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Program

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Semlaui said she enjoys showing high school students what A&M has to offer and what she likes about being a student here. That isn't the most rewarding part of her experience, though, she said.

"I most enjoy getting to interact with these high schoolers," Semlaui said. "Knowing that I have a tiny role in planning their future and where they go to college."

The program is aimed at high school seniors such as Joel Woodward, 18, of Trinity Christian High School in Lubbock.

"This program showed me a lot I didn't know about (A&M) firsthand," Woodward said. "It has helped me decipher what others have told me."

Woodward, who was born and bred a Red Raider, says he is having second thoughts about his college plans.

Woodward said he will definitely apply to A&M, and if accepted, plans to participate in Aggie Men's Club, Breakaway and the Honors program.

High school seniors, though, aren't the only ones who get to participate. Joanna Kelley, 16, is a student at Grace Prep Academy in Arlington, where she ranks 15th in her class with a 4.0 GPA.

Her family ties drew her to Texas Tech, but she said, "I was amazed by the spirit and tradition here and how much everyone likes this school."

Service

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able to," Venable said.

Many former students know they can mail tickets in to be sold or come to the Flag Room on game day to buy from TicketMart, said Darby Roberts, Alpha Phi Omega's adviser.

"It's a great opportunity to reduce scalping and provide a service to the campus, which is part of APO's mission," Roberts said.

Last year, an average of 150 tickets were sold before each game, Venable said. The fraternity hopes to increase that number this fall.

Kelly Pampell, a staff member who works in the Student Organization Finance Center, used TicketMart to buy tickets last year.

"It was very well organized and I was impressed with the record keeping that was going on. They provide a wonderful service to visitors," Pampell said. "On our way out, we referred other people who were looking for tickets to the MSC."

For more information, visit <http://apo.tamu.edu>.

NERRTC

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such as publications, fire, emergency medical services, hazardous material, law enforcement, public health and elected and senior officials.

Rabbi Peter Tarlow, executive director of the Texas A&M Hillel Foundation and author of "Event Risk Management and Safety," said the funding will permit a large amount of useful research.

"The NERRTC will permit us to have the capabilities today to develop the methodology that will prevent other negative events," Tarlow said.

Don Stewart, spokesman for U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, agrees that preparation is necessary to

prevent future problems.

"When a terrorist attack happens, it is too late to train for it," Stewart said. "Grants like this seek to train responders and prevent catastrophic events."

Sen. Hutchinson also requested the funding that is being used for the current fiscal year 2004.

"The NERRTC is a pioneer in the field of Homeland Security, and by being provided the resources they need, they will be able to take operations to the next level," said Kevin Schweers, Hutchinson's spokesman.

Schweers said they are hopeful that the appropriation will pass in the full senate in July and then be signed by President Bush.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Saddam due in court Thursday

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq and the world will get their glimpse of Saddam Hussein since his capture in December when he and 11 of his top lieutenants are brought to court Thursday to face war crimes charges likely to include the 1988 chemical weapons massacre of Kurds and the 1991 invasion of Kuwait.

Already there are preliminary negotiations over permitting Saddam's foreign legal team to work in Iraq, whether to revise the proceedings and whether to reinstate the harshest penalty in Iraq's legal code: hanging by the neck until dead.

Iraq will take legal custody of Saddam from the U.S. Army Wednesday and the former dictator is to make his first appearance Thursday, where he will be informed of charges in his arrest warrant. Prime Minister Iyad Allawi announced Tuesday.

Ashley

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on the move to Comm because he said he feels University is on the verge of something big and he was a part of it.

"This is a great opportunity for me and my family," Ashley said.

Perry said this advance is a great opportunity and to be a dean of a college is a significant career achievement.

Perry said Ashley has been an important facilitator of university recruiting with his travels to high schools all over the state and his participation in many committee discussions.

"We're sorry to lose him, but when opportunities come along you have to pursue them," Perry said.

Rain

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affected by the weather. Zimmerman, county extension agent for Agricultural and Natural Resources, said the conditions have hindered farmers' ability to get out into their fields.

"We've seen some crop damage due to standing water," Zimmerman said. "Cotton has been the main crop that has been affected by the flooding."

There have also been problems with getting hay to the stock. The hay has to be baled before it is baled and that has been hard to accomplish, Zimmerman said.

The rain also brought an increase in weeds, Zimmerman said. It has been hard to remove the weeds due to standing water in the fields, he said. Zimmerman also said excessive rain creates the potential for problems in the future.

"It is important for agricultural producers to monitor the crops so that they can tackle problems as they arise," Zimmerman said.

John Nielson-Gammon, Texas State climatologist and Texas A&M meteorology professor, said the rain has been fairly distributed throughout the region.

"The flooding in Hearne is particularly bad, but there isn't been a certain area during the day after day," Nielson-Gammon said.

The rain has mostly hit the eastern half of the state and the western half of West Texas are actually below normal rain amounts, he said.

One good outcome from the rain is cooler temperatures. Nielson-Gammon said. He predicts that there will be a below-normal number of days above 100-degrees days for the rest of the summer.

"If you have a wet month following months are usually cooler," Nielson-Gammon said. "Not too many people complain about cooler summer days."

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