

Aggie TV takes first step to airing

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Aggie TV, a non commercial campus broadcast, taped its first program Tuesday night, focusing on the administration's proposal that Texas A&M become a dry campus. The proposal to make all residence halls on campus alcohol-free was first presented in June and is in its second step of consideration, which is a discussion among on-campus residents.

The Aggie TV program, to be aired after Thanksgiving on KAMU's Channel 88, will help stimulate dialogue between on-campus students and their Residence Hall Association (RHA) representatives. Aggie TV is an RHA committee, and the program is the committee's first step to serve a lineup of shows relevant to on-campus students.

The show features dean of Student Life Dr. Brent Paterson, director of Residence Life Ron Sasse, and Alcohol and Drug Education Programs representative Dennis Rearden. The show allowed each administrator five minutes to talk and the chance to address questions from mediator and RHA president Josh Kaylor, a junior agricultural development major.

"The plan is for students to hear what's going on right now, and then make their voices heard," said Aggie TV spokesman Cameron Cushman, a junior political science major who organized the dry-campus program for Aggie TV.

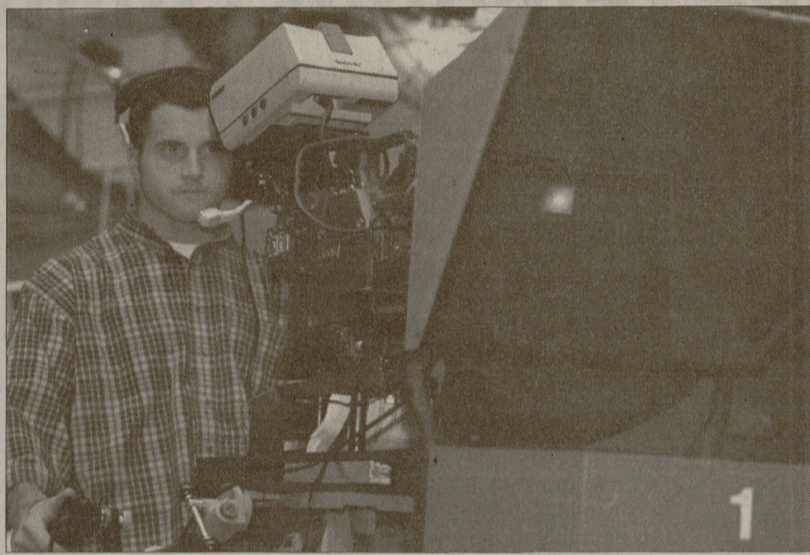
Aggie TV will coordinate the show's airing

with RHA, which plans to host an open forum to address the dry-campus issue Nov. 29.

Prior to the taping, Cushman, who was responsible for writing much of the program's script, said "anything could go wrong" in the committee's first attempt to create a program. Students are still training on studio equipment, he said.

The committee has been planning since the beginning of the semester to air programs catered to on-campus students, the only students who receive KAMU channels 82 through 89. Next semester, Aggie TV hopes to broadcast supplemental instruction (SI) sessions and RHA general assemblies.

Aggie TV may work with a section of Television Production II, a journalism course, to produce weekly shows and serve as a venue for class projects. This semester, a new A&M organization — Screenwriters, Actors and Movie Producers (SWAMP) — formed, bringing the



Steve Landin, a senior environmental design major, operates the camera for Aggie TV, a non commercial campus broadcast.

interests of Aggies involved with television to the forefront. SWAMP has between 30 and 50 members.

"Basically, with Aggie TV, if we can think about it and we can dream it up, then we can do it," Cushman said, explaining that KAMU has given committee members the opportunity to create student-run shows, utilizing KAMU's resources at no cost to the committee.

ELECTION

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With Harris' announcement, the battle lines were clearly drawn: Bush's team says the manual recounts are conducted with no set standards in Democratic-leaning counties with the sole purpose of pushing Gore ahead. The vice president's team argues that the painstaking process is the only way to ensure that every Florida voter is heard.

The spotlight will remain on Harris as she decides whether to accept the county recounts. Another pivot point is Friday, when overseas ballots are due and counting begins.

The race tumbled to the courts after a statewide machine recount trimmed Bush's lead from 1,784 votes to a few hundred, prompting Gore to push for painstaking manual recounts and Bush to fight them in courts of law and public opinion.

Officials in two counties tabulated ballots by hand Tuesday, with action in two other jurisdictions pending.

Shoving matches and shouting fits punctuated the action inside and outside Florida's courtrooms. Jeb Bush said things were getting "nerve-racking" throughout his state.

President Clinton weighed in from Air Force One, telling AP reporters he hopes the dispute does not lead to a presidency crippled by controversy.

REBUILD

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Bonfire burn. "I think the freshmen are missing out on what it means to be an Aggie."

With or without Bonfire, Bunning said, the freshmen are still Aggies, and she said that inspired the presentation.

"Because they are Aggies, this does affect them, and it is important that they understand what happened on Nov. 18, 1999," she said. "They know so very little about the Bonfire tragedy, but it has a huge impact on them because it changed our campus so much."

Bunning said part of that understanding is acknowledging the emotions the A&M community felt after Bonfire collapsed. To convey the significance of the Bonfire collapse, the Rebuild organizers will re-create part of the perimeter fence from the Bonfire site, placing memorabilia alongside it like last year.

"So many don't even know how many were killed," she said. "Those are things we have to pass down."

Bunning said bringing the 1999 Bonfire into perspective for freshmen gives them respect for those who died and makes them appreciate the student reaction to the tragedy as a tangible display of Aggie spirit.

Bunning said admission to the Rebuild presentation will be free, and everyone is invited.

News in Brief

Parks department presents new plans

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department presented plans for a new Veterans Park and Athletic Complex at the Bryan City Council meeting Tuesday night.

The Parks and Recreation Department held a brief ceremony to formally dedicate the park on Saturday, Veterans Day.

A 50-foot lighted flagpole was installed prior to the dedication. It is located on the south boundary of the park near the Harvey Road entrance. The American flag and POW/MIA flag were raised at the dedication and will remain at the location until the park construction begins next year. At that time, the pole will be relocated to a permanent site in the park.

The Parks and Recreation Department is also working on a location for the park's veterans memorial.

Parolee executed for shotgun death of Tyler man

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Repeatedly proclaiming his innocence, a parolee drug dealer was executed in the Texas death chamber Tuesday night for the shotgun slaying of a Tyler-area man during a burglary spree on Christmas Eve eight years ago.

"I didn't kill anybody," Stacey Lawton, 31, said in a final statement. "I know how it looked, but I didn't do it."

As the drugs began taking effect, he faintly gasped twice. He was pronounced dead seven minutes later, at 6:22 p.m. CST.

Lawton was the 36th condemned Texas inmate executed this year and the first of three scheduled on consecutive nights. If all three executions occur, Texas would top the record 37 executions it carried out in 1997.

Lawton, a Dallas native, was on parole after serving only seven months of a 10-year term for delivery of cocaine when he and two others went on their crime spree, breaking into as many as 16 vehicles.

Their noises prompted Dennis Price, manager of the city of Tyler's data processing center, to investigate outside his family's home, where he found them trying to get into his truck. His teen-age daughter called 911 and was on the line with a dispatcher when she learned her father had been gunned down.

Smith County Assistant District Attorney David Dobbs, who used the tape of the call to prosecute

Lawton, still can hear the pain in the girl's voice.

"Oh my God! They shot my dad!" Dobbs said, recalling the cries of Jennifer Price.

"In 12 years of prosecution, and I've got 13 (men) on death row, I've never heard anything more chilling as they're talking to the dispatcher and they're relaying information from the house," Dobbs said.

Price, 47, died on the way to a hospital.

"I don't like to use the word closure," Jennifer Price, who was 18 when her father was killed, said after the execution. "There's never going to be closure because Dad's gone. ... It's been difficult. You're not only losing a parent but you're also thrown into the court system at the same time."

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at Texas A&M University
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What: Meeting
Speaker: Chevron
When: Wed. Nov. 15 @7:00pm
Where: Blocker 163

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Howdy Days
November 13-17
New T-shirts! Stickers!
10-2
Mon/Thurs/Fri at MSC & Rudder
Pie-in-the-Face!
11-1
Wednesday at Rudder W/ Yell Leaders, Chad Wagner, & Forest Lane (Benefiting the Ronald McDonald House)

The Dance Arts Society presents...
Fall Curtain Call
Sunday, Nov. 19, 2000
2:00 p.m. • Rudder Auditorium

Tickets:
\$3 students • \$5 adults
available at the MSC box office

Bonfire 2002
Open Forum
November 16, MSC 292
2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

STUDENTS STAFF FACULTY

Dr. Southerland, VP Student Affairs, Forrest Lane, Student Body President, and representatives from the 6 Task Forces will be present to **describe how Bonfire 2002 is being planned and to answer your questions.**

Come share your thoughts and express your opinions concerning Bonfire 2002!

Check Updates and Submit Feedback at
<http://studentaffairs.tamu.edu/bonfire02>

BONFIRE 2002 Committee

The Texas A&M University Student Media Board is accepting applications for
Editor THE BATTALION
- Including radio and online editions -
Spring 2001
(The spring editor will serve from Jan. 8 through May 11, 2001)

Qualifications for editor in chief of *The Battalion* are:

- Be a Texas A&M student in good standing with the University and enrolled in at least six credit hours (4 if a graduate student) during the term of office (unless fewer credits are required to graduate);
- Have at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point ratio (3.00 if a graduate student) and at least a 2.00 grade point ratio (3.00 if a graduate student) in the semester immediately prior to the appointment, the semester of appointment and semester during the term of office. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (4 if a graduate student) must have been taken for that semester;
- Have completed JOUR 301 (Mass Communication, Law and Society), or equivalent;
- Have at least one year experience in a responsible editorial position on *The Battalion* or comparable daily college newspaper, - OR - Have at least one year editorial experience on a commercial newspaper, - OR - Have completed at least 12 hours journalism, including JOUR 203 and 303 (Media Writing I and II), and JOUR 304 (Editing for the Mass Media), or equivalent.

Application forms should be picked up and returned to Francia Cagle, Student Media business coordinator, in room 014A Reed McDonald Building. Deadline for submitting application: noon Friday, November 17, 2000. Applicants will be interviewed during the Student Media Board Meeting beginning at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 21, in room 221F Reed McDonald.

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