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DIRTY APES



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exceeded 85 degrees and no alternative work location could be found.

"I wanted to provide enough flexibility to keep people from getting uncomfortable or sick from the heat," he said.

Among those grateful for the release were the workers in the office of the dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Leanne Smith, director of the dean's office, said that several of the workers reported headaches, and one of five of the office's 16 workers remained at 3 p.m.

South said headaches were not the department's only difficulties resulting from the heat. "Our main problem here is that the computers have started acting funny," she said.

South said workers were advised to shut down their computers because many crashed from overheating.

Terri Burger, assistant director for the College of Libe-

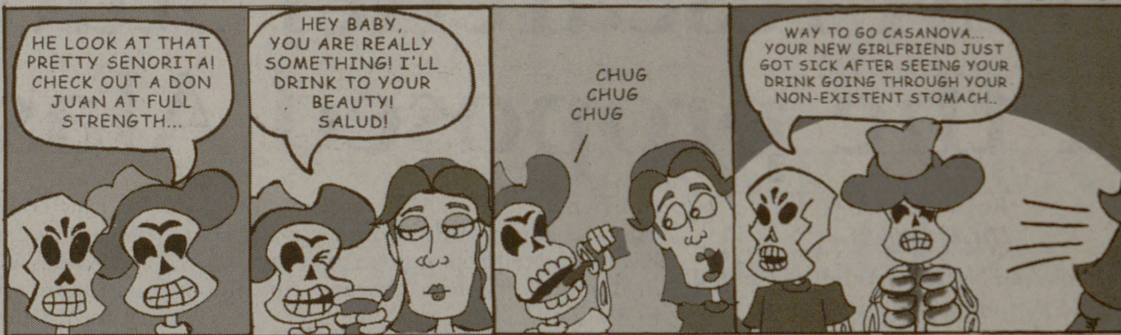
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by Adrian



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— Charles Sippel, vice president of administration

Arts office of undergraduate student services, said her department also experienced computer problems from the heat.

She said that it has not been determined if any permanent damage has been done to computers as a result of overheating.

Williams said sediments running water were also reported but that the water was tested and determined safe to drink.

"Whenever you get turbulence through pipes like this caused by this main break, sediments that are deposited in the pipes get stirred up and mixed into the water," he said.

Williams said the break is most likely the result of shifting clay soil that tends to expand and contract rapidly in response to heat and moisture changes.

"Clay soil — which is what the entire University sits on — tends to shift a lot, especially in the summer," he said. "Which is why we tend to get things like pipe breaking from time to time."

Williams said this shifting is especially prevalent when temperatures are high and rain levels are low.

Sippel said that with a possible dry summer in store for Aggie, further problems could arise.

"Hopefully this (water main break) isn't a forecast for the summer," he said. "But we might see something similar to this happen again. All we can do is to be as prepared as possible."

ALASKA

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Alaska, Kennicutt said an agenda was made and members were able to get to know each other.

Since then, Kennicutt has returned to Alaska to help conduct town meetings, allowing native Alaskans a chance to give their testimony.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for July and will hold town meetings again, but

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— Mahlon "Chuck" Kennicutt II, director of Geochemical and Environmental Research Center

will also allow for exploration of the oil fields.

"We are still pretty much in the information and fact-gathering part of the charge on the committee," Kennicutt said.

The final report is not due until summer 2002.

"Just to make it clear — we are not considering whether or not ANWR should be opened or not," he said.

Kennicutt did say the conclusion will have some impact on decisions related to opening up the ANWR for drilling.

"At this point we have no conclusions because we are just in the deliberation stage," he said.

GAMES

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get together and have fun.

"Sports inherently offer groups of people the chance to work together as a team," West said. "[This makes] intramurals a great opportunity for student organizations to build unity through teamwork."

West said individual sports and dual sports can be especially beneficial to new students who may not know many people on campus.

"It can be a great way to meet opponents as well as friends," she said.

David Anderson, a team captain of intramural basketball, said spending time with friends, competing and the opportunity to meet people are good reasons to join intramurals, but some students may be limited by a hefty outside schedule.

However, Anderson said that time spent playing intramurals will be time well-invested.

"If you really enjoy it, you'll make time for it in your life," he said.

LOANS

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Federal student loans are given on a variable rate that's reset every July 1.


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