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NEWS IN BRIEF

Easterwood: 1 hour sufficient time for pre-flight arrival

Though the Federal Aviation Administration has advised arriving two hours before flight departure at the country's major airports, passengers should arrive only an hour before departure at Texas A&M's Easterwood airport, officials said.

Passengers should, in addition to arriving one hour before a flight is scheduled to depart, call their airline to confirm flight arrival and departure times before heading to the airport, said Easterwood Director John Happ.

The Easterwood terminals are open from 5 a.m. to midnight.

The number of carry-on bags authorized for each passenger is restricted to one bag, plus one personal item such as a purse, briefcase, laptop computer or backpack. This helps to expedite the screening process and reduces the potential for delays, Happ said.

Bags should not be left unattended in the parking lot, at the loading and unloading area on the lower level or inside the

PUBLIC EYE

Number of graduates from the George Bush School of Government and Public Service since it opened in 1997

60

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WEATHER

TODAY

HIGH 86° F
LOW 64° F

TOMORROW

HIGH 87° F
LOW 68° F

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Costs may prevent Bonfire 2002

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Texas A&M's next Bonfire could cost \$1.5 million because of heightened design and security measures, and may be too expensive to build, said A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen last week.

"It's probably more than we want to pay," Bowen told *The Bryan-College Station Eagle*. "The question is, 'Does this community really want to spend \$1.5 million to have that first Bonfire?'"

Bowen considers using reserve funds

Bonfire has been on hold since Nov. 18, 1999, when 12 Aggies were killed and 27 others were injured when the stack collapsed.

Last year, Bowen put Bonfire on a hiatus that would last until the Fall 2002, at the earliest.

He said the University would have to dip into budget reserves to pay for the event, and added that Bonfire planners could only afford the event in ensuing

years if the price were cut in half.

Bowen said using cash reserves would be a short-term solution, and suggested combining student fees and private donations to establish a permanent source of funds.

The Student Services Fee, which generates \$11.6 million and is allocated to student activities and programs, has produced a \$1.1-million surplus, which Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. J. Malon

Southerland said may be spent on a student leadership retreat center.

"I think a lot of students would support using some of that fee money for Bonfire," said Jack Long, speaker of the Student Senate and a senior political science major. "We have to ask ourselves what do we want more, a Bonfire with student participation or a retreat center that a lot of students say we really don't need."

Previously, Aggie Bonfire has cost between \$50,000 and \$70,000, Bowen said.

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A&M may terminate 'Sidelines,' ESPN deal

By SOMMER BUNCE
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A&M officials are considering ending cooperation with ESPN camera crews filming the reality show "Sidelines" unless the show focuses more on Aggie football and less on the indiscretions of students.

"We have the option to cancel our participation in future taping," A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen told the *Dallas Morning News* at Saturday's A&M-Kansas State game in Manhattan, Kan.

A&M University officials have asked ESPN executives to reconsider the subject matter of the show "Sidelines", which was intended to show A&M football from the perspective of its fans and players.

ESPN director of communications Rob Tobias could not be reached for comment.

In the second episode, aired Oct. 11, two women were engaged in drunken behavior outside The Salty Dog bar in College Station. The third episode, aired Thursday, concerned a former A&M athlete and her relationship with a current A&M basketball player, also a female.

The coeds from the second episode were not A&M students; both attend Blinn College in Bryan, said Kristal Sheaves, one of the girls in the Oct. 11 show. Sheaves said despite what the show suggested, she and her friend, both friends of "Sidelines" cast member Clay, did not drink at The Salty Dog. They had all of their drinks and spent most of the evening at Bennigan's in College Station, she said.

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All-Stars and stripes



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Josie Merion and other members of the R&K All-Stars, a Special Olympics delegation from San Antonio, wave American flags as they enter the A&M Consolidated football stadium for the

Special Olympics opening ceremony Friday night. Special Olympics delegations from across the state brought more than 1,000 athletes to Bryan-College Station to compete.

Former A&M baseball coach Chandler dies at 75

By NONI SRIDHARA
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Former A&M baseball coach Tom Chandler died Oct. 18 at his home in Bryan at the age of 75 from supranuclear palsy, a rare form of Parkinson's disease.

"One of his most endearing traits is that he could turn everything from a negative to a positive, and he was a friend to everybody,"

said Kyle Hawthorne, a former Texas A&M baseball player.

Chandler came to A&M in 1958 as an assistant coach to Beau Bell. He took over the program in 1959 and took the Aggies to the Southwestern Conference championship his first year, and then for 25 out of 26 seasons while he was head coach. Under Chandler's coaching, the Aggies went to the playoffs seven times and

reached the College World Series in 1964.

Coaching one shy of 1,000 games, Chandler was among the top 15 winningest coaches in the country and had 54 players sign professional baseball contracts.

Hawthorne, who is a Bryan attorney, went on to play minor league baseball for the Baltimore Orioles.

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U.S. jets hit Taliban front line hard Sunday

Attacks encourage Afghan opposition forces to fight

QALAI DASHT, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. warplanes bombarded Taliban positions Sunday near a front line north of the capital, Kabul, marking what could be the start of a more aggressive campaign on behalf of opposition forces fighting the Islamic regime.

In Kabul, meanwhile, grieving neighbors pulled dust-covered bodies of seven civilians — three women and four children — from the ruins of two homes destroyed Sunday by a U.S. bomb. "This pilot was like he was blind!" sobbed one neighbor.

In Pakistan, the U.N. refugee agency renewed appeals Sunday for Afghanistan's neighbors to open their borders to the refugees — including up to 15,000 trapped in "no man's land" near the Pakistani town of Chaman.

The Sunday attacks marked the closest and most intense U.S. strikes so far against Taliban positions defending Kabul from northern alliance forces, which have been stalled for years 12 to 25 miles north of the city.

U.S. jets streaked over the opposition-held Panjshir Valley, and opposition officials told an Associated Press reporter in the area that they appeared to strike

Taliban positions about one mile behind the front line.

Several eyewitnesses, including journalists and residents, also reported Taliban positions bombed in the area.

"We are hoping this will be a big help for the future of our forces," said Waisuddin Salik, an opposition spokesman.

Afghanistan's anti-Taliban forces, an alliance mostly of minority ethnic Uzbeks and Tajiks, have been urging the United States to provide close air support for their forces so they can advance on the capital.

However, the United States and Britain had been reluctant to help the northern

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The U.S. special forces raided an airfield and a Taliban command and control center near Kandahar. Two soldiers died when a search-and-rescue helicopter supporting the operation crashed in Pakistan.



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