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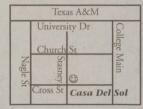
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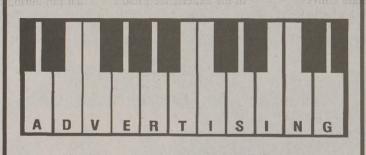
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Letter from the president

Dear Aggies of the University Apartment Community:

As many of you know, a fire at the University Apartments on Saturday evening resulted in an international graduate student's family being hospitalized. I and the

entire Aggie family are deeply saddened that this tragic incident occurred and that it now has resulted in loss of a life. Other family members continue to receive medical attention. Our hearts and prayers go out to the family in its grief and as it copes in the days ahead. In addition, we are deeply concerned about all those who were affected by this tragedy.

The injured family members were taken to the burn unit at the John Sealy Hospital at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, one of the best medical care facilities for burn injuries in the state of Texas. Friends of the family are with them in Galveston. In addition, other individuals from Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M University - Galveston campus, including the Interim Chief Executive Officer and his staff, are personally providing support and assistance.

Representatives of the Department of Student Life and International Student Services

are assisting those individuals who have had to evacuate their apartments. Texas A&M University has provided temporary housing and other daily necessities. University offices are assisting with federal regulations related to non-immigrant visa holders, and counseling also is being offered. I encourage any student who has other needs (academic or otherwise) resulting from this incident to contact the Department of Student Life (979-845-3111).

The welfare of all residents of University Apartments is a priority for us. The cause of the fire has yet to be determined. Regardless, as an on-going safety precaution, the University has completed an inspection of the grounds surrounding the buildings and is in the process of conducting an apartment-byapartment safety inspection. The State Fire Marshal, the state official with the authority to investigate fires and determine their cause, is in charge of the investigation of the fire.

Anyone with information that may assist the investigation should provide that information to the University Police Department (979-845-2345) which is assisting the State Fire Marshal with his investigation.

This incident is a terrible tragedy for the entire Aggie family. We will continue our around-the-clock support and assistance to all those affected. And, in the days and weeks ahead, we will keep you informed.

way. And those agents may take the same information

"For instance we have a Cont. from page 1

The Texas Cooperative Extension releases lists such as the one compiled by Harris as part of its mission to educate the general public.

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"We try to provide credible, non-biased information so that people can make their own decisions," Harris said.

In the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks the security concerns of the public were significantly increased. Harris said it is important that people are prepared not only for terrorist threats, but for issues that have been around for a long time such

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"The Bonfire Memorial is not just for the

Raney said classes will be cancelled in

collapse in 1999," Raney said. "It is also about

the afternoon so that everyone will have the

the tradition of Bonfire and the Aggie Spirit.'

Bonfire

as natural disasters and accidents in the home.

group of fact sheets or brochures that help individuals deal with the unexpected, instead of sensationalizing Sept. 11 they need to be prepared for floods, fires and also terrorism. They need to know what their local communities are facing," Harris said.

The Texas Cooperative Extension shares information in the form of press releases for local newspapers, and through a network of county officials across the state.

"There are 254 counties in Texas. There are agents out in these counties, every county is served in some

and do a local program if they sense that's a particular need," Harris said. Alma Fonseca, county

extension agent for family and consumer sciences in Brazos County, said the **TexasCooperativeExtension** is unique in the way that it tailors its programs to fit the unique needs of each local community.

"The Texas Cooperative Extension at Texas A&M University provides us with the research based information that we in turn use to provide the educational programs for our communities," Fonseca said.

Student Body President Jack Hildebrand will

be among those speaking at the dedication.

with the symbolism at the memorial, he

wishes the timeline at the memorial did

monument representing the hope to see the tra-

dition continue in the future," Neuber said. "I

know without a doubt that each of the victims

would hate to see the tradition die with them."

not end abruptly in 1999.

Nueber said that while he was impressed

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Johnson said he was skeptical about USO "USC has no claim to the 1939 title Schneid were to seriously look into sharing then title for that year, they would have research to do on all national champions and hea era to determine any other slights," John "Applying that system is inherently negative ar lear I heard, people have been upset with the with dr BCS. This past season was a perfect example Bob's li

A&M Assistant Sports Information Brad Marquardt said there hasn't be communication between A&M and II

Cornell University Assistant Athletich Steve Erber, who said he was not speak behalf of the university, said Cornella claim a championship that year, event it was recognized by two polls. Accord its media guide, Cornell beat Ohio State. that year to finish fourth in the nation. Erber said the Trojans' assertion might

shaky ground.

'USC's claim seems like a bit of a st Erber said. "Objectively, it seems would have a better claim (than USC)? Texas A&M Associate Athletic

Alan Cannon said A&M has two possible to lay claim to if the school were so incl 'A&M had an undefeated team in and 1919," Cannon said. "The nice to the Associated Press has named the m champion every year since 1936. In 1939 named Texas A&M."

Workshop

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advantage of while here," he said.

Biggar said many people do not maio

see ya la the Brazos Valley has to offer, particular religiou Bryan-College Station area. 'We have Washington on the Brazossinger N

birthplace of Texas, Messina Hof Winer George Bush Presidential Library, Lakel and downtown Bryan," he said. The workshop will be general in reg

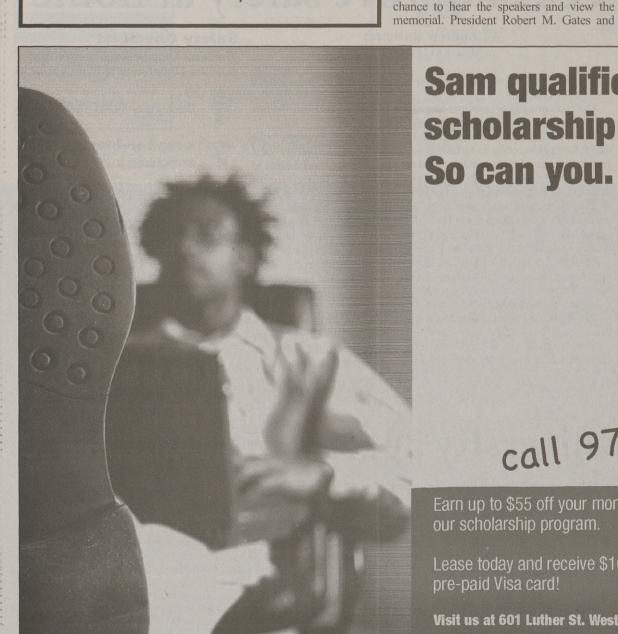
the cultures covered except there wi session on the Middle East due to recent laboration with Qatar, Biggar said. "It is absolutely vital that anyone whi have contact with or exposure to intern

faculty and students while they are here stand the idiosyncrasies of culture and tage," Biggar said.

Fox said the information presented workshop comes from different public sources along with personal experience "You are never going to learn and

stand all of a foreign culture, but at least conscious awareness and try to put your their shoes," Biggar said.

For more information or to register in workshop, contact Kim Fox at kfox@tamile



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