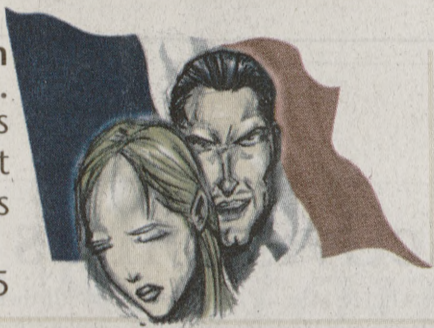


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106 YEARS AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Student loses funding

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Adan Carranza, had dreams of a college future, before he realized his college scholarships had been withdrawn. Carranza, valedictorian of Madison High School in Houston and a straight "A" student, learned this spring that he could not attend many state schools or qualify for most college scholarships because he is an undocumented immigrant. Scholarships usually require a student to be a U.S. citizen or a legal long-term resident. In addition, Texas state law requires universities and colleges to consider a student's immigration status when determining in-state or out-of-state tuition. Warner Ervin, principal of Madison High School, said the state has guidelines that schools must follow.

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"I think the system is designed not to hurt students, but there are cases where students can't be penalized for things adults have control over," Ervin said. "The state has taken a real active approach to see that nothing like this will happen again."

Edward Funkhouser, interim executive director of honors programs and academic scholarships, said the policy for Texas A&M University honor scholarships has been evaluated and changed.

"The policy for this year for scholarships awarded through our office are students need to be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident. The policy will be changed to a student needs to be a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident or a graduate from a Texas accredited high school," Funkhouser said.

Funkhouser said Carranza's situation has provided the opportunity for A&M to review their honor scholarship policies.

Ervin said Carranza's case will help future high school students with similar cases.

"Adan's situation has certainly opened eyes all over the country. I know we have identified three more students at Madison that are graduating in the top ten percent with similar situations," Ervin said.

Ervin said Carranza would be an asset to any college or university.

"I know TSU has offered him a presidential scholarship. Speaking with him a few days ago, he really wants to go to Texas A&M, but if he can't come up with enough money, he won't be able to go there," Ervin said.

Gabriela Avila, president of the Mexican Student Association and senior marketing major, said scholarships should be available to everyone who is dedicated and has good grades.

"Scholarships are not a matter of citizenship, but a matter of reward," Avila said. "I know Texas A&M has a lot of opportunities for international students, but not for students who are undocumented immigrants. I think this is a problem that there are no scholarships for undocumented immigrants."

Avila said there are many students with cases similar to Carranza's that have gone unnoticed.

"I know one girl from Laredo and she graduated number two in her class. She will not get a scholarship because she is not a citizen. She wants to go to A&M because she feels it is a good university. I feel like she deserves a scholarship," Avila said.

Carranza has applied for residency in the United States which allows him to stay in the country legally while his immigration application is processed.

Volunteers archive Bonfire memorabilia

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Aggies have not forgotten what happened on the morning of November 18, 1999, and proof of their remembrance is now being preserved at Cushing Memorial Library by a group of volunteers.

Pat Clabaugh, the collections manager at Cushing Library, maintains the database in which every piece of memorabilia left at the 1999 Aggie Bonfire site is categorized, and makes sure there is no deterioration of any items in the collection. She said each item has been temporarily categorized in a basic database.

"We had volunteers doing all of the data entry and inventory. Now everything is out of the purchasing warehouse. Last week we moved the items to the Anthropology Building - a fairly stable environment," Clabaugh said. "Everything is in an environmentally controlled area protected from light and dust. We're at a stage where we have it all inventoried and on database. We know where most everything came from around the fence but we have not started the curation process, in terms of conservation, because of a lack of funding."

Clabaugh said that the main task of the

preservation team is to stop mold and mildew from growing on the items left at the site.

"We're cleaning things up as best we can and we are in the process of deciding how we can best preserve items - especially grodes and things that are dirty - and keep tradition," Clabaugh said. Robin Hutchison, a Cushing Library staff member, said that two collections have been gathered and the collection process took a total of three weeks.

"A lot of stuff that came in was very dirty, some had mold growing on it already. We made photocopies of the moldy papers and then put the originals in a subzero freezer in Cushing Library which prohibits mold from growing. The stuff that wasn't moldy, we laid out flat, let it air dry and then dusted it off. Once the paper is dry, it is stable." The collection contains paper items such as personal notes for specific individuals, giant posters left by schoolchildren, cards from flowers and cards left for family members of the victims. Hutchison added that a lot of the memorabilia was so damaged by water and sunlight that it is blurry and hard to read.

Hutchison said they do not currently have a finding guide to keep track of every item of memorabilia and they would like to create one before the collection is open for public viewing.

In addition to paper artifacts gathered from the site, Cushing Library also houses legal documents about the bonfire collapse. Gideon Burnside, a senior sociology major and staff member at Cushing Library, works with these documents.

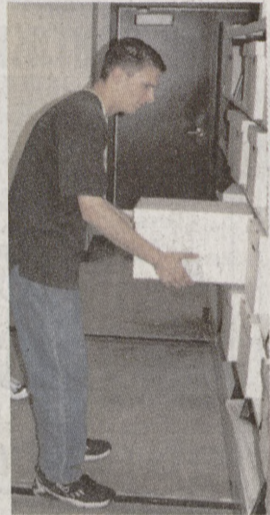
"The majority of what we have is open records. We have approximately 14 boxes full of material released to us as part of the Open Records Act," Burnside said. He described the

Open Records Act as state legislation that ensures any documents in a state investigation are made available to the public.

Burnside said, "As Systems Administration received documents, they sent them to us. We are the contact for the public when they want to see something released by the Open Records Act. This is the place they come to see it."

The documents will be available to the public, as will the collected artifacts from the Bonfire site as soon as they are all processed and preserved. Hutchison said, all of the funding used for the project has come from the general libraries' budget, but that the preservation team is also looking for other sources of funding.

"We're waiting for funding so we can continue processing these things and keep them up to museum standards. Cushing Library has 95 percent of the paper-work and they are in the process of archiving those," Clabaugh said. "Eventually, the collection will be available for public viewing, but it will take some time to do this. We will eventually have museum exhibits, and in the future, some classes will be taught in which students will help preserve and catalog items. We want to maintain this collection professional and we're doing our best to keep everything intact."



Joseph Dyal, a freshman business administration major, replaces boxes of artifacts from the 1999 Aggie Bonfire site. Items being archived are all papers and signs placed around the bonfire site and elsewhere on campus.

Bryan school bus accident on Highway 47



A car traveling south on Highway 47 collided with a Bryan school bus, which was making a left turn onto Goodson Bend. Two school children on the bus and a female passenger were taken to St. Joseph's Hospital and released. Charges are still pending. A tow truck operator removes debris that was once part of the bus.

BISD bus crashes

Four people injured in collision

MAUREEN KANE
The Battalion

Four people were injured Monday when a 1995 Mazda Protege struck a Bryan Independent School District (BISD) bus at the intersection of Highway 47 and Goodson Bend Road.

The car was traveling southbound on Highway 47 when it hit the bus, which was driven by Gladys Johnson. Johnson was attempting to make a wide left turn from a stopped position in the right lane of Highway 47 where she dropped off two BISD students.

The car hit the left side of the bus, below the first passenger window, causing extensive damage to the car. According to police reports, Jon Wise, a census enumerator with the U.S. Department of Commerce-Bureau of Census, was driving the car at the time of the accident and was taken to St. Joseph's

Hospital. A female passenger, whose name was not released, was also taken to St. Joseph's for treatment of injuries.

Beverly Allen, nurse manager at St. Joseph's Hospital, confirmed that Wise and two BISD students, Jonathan Saucedo and Cory Shields, were treated and released late Monday afternoon.

"They were treated for minor abrasions and contusions. They were all released at different times - they weren't here long," Allen said.

"No charges [have been made], no ticket has been issued to either driver at this time. It may be a day or two if the trooper decides to issue one," Sulak said. "The two students on the bus were both sent to St. Joseph's - more as a precautionary measure than anything."

Businesses reduce hours during summer session

CYRA GATLING
The Battalion

Late night calls to the pizza place might not be as late as they used to be now that summer has arrived. Businesses throughout the Bryan-College Station area have cut back their hours due to the loss of students in town and the lack of business this loss creates.

Although businesses have lessened their hours, economically, the B-CS area should not suffer from the lack of students in town, said William Neilson, associate professor of economics at Texas A&M.

Neilson said it is a matter of supply and demand and it is logical for stores to lessen their hours of operation when there are not as many students in town.

"It makes sense [for businesses to cut back on hours] because there are not enough customers to make up the cost of having the stores open," said Neilson.

Neilson said these businesses service Aggies, and with the Aggie population away, business will go down.

Sean Lowey, store manager at Papa John's, said they will be closing because there is no need for them to stay open as late as they do in the fall and spring semesters.

"We changed our hours because there are not as many people up late studying or drinking," Lowey said. "There just isn't as much business."

Lowey said employees at Papa John's knew that the hours would change and made preparations. "We lose a number of employees who go home for the summer so the one's who are in town can make up their hours," Lowey said.

James Covington, store manager for Mc-

Donald's, said they have experienced a decrease in sales.

"The overall sales have decreased because the number of students has decreased," Covington said. "As far as the employees are concerned, McDonald's only had to change the hours of some overnight workers."

Freebirds at Northgate has changed their hours of operation as they do every summer, but the Texas Avenue location is still maintaining its regular business hours.

Barry Tatum, general manager at Freebirds, said they are taking steps to make sure customers know that the Texas Avenue location is open during regular hours.

"The students don't seem to care about the change," Tatum said. "There is a sign posted that says the other location is holding the same hours."

Restaurants are not the only businesses taking advantage of this summer break.

Kinko's has decided to change its hours for the first time this summer.

Donnie Duncan, branch manager at Kinko's on University Drive, said since most of their night business comes from students, they have cut back their hours and most of their employees are pleased with the summer hours.

"The employees are happy and no one has lost hours, but I did have to move two graveyard shift

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SUMMER Business Hour changes

- **KINKO'S**
Mon - Thurs: 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Fri - Sun: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- **NOTES N' QUOTES**
Mon - Fri: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sun: 12 - 5 p.m.
- **ROTHER'S BOOKSTORE (COLLEGE AVENUE ONLY)**
All Week: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- **FREEBIRDS (NORTHGATE)**
Sun - Thurs: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri - Sat: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- **PAPA JOHN'S**
Closes Sun - Wed at 12 a.m.
Closes Thurs - Sat at 2 a.m.
- **MCDONALDS (GEORGE BUSH)**
All Week: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.

News in Brief

Huntsville resident Gibson awarded for rescue efforts

James Gibson, a resident of Huntsville, Texas, was recently awarded the National Forestry Heroism Award for his rescue efforts immediately following the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse.

Gibson, an employee of Steely Lumber Company, spent over 12 hours removing logs from the site of the collapse.

The STIHL Company, which manufactures chainsaws and other lumber related equipment, selected Gibson for the National Forestry Heroism Award because of his memorable actions and the beneficial impact of his actions on the good of society and the forestry industry.

Gibson's selection for the award was announced at a national forestry exposition in Virginia Beach, Va. The STIHL Company has also donated \$5000 to Texas A&M University.