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ize said. "It cuts across lines by offering courses in Spanish and architecture. The unique features of this broad perspective," Oberhelman said. "This is not necessarily a matter of time. It deals with cultures and people united in a common mission. It focuses overall on the Hispanic heritage, national, transcultural. Adam Zelazny, a sophomore major, is among the students to take the minor. He is a minor in Spanish but not the Hispanic studies professor and director. "I'm excited about it," he said. "This new minor is what I was looking for. The minor was more language, and this is more of a Hispanic culture." He said that he considers the Hispanic culture because "you are not just in the language, but the culture." Zelazny said that the wide range of classes available in the minor's curriculum are well-represented and he thinks the minor is very popular with undergraduates. Oberhelman said he thinks there will be a lot of enthusiasm for this minor. A student who participated in the minor will come to the attention of the importance of the contributions of Spanish language and culture made throughout the world. Oberhelman said that he would like to see a student to be successful in Texas but international in the 21st century."

Fireants to resurface after rainfall, cooler weather

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Texans will start seeing an increase in the fire ant population because of recent and future rainfall. Droughts have kept the ground dry, forcing the ant population to remain dormant. "The ants go deep and live primarily underground until the weather becomes cooler," said Dr. Charles Barr, an extension specialist. The ants remain underground throughout the dry season. When they reappear after temperatures cool, it seems the number of ants increases; but in reality the ants have been underground all along.

"Saturated soils are bringing the colonies closer to the surface," said Dr. Bart Drees, Texas imported fire ant coordinator. Soon, the ants will begin to forage heavily to prepare for winter. "This happens almost every year in Texas," Barr said. "It's not likely they will be eating us alive, but there isn't anything to do to prevent it." Although no method is 100 percent effective in controlling the ants, Barr said, the Texas two-step method has proven to be effective. This method involves using a two-step broadcast bait first and, after two weeks, individually treating the mounds that do arise with a local granule, bait or dust insecticide.

The broadcast bait should be used once or twice a year. "There are more problems that can happen in the spring," Barr said. "To control the possibility of an explosion of fire ants in the spring, do something about it now by putting broadcast baits out now." As for the present, the increase in population is normal: few crops will suffer from the ants. Pecan crops are one of the only primary concerns for farmers, although fire ants have been known to kill small animals, including quail, lizards, birds and calves. Treating now for ants can be very effective since they are already active from the heat and drought.

Woodville exit area could become new retail commercial location

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The Bryan City staff proposed a rezoning application for Earl Ruden Freeway, the section of the bypass of Highway 6 that runs through Bryan-College Station, at the Woodville exit in north Bryan. The recommendation to change zoning from an open agricultural use to a commercial designation was suggested by the city of Bryan after land-use analysis. The proposal was partly in response to several inquiries about using the area for commercial purposes. "In response to such claims, investigation led us to realize it was unlikely that a lot on an intersection and the highway frontage area would develop into a residential setting," said Joey Dunn, planning administrator for Bryan. Dunn added he believed the rezoning would benefit Bryan-College Station residents because centralized commercial planning has proven to be a good practice. "Instead of having major commercial areas all along a strip, like that has happened to Texas Avenue, an interim exit would benefit from retail and commerce at the intersection," he said.

A future land use scheme and a plan to assist the Bryan City Council have yet to be amended and redone. The proposal has been recommended for approval by Bryan's Planning Zone and Commissions Committee. "To approve this kind of bill, the application needs to go through two city council meetings," said Brett Estes, assistant city planner for Bryan.

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Joey Dunn
Bryan planning administrator

side of the intersection, with a convenience store on one side and vacant agricultural land on the east corner. The rezoning plan emphasizes development of the southeast and northeast corners on both sides of Woodville. The area's agriculture zone permits only single-family residences and agricultural usage. Estes said he would like to see a gas station or perhaps restaurants come up in this area. Ultimately, it would be the developer's decision. "The fact that this area is located on a bypass is definitely positive. Many individuals have shown an interest in this area, but no development is known to start immediately, to our knowledge," Estes said. Another large residential area lacking commercial development lies across Highway 6. Dunn said more businesses and retail stores would better serve the Bryan-College Station community. "Retail and commercial [lots] would be good for this area," Dunn said. "Citizens can just get off the freeway and have easy access to it." Dunn explained that planning is up to the developer, and that he has not seen any site plans yet; landscaping and parking standards must first be met.

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ng cut and all these things are the Aggie spirit. Human general studies. h Worley. "That takes a chunk out of it. Where the campus coming together, the other and the other. bers agreed that something is lost, and they said the next two years is to find the safest way to replace Bonfire. There is no individual who has a longer relationship with as a student and as someone has been at Texas A&M. utherland said. "It is very, or every one of us that there will ever be a Bonfire like the one in 1932. 8 does not exist. An entity of proportions that have been anticipated. There is hope that their ingenuity and will of the University, will be a bonfire or a Bonfire. There has been something lost working towards the goal is possible." response to Southern Crenshaw, a junior and a KTFB member, assured students they would continue this year. Bonfire's quest to continue Bonfire are having a bonfire. take part if you want. haw said. y Edenero, graduate for Walton Hall, and he organized the forum. dents at the forum said they were concerned that leaders stray from a high level of involvement, especially the future of Bonfire. by the administration. ompson said there is an opportunity for student. e whole goal of this is a safe Bonfire in the student-led and student-led. e said.

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