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NEWS IN BRIEF

MPO will discuss relocation ideas

The Bryan-College Station Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will host an open forum from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to discuss the possible relocation of the railroad running parallel to Wellborn Road.

"This is the first forum that is being held on campus to specifically target the student population," said Daniel Pearson, student services chairman and a senior political science major. "It's very important for students to show up and express their opinions."

Four main options are being considered by the MPO, three of which involve moving the railroad away from the A&M campus.

The forum will be held in Kodus 111.

Court orders Web company to reveal Internet site

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A Web hosting company must reveal the anonymous people behind an Internet site that has called the administration at the University of Louisiana-Monroe incompetent and accused top officials of lying, a magistrate ordered.

The information must be provided to Richard Baxter, the university's vice president for external affairs, who wants to file a defamation lawsuit. The magistrate also ordered Homestead Technologies Inc. to provide computer logs of all people who have posted, published or provided any content to the site.

PUBLIC EYE

Budget for the College of Science for Fiscal year 2002 \$31,676,621

TODAY

AGGIELIFE

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He's got it all

• Country singer Kenny Chesney visits Aggieland Thursday

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Injuries continue to hurt Ags

• Carriger finds himself in starting role after injuries

OPINION

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Bring out the dead

• Pro-Con: Should corpse be left on porch because of unpaid funeral expenses?

WEATHER

TODAY

HIGH 89° F

LOW 70° F

TOMORROW

HIGH 89° F

LOW 70° F

FORECASTS COURTESY OF www.weathermated.com

Officials react to misused ID cards

By JUSTIN SMITH
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Texas A&M officials are cracking down on the unauthorized use of the Aggie Card to curb the problem of students sneaking into football games.

Jim Kotch, athletic ticket manager, said 30 to 50 Aggie Cards are confiscated at each game.

"We had 57 just at the Baylor game," Kotch said.

Everyone entering the stadium with a student ticket must have an Aggie Card, but students have employed a variety of ways to get around this, Kotch said.

Some individuals have tried to use another student's Aggie Card to enter the game. Also, a student will enter the game with his ticket and Aggie Card but will go to a fence and hand his ticket stub through the fence to another student so they can enter with that stub. Many recent graduates try to use their old Aggie Cards to enter games with a student ticket. They must have tickets with a guest label since they are no longer students.

If the name on the card is not legible, or the picture cannot clearly be made out, then a student must show his or her driver's license to verify that the card belongs to them. However, a driver's license is not a substitute for an Aggie Card, Kotch said. Students with illegible cards can go to the Pavilion and have a new card made in about five minutes.

Confiscated cards are turned over to the Aggie ID. "Once the cards are confiscated, they could be destroyed, and students would have to buy a new one for \$12," said Bob Pivonka, director of student financial services.

If it is not destroyed, then the student will be able to pick it up at the Pavilion on the following Monday, said Bill Powell, athletic gatekeeper director.

"This can be a problem if the student lives in a dorm and they use their card to get in. They also will not be able to access their Aggie Bucks, which would be a problem for those students who use Aggie Bucks as a primary source of money for food," Powell said.

There also can be a criminal penalty for those students who use another person's card without the student's consent.

Penny King, associate director of the athletic department, recommended students avoid some of these problems by arriving early at the game, and if a problem is detected with a card, students simply can pay full price for the ticket.

By word of mouth

Residence halls educate students about Bonfire

By C.E. WALTERS
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Whether Bonfire returns, it remains important for residence halls to maintain the sense of spirit and camaraderie fostered by a tradition now in limbo, a University official told a group of freshmen Tuesday.

"What I'm gaining from the current student body is that, with or without Bonfire, the current student body understands what Texas A&M is all about."

Craig Rotter, coordinator of leadership development for the Department of Residence Life, spends much of his time educating freshmen about Bonfire by visiting the residence halls to speak and answer questions. During these exchanges, he recounts the history of Bonfire, analyzes the flaws of Bonfire, and talks about its future.

Rotter spoke to a group of residents at Crocker Hall Tuesday, where many expressed concern that dorm unity was dying without Bonfire, and said efforts such as the All-U League, which tries to fill the void by encouraging competition and all-inclusive activities, were not enough.

"The unity is kind of lacking. We did Replant the other day and only about eight or nine of us came out," Moore hall resident and freshman general studies major John Martinez said.

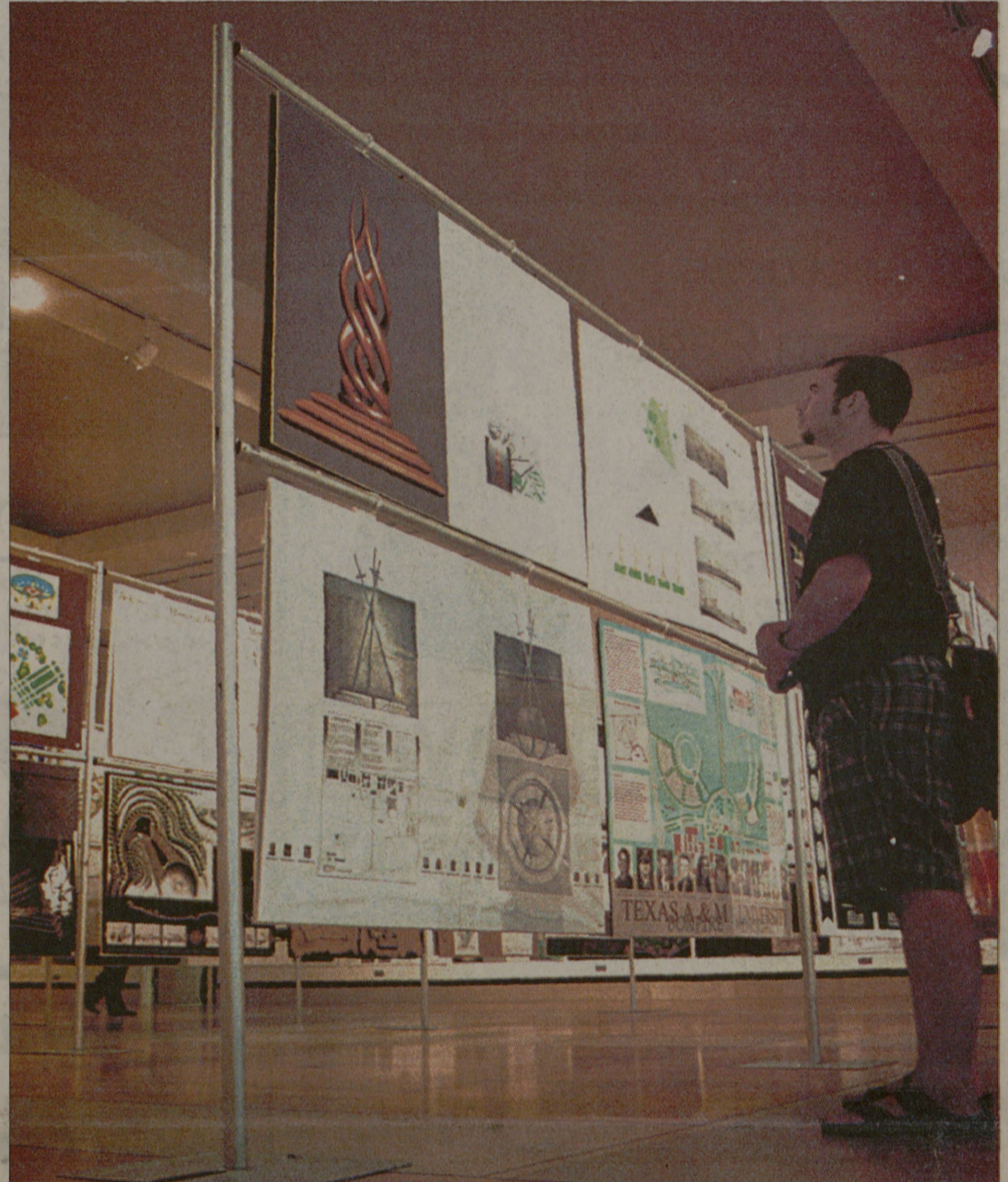
But, Martinez said, there are still some community events.

"We always go to dinner together." Several freshmen expressed support for Bonfire, but do not know what they can do to revive the tradition.

"I think they should make a lot more options to help out," said Eric Brown, a freshman general studies major.

Others at the meeting were more ambivalent about the future of Bonfire.

"I don't feel the same about it as the jun-



Chris Kanipe, a senior architecture major, takes a closer look at the entries of the Bonfire memorial design competition. A second viewing of the entries is on display at the J. Wayne Stark Galleries until Oct. 28.

iors and seniors do," said Dustin Baucom, a freshman business major. "It would be sad to see it go, but if it did, I would understand the reasoning behind it."

The Residence Hall Association is forming a survey so that a more accurate consensus of student opinion on Bonfire can be taken.

SGA reaches out with 'Aggie Listen' campaign

By MAUREEN KANE
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Since the beginning of the semester, Student Body President Schuyler Houser has been busy keeping Aggies up to date on what the Student Government Association is doing as a part of her "Aggie Listen" campaign, Houser said.

Houser said she has spoken to about 20 student organizations, including sororities, fraternities, residence halls, Corps of Cadets outfits and freshman leadership organizations. She said her goal is to speak to all of these organizations before the semester ends.

"The most important part of going out and speaking is to connect with talented students that you aren't exposed to in the office; going out and find-

ing people in their home circle really helps to figure out what's going on across campus, not just the Koldus

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student body president

building," Houser said. "I feel like we've been really visible and gotten a lot of feedback.

Lots of students say they appreciate not only me, but other student government representatives out and about."

Alaina Daves, director of public relations for student government and a senior journalism major, said she thinks Houser is visible and accessible to students.

"I think she is doing a really good job of going around and talking to different groups and trying to represent every organization on campus, not just SGA," Daves said. "She's done a good job encouraging diversity."

Another way Houser and student government representatives are reaching out to students is through Outreach Days. On Oct. 15, Houser and representatives from student

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Afghan opposition demands U.S. do more

1960
Soviet Union developed nuclear weapons and made the United States vulnerable to attack.
► Build a bomb shelter. Protect yourself from fire and radioactive fallout from a bomb cloud.
► Assemble a survival kit with a battery-operated radio and items such as fruit, juice, powdered milk, canned soups, stews, infant food, hard candy, gum, cigarettes.
► After an attack, go to a public fallout shelter. Be prepared to remain there for several days. Leave firearms, alcohol and pets at home.
► If in a home shelter, do not venture out for the first few days after an attack. Limit the time outside to a few minutes in the first two weeks.

Alerting the nation
At the height of the Cold War, Americans were told to build bomb shelters and "duck and cover." Now Americans are told to watch out for suspicious mail that might contain anthrax. Here's a comparison of the civil defense recommendations.

2001
Terrorists hijacked planes and crashed them into the World Trade Center, Pentagon and into a field in Pennsylvania. Anthrax was mailed to government officials and the media.
► Pick two places to meet family — one near home and another at a more distant location in case of an evacuation.
► Have a three-day supply of water and food that won't spoil, changes of clothing, first aid items, prescriptions, battery-powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, backup eye glasses, important family documents.
► Take note of emergency exits when inside buildings, subways and stadiums. Be aware of heavy or breakable objects that could fall or break in an explosion.
► Be wary of suspicious mail. Call local authorities if you receive an unusual package or letter.

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. jets struck Taliban front lines and an Osama bin Laden stronghold north of Kabul on Tuesday — attacks the opposition hopes will open the way for an advance on Kabul. But Taliban troops held their ground, launching rockets and mortars toward positions held by the northern alliance.
After sundown, American jets also returned to Kabul, repeatedly blasting targets on the outskirts of the city in what appeared to be one of the largest attacks in the capital area.
War planes apparently renewed

the attack shortly before sunrise Wednesday as sounds of heavy bombardment were heard near Kabul's airport.

Opposition and Taliban officials also reported U.S. attacks Tuesday around the key northern city Mazar-e-Sharif, where an offensive last week by the opposition northern alliance faltered. The Taliban claimed they repulsed opposition attacks that followed the American bombardment.

American warplanes set fire to critical Taliban oil supplies in the

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A&M partakes in nat'l alcohol program

By BRANDIE LIFFICK
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In cooperation with 3,000 campuses nationwide, Texas A&M is taking part in National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

Student organizations, in conjunction with the Department of Student Life, have planned activities through the week with the theme of "Sink or Swim?"

Today, a mock trial of an individual arrested for drunk driving will be held in Room 201 of the Memorial Student Center (MSC).

On Thursday, the Recreation Center will be open until 3 a.m., and volleyball and basketball contests will be sponsored by Responsible Aggie Decisions., a campus organization. Free pizza will be provided in the entry area of the rec center at 11 p.m. Resource tables will be at Rudder Fountain from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

For information, call Alcohol and Drug Education Programs at 845-0280.