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BY JOSH DARWIN

**Crazy Jake**

Howdy, Chase! What's wrong?  
 Man, I am freakin' out about my four finals coming up.  
 Man, that's nothing... I've got a creative paper due tomorrow, a research paper due next Friday, plus a Lab final, and five finals.  
 And I haven't even started studying. Beat that, Saucy-Pants!  
 Procrastination isn't a competition!

By M. Mouse

**PUM BOYZ**

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU CAN'T TICKET HERE AFTER 5:30!  
 WELL, ACCORDING TO MY WATCH IT'S NOT 5:30.  
 RIGHT, ACCORDING TO YOUR WATCH IT'S 8:09 IN THE MORNING.  
 YOU SPOKE YOUR OWN WATCH SO YOU COULD KEEP WRITING TICKETS ALL NIGHT, DIDN'T YOU?

BY: WILL LLOYD

**Drive**

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U.S. Cavalry, in an online newsletter Nov. 25.

Junior political science major Lindsey Hafner stumbled upon news of the accident while searching for contact information of Aggie soldiers in Iraq. Hafner had planned to send letters of appreciation to the soldiers, but ended up organizing a food and supply drive after learning of the fire Wednesday afternoon.

"I really appreciate what they're doing," Hafner said. "This is my opportunity to just say thanks."

Donations will be collected Friday, Monday and Tuesday at Rudder Fountain and various locations off campus. Items needed include T-shirts, lotion, baby wipes, reading materials, long underwear and candy and gum to hand out to local children.

"We are critically short of long john underwear of all sizes,"

Tway said in the newsletter. "We need these to fly at night, and right now it is holding us from accomplishing the mission."

Hafner also suggested donating snack items such as packets of Kool Aid, beef jerky and peanuts to make the soldiers feel more at home.

"It doesn't cost a lot for us to buy, but it means a lot to them," she said.

Collectors will accept any donations the troops may need, Hafner said, including monetary contributions. Any money received will be used to purchase additional items or pay for postage, she said.

"This is a great chance to show the Aggie spirit to soldiers who may not have seen it," Hafner said. "It's not a pro- or antiwar thing, it's just helping those in need."

Tim Sweeney, associate director of Student Activities, said he was contacted by Hafner to help with specifics of the project, such as obtaining a permit to solicit

donations and finding businesses to use as drop-off locations.

"It's definitely a worthy cause," Sweeney said. "I think she'll get a good response."

Sweeney helped student organizers of Red, White and Blue-Out in 2001, which raised funds for victims of the 9-11 terrorist attacks. Aside from these two projects, he said, charitable efforts of this magnitude rarely come across his desk.

The most difficult aspect of a project such as this, Sweeney said, is getting the word out.

"People want to help; it's natural to want to help," he said. "They just want to know how."

Tway requested the aid of fellow Aggies to help the fire victims get back on their feet and enjoy the holidays. Any stocking-stuffer type of gifts would also be appreciated, he said.

In true Aggie form, Tway joked, "Worst of all was the loss of our Stetsons!"

Questions about the drive can be directed to Lindsay Hafner at 979-661-2305.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**  
**Perry appoints Jones as regent**

Bill Jones, Gov. Rick Perry's general counsel since December 2000, has been appointed to the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

Jones will resign as Perry's counsel and search for a job in the private sector. Jones previously worked for the Houston-based law firm Cash Jones.

Jones graduated from A&M in 1981 and received his law degree in 1985 from Baylor University Law School. Jones was a First Brigade Commander in the Corps of Cadets and a member of the Ross Volunteer Honor Guard. Jones' term will end Feb. 1, 2004.

**Physical plant schedule dorm water outages**

Physical Plant has scheduled two water outages for George Eppright Hall and LeAppelt Hall next week to install meters.

Monday, Dec. 8, there will be a chilled water outage from a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 9, there will be a hot water outage from 8 a.m. to noon. The water will be turned back on after work is finished.

**Livestock**

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teams in the history of college livestock judging.

"Their accomplishments will pay dividends for them for the rest of their lives no matter they stay involved in the agricultural industry or not," he said.

Of the 16 students on the team, eight made the "travel squad" to Kentucky, and five actually judged in the contest.

The team was directed by Chris Skaggs, an associate animal science professor.

The other team members who attended the contest were Frank, Kelton Mason, Cameron Melton, Garrett Parsons, Cassie Wilkerson and Tracy Tommas.

**Aircraft**

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of the universities. Professors from industrial, mechanical and aerospace engineering fields will conduct most of the research.

Once selected, professors involved in the research must then bring topics of study to the classroom, Ayala said.

"It may involve students and it may not," Ayala said. "It just depends upon what the problem is."

Some specific items that he wish to review are corrosion dynamic components and industrial engineering issues. TEES concerned that many of the aircraft used in the military are older than the pilots flying them, Mills said.

Mills said there are other centers in the country that focus their efforts on the Joint-Center for Aging Aircraft.

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