

Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004

# CAMPUS BRIEFS

## Students design new family clinic

Concepts for a new 5,000-square-foot family practice clinic in Bryan/College Station will be unveiled to the public at 2 p.m. Friday in the fourth floor studio of the Langford Architecture Center by the Texas A&M architecture students who designed them.

The new clinic, to be built on North Forest Parkway in College Station by physicians Garth Morgan and John Hall, will replace their current facility, the Osler Boulevard Family Practice Center. The physicians plan to provide ideas generated by the students to the architects who will develop the final design.

"This studio project was truly an interdisciplinary effort, incorporating input from the various disciplines represented in the College of Architecture into both design and construction solutions," said George J. Mann, the Ronald L. Skaggs Endowed Professor of Health Facility Design and leader of the design studio.

To complete the project — which features 36 proposed designs — Mann's students worked closely with their clients and faculty advisers. They visited the current clinic and other family practice clinics in the area, analyzed the construction site, developed an efficient space program, and prepared schematic plans, sketches and models that will be presented Friday afternoon.

## MSC CAMAC presents a Quincenera

MSC Committee for the Awareness of Mexican American Culture (CAMAC) will present a program Thursday evening reenacting a Quincenera ceremony, the Mexican tradition of celebrating a young girl's passage into womanhood at the age of fifteen.

The program will be held at the College Station Conference Center from 6 to 9 p.m. with the Quincenera dressed in traditional clothing for the occasion. Continuing as part of Texas A&M's Hispanic Heritage Month, this event will include festivities that are found at a typical Quincenera ceremony, including a traditional dance, music, food, and entertainment.

Jose Antonio Caraballo, a senior lecturer and senior academic adviser for Hispanic studies at A&M, will serve as the guest speaker for Thursday's program. After receiving his bachelor of arts in Spanish at Howard Payne University, he completed his master's in Spanish at A&M. Since 2003, Caraballo has been teaching Spanish at A&M and serves as an A&M mentor. MSC CAMAC educates the Texas A&M community on the various aspects of Mexican American culture, heritage, and traditions. They also organize the annual Student Conference on Latino Affairs.

## Aggies CAN food drive this weekend

The Texas A&M Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and Aggie Athletes Involved (AAI) will conduct the fifth annual "Aggies CAN" food drive at the three sporting events this weekend (Oct. 1-2).

"Our goal this year is to collect 80,000 cans of food for the Brazos Valley Food Bank," said Aggies CAN chairwoman and Aggie softball player Lindsay Park. "Last year, we collected 18,234 cans and \$3,300 in cash donations."

The food drive begins on Friday as the women's volleyball team hosts the Texas Tech Red Raiders at the Rolie White Coliseum beginning at 6 p.m. The women's soccer team plays host to Oklahoma State in a match beginning at 8 p.m. at the Little Complex. Fans can drop off their cans of food, or make monetary donations to the volunteers who will be dressed in bright lime green shirts. Checks should be made out to Brazos Valley Food Bank.

By bringing a canned good, fans can enter the volleyball and soccer events free of charge. The food drive concludes on Saturday as the Aggie football team hosts the Kansas State Wildcats with kickoff set for 6 p.m.

The volunteers will be in place from 3 p.m. until the end of the first quarter. One lucky fan will receive an autographed football.

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