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10 YEARS AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Student charged with bike thefts

By COURTNEY STELZEL

The Battalion

A Texas A&M student suspected of stealing more than 40 bikes on campus was charged with felony theft, resisting arrest, tampering with evidence and possession of criminal evidence Wednesday morning.

Esteban Irigoyen, 26, an electrical engineering graduate student, is being held at the Brazos County Jail as an investigation begins to determine whether he was involved in other criminal activities.

In response to a surge in bike thefts — 54 since fall classes started — the

University Police Department (UPD) staked out the Memorial Student Center (MSC) and Rudder complex, where they had been relocated to and had detailed facts about each bike. Many of the bikes had been stolen from Southside residence halls, the MSC, the Zachry Engineering Center and the Wisenbaker Engineering Research Center.

According to University police officers, they searched Irigoyen's Walton Hall room and found more than 31 types of keys for bike locks, picks, tools needed to cut chains, \$4,400, various types of electrical and computer equipment and 600 to 700 textbooks, many of which were brand new.

Bob Wiatt, director of UPD, said officers are waiting for further warrants to continue their search of Irigoyen's residence hall room.

Of the stolen bikes, UPD has found 20 bicycles, and six have been returned to their owners. Officers are continuing their search for the bikes' owners.

Wiatt said that, as a precaution, students should have their driver's license numbers engraved on their bikes for identification purposes.

Last week, the UPD Crime Prevention Team engraved 334 bikes with owners' driver's license numbers free of charge to help prevent bike theft.

Miles Adkison, a Texas A&M police officer, takes photos of bikes that were seized.



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Aggies kick off season with yell practice

- Cosby to perform at First Yell Friday
- "Old Army" revised for athletic events

By BRIAN RUFF

The Battalion

The success of last year's First Yell helped the Aggies kick off the football season with a 62-17 shellacking of Tulsa. The yell leaders and MSC Town Hall look to continue the tradition by bringing superstar Bill Cosby to perform Friday night.

"We want to see the event grow," said Rusty Thompson, adviser to the yell leaders. "We wanted to get as many Aggies together as possible."

The Former Yell Leaders Association gave the idea to the Aggie yell leaders last year. The event was started with the intent of getting current and former students enthusiastic about the upcoming football season.

This year's event will begin with the Weekend Warm-Up at Law/Puryear Field, across from the YMCA Building. Because of the extreme temperatures gracing the Bryan-College Station area, the afternoon events were moved to Law/Puryear Field from Simpson Drill Field to provide shade.

The warm-up will feature a live band, carnival games and free food.

The main event, presented by the Yell Leaders and MSC Town Hall, will be Bill Cosby.

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BILL COSBY BIO

BORN: JULY 12, 1937

COLLEGE: FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

CLAIM TO FAME: FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO STAR IN A DRAMATIC SERIES ON TELEVISION ("I SPY," 1965-1968)

HONORS: 4 EMMY AWARDS, 8 GRAMMY AWARDS, NAACP IMAGE AWARD

WEALTH: ESTIMATED AT \$325 MILLION IN 1995 BY FORBES MAGAZINE

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By ANNA BISHOP

The Battalion

Texas A&M students will witness an old yell challenging tradition by taking on a new face this football season.

"Old Army," a yell not typically used at athletic events due to its sheer length, has been revised this summer, and is suited up and ready to rev up the Aggies this season.

"Old Army" was modified by this year's A&M yell leaders: Ricky Wood, Bubba Moser, Ben Chofick, Kevin Graham and Sam Seidel.

Ricky Wood, senior yell leader and a theater arts major, said the revised rendition of "Old Army" will have a quicker beat; however, the words are unchanged.

"Old Army is a great yell, but because it was so slow, it wasn't very motivating," Wood said. "We will see how the students respond to the new tempo during [Midnight Yell Practice] this Friday night."

Rusty Thompson, yell leader adviser, said he agrees that speeding up the yell will fit the tempo of football games better.

"It will help keep the momentum of the game, whereas, before, it was a little dragging," he said.

Students' reactions have been positive about reinstating an old yell.

"Revamping an old yell we no longer use and bringing it back to the student body by giving it a new twist, is a good idea," said Andrew Nicholas, a junior economics major. "Yells have always encouraged student participation and add to the excitement of game day."

Leigh Samoff, a junior business major, said she agrees, saying that the yell is not defying Aggie Tradition.

"Traditions can change with time. I think it is appropriate to change up an old yell seldom used, making it a more frequently used cheer," she said.

Thompson said the change was a collaborative decision of this year's yell leaders, with the encouragement of the student body.

Thompson said "Old Army" was used in last Friday's midnight yell in Chicago, before Saturday's game against Notre Dame.

"The crowd was a little confused, but not totally opposed," he added.

According to Thompson, A&M has not seen many changes to yells.

"A new cheer was introduced a few years ago ... 'Wrecking Crew' ... so change is not

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MSC's 50th Anniversary celebration to be held in Flagroom

Anniversary celebration to be held in Flagroom

By JOSEPH PLEASANT

The Battalion

For half a century, the place known as the living room of Texas A&M — the Memorial Student Center — has served students as a central meeting place and student union. As it celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, a number of activities are planned.

The celebration will begin with a reception in the MSC Flagroom Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

The program will begin with performances from student groups Fade to Black, Ballet Folklorico, and Apotheosis.

Former students will speak about the MSC of the past, and how it has changed over the years.

• Dr. Lamar McNew, Class of '53 and MSC Council president 1952-1953, as well as Don Friend, Class of '55, vice president of MSC Council 1954-1955, will be in attendance to give insight on activities at the MSC during the '50s.

• The first couple to ever be married in the MSC — Dr. Daniel Pfannstiel, Class of '49 and director emeritus of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, and his wife — will describe their wedding in the MSC, just after it opened in 1950.

Nathan Cray, president of the MSC Council and a senior mechanical engineering major, said the MSC is more than a student union; it radiates Aggie spirit and honor to the A&M campus.

"The MSC stands as a living memorial that is very meaningful — especially the Congressional Medals

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Police enforce zero tolerance

By NATHAN ROGERS

The Battalion

A Thursday night in Aggie land usually signals the beginning of a fun weekend, but with new University alcohol penalties and tougher enforcement by the University, Bryan and College Station police departments, many students may be rethinking their extracurricular activities.

"It is in the best interest of all involved to cooperate with the officers," said Dan Jones, public information officer for the College Station Police Department (CSPD). "Citizens are required to provide identification upon the officers' request."

The purpose of identifying the parties involved is to determine who is underage, who is providing the alcohol and who owns the property. A more common occurrence, however, is the instantaneous scattering of parties. When the running begins, the charges can become more serious than possession of alcohol.

"If people are jumping fences and running through backyards, they can often be charged with evading arrest or criminal trespassing," Jones said. "If property becomes damaged, those fleeing can also be held liable and charged with criminal destruction."

Private parties are not the only events being focused upon.

Bob Wiatt, director of UPD, said that with the formation this fall semester of a joint task force between the University Police Department (UPD) and CSPD, Northgate and campus areas are also being closely monitored.

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A&M children's book sequels A is for Aggie

By RICHARD BRAY

The Battalion

After spending much of the past year in the Texas A&M Cushing Library studying the history behind many Aggie traditions, Cindy Boettcher, a lecturer in the Educational Curriculum and Instruction Department and Class of '76, has written a new children's book about Aggieland titled *One, Two ... Hullabaloo!*

"One, Two ... Hullabaloo! is actually a sequel edition to *A is for Aggie*," Boettcher said, referring to her most recent book. "I

wanted to write about some traditions that I couldn't get into the *A is for Aggie* book, so I used the numbers one through 20 and wrote a tradition that went with each of the numbers."

Boettcher's writing career started through a class she attended at A&M.

"I got started in my writing career here at A&M when I was a student," she said. "[The teacher] asked us to write a twist on a traditional piece of literature, so I chose 'Cinderella.' I decided — sort of as a spoof — to write one about A&M, and

so I wrote Anna Meagan, which stands for A&M."

"I wanted to write about some traditions that I couldn't get into the A is for Aggie book."

— Cindy Boettcher author of *One, Two ... Hullabaloo!*

Boettcher said that, although she writes children's books, a lot of time goes into research.

"These books usually take at least a year due to the research," she said. "I know that sounds crazy for a book like that, but I spend tremendous hours in the Cushing Library. I feel it's very important to authenticate my work."

The sale of Boettcher's books has helped provide scholarships to A&M students.

"Some of the biggest supporters of my books for the last five years have been the

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Drought, high temperature affects livestock, plants

By CYRA GATLING

The Battalion

The extreme heat and drought are affecting more than just the students

and residents in the Bryan-College Station area. Animals, plants, crops and the soil are experiencing stress due to intense temperatures.



BERNARDO GARZA/THE BATTALION

Animals endure extreme temperatures and scorched grass as the drought in Texas continues.

water storages designated to handle dry weather," Miller said. "It's a big concern to the state if we can match the stored water to the demand; it looks like the water demand will continue to increase."

Although the plants are under a great deal of stress, it is unlikely that any will become extinct as a result of the drought. However, the heat and lack of water have taken a toll on many plants.

The hot and dry weather has been hard on trees, shrubs, grasses and other forms of plant life, said Dr. Don Wilkerson, a horticulture science professor and TAES specialist in horticulture.

"The heat and drought have created

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stress for the past 30 to 40 days," he said.

The drought has not only affected plant life, but it has also forced officials to ration water.

"The water quality in Bryan-College Station is poor," Wilkerson said. "It is extremely high in pH and sodium. We depend on irrigation to supply water to the shrubs, turfs and trees. In addition to the stress of the high temperatures, we have salt stress because we haven't had any significant rain."

This weekend, the forecast predicts

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