was wrong because he had this terrible look on his face. He said 'you'll need to go to the cancer center.' A 19-year-old college stu-



College Station resident **Bea Green** is undergoing the healing touch applied by therapy practitioner **Mary Sue Rabe**. Both were participants at the National Cancer Survivors Day.

dent doesn't want to hear that he has cancer. I freaked out, I was pretty nervous," Mogonye said. "I started reading a lot about Hodgkin's Lymphoma and found that it is most prevalent among 19-25 year olds and that there are only 7,000 cases of Hodgkin's Lymphoma around the world at any given time."

Although it is considered surprising when a young person is discovered to have cancer, it is important for people to realize that cancer can strike anyone, regardless of age. Mogonye did not believe that cancer could happen to him until it did. McDaniel said that, like Mogonye, many people do not know cancer can occur in younger people.

"Cancer can happen to anybody at any age," McDaniel said. "The more people who are aware that they need to be diagnosed early, they need to be checked for cancer, the sooner you get treated and helped."

"I think people who are very positive do much better, people who have a very good attitude about things, even when they have something bad going on, they can see something positive, keep focused, it's easier to get through, and I think that's the way it is in life," Ramczyk said. "If we dwell on the bad, it's easy to stay in that little rut, but if we try to be positive, than it makes it not quite as hard to handle."

In December 1996, Bea Green found a lump in her breast which turned out to be cancerous. She had surgery to remove the lump and now, 28 radiation treatments and eight chemotherapy treatments later, she says with a smile, "I'm still here."

"I used to crack them up when I'd go into the doctor's office because I had about five or six different wigs, a platinum blonde wig, a wig like Ginger's from Gilligan's Island, a black one. I'd show up in the office and they wouldn't know who was showing up. We would have fun that way. You've got to be able to laugh your way through this," Green said.

Mogonye, Ramczyk and McDaniel stated similar opinions about the bond between cancer survivors. Bringing people together through shared experiences and giving each other hope in the face of this terminal illness is what National Cancer Survivors Day is all about, according to Ramczyk.

"I feel that we owe a debt to those who come after us, to be there for them, to show them that you can come out on the other side of this. I know what you're going through, I've been there, done that, got the t-shirt," Green said. "If you get cancer, hang in there. Roll with the punches."

Summer safety

Tips on how to prevent theft in homes, cars and on campus

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The College Station area experiences a decrease in the population of students during the summer months and those students who leave their apartments unattended become potential targets of apartment burglary. Furthermore, students who remain in town can be victims of car burglary and on-campus theft. However, there are ways to protect oneself from becoming a victim.

Al Lehtonen II, general manager of Polo Club Apartments, said there is not an increase in security at the apartment complex during the summer.

Lehtonen said people leaving their apartments for extended periods of time should take steps to protect themselves.

"Residents should try to keep the look that someone is in the apartment," he said.

Lehtonen said tenants should have friends check the apartment and use light timers so it appears there is someone in the apartment at night. Lehtonen also said tenants should come check on the apartment every other weekend or so, and change the time on the timers so lights do not go on at the exact same time every night. Tenants should cancel subscriptions, such as magazines or newspapers because potential thieves can pick out unoccupied apartments by the stack of unread periodicals. Residents should also get to know their neighbors, and have a watch system between them.

But, not only apartments are targets for theft, students living on campus are also potential victims. Lieutenant Bert Kretzschman of University Police Department said the first defense students living on campus have against theft is to be aware of their surroundings.

"[Students] should not lull themselves in to a false sense of security," Kretzschman said.

Summer Safety Tips

- use light timers
- cancel subscriptions
- be aware of surroundings
- lock doors
- secure items in trunk of car

Report shows surge in alcohol arrests on campuses

Alcohol-related arrests on college campuses surged 24.3 percent in 1998, the largest jump in seven years, according to a survey by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Law enforcement officials and crime experts attributed the increase to more heavy drinking among college students coupled with better reporting and tougher enforcement.

"Alcohol abuse is the No. 1 problem on every college campus in this country, and I don't care how big they are or how small they are," said police Capt. Dale Burke of the University of Wisconsin.

The university's 39,700-student Madison campus reported the most liquor law violations — 792 — of any of the 481 four-year institutions surveyed.

The report, released Sunday, showed an 11 percent increase in college campus arrests for drug violations and

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an 11.3 percent increase in arrests for forcible sex offenses, as well as smaller increases in arrests for weapons violations, assault, arson and hate crimes.

Doug Tuttle, a policy scientist and past public safety director at the University of Delaware, warned against reading too much into the statistics. He noted that while

the numbers are required to be published in some form under federal law, the Department of Education will not begin uniform reporting until this fall.

Liquor law arrests, for example, are supposed to include citations. But in the past, some universities reported only instances in which a person was taken into custody, Tuttle said. Now that more schools understand the definition, the number of reported arrests may rise, he said.

But other experts noted that while enforcement is up, so are reports of hard-core drinking by college students.

A survey released this year by the Harvard School of Public Health found 22.7 percent of the college student population reported frequent binge drinking in 1999, up from 19.8 percent in 1993 and 20.9 percent in 1997. The survey included 14,000 students at 119 colleges.

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