

At A Glance. . .

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"Holy" Inferno--The 51 day standoff between 400 federal agents and cultist David Koresh finally came to an end Monday as the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas went up in flames. It is believed that Koresh set fire to the compound in an apparent mass suicide that claimed the lives of 86 sect members--including 24 children. There are nine known survivors, and investigators are currently searching through the rubble, a project that may take months because of weapons and ammunition arsenals located in the compound.

Pesticides and Breast Cancer--The banned pesticide DDT may in part explain the steady rise of breast cancer in the USA in the 1970s and '80s. Women whose blood indicated DDT exposure were up to four times more likely to develop breast cancer years later, a new, small study finds. In 1972, DDT was banned in the USA because of cancer fears, but some countries still allow the use of DDT. Breast cancer currently strikes about one in nine women in the U.S., and has increased 2% per year from the early '70s until leveling off in 1987.

Rio Grande "Sewer"--The 2,000 mile Rio Grande--which flows through Colorado, New Mexico and Texas--has been named the Most Endangered River of 1993. The conservation group American Rivers says the Rio Grande presents the greatest human health threat due to massive degradation. The river is "a sewer for untreated human waste and industrial pollutants from U.S.-owned plants on the Mexican side," the group says. The group chooses an endangered river annually in hopes of raising awareness and inciting efforts to improve the condition of U.S. rivers.

3-Year Degree--High costs and crowding have extended college for many students from four to five years. Now some schools are considering three-year degrees in an effort to cut the cost of higher education. State University of New York campuses may test ways to streamline the path to a bachelor's degree and Oberlin College will offer a 3-year option next fall. Other suggestions to reducing costs include increasing class time and eliminating unnecessary required courses.

Bosnia Intervention--The White House may increase intervention in Bosnia-Herzegovina by arming beleaguered Muslims or bombing Serb artillery. U.S. warplanes already patrol a no-fly zone over Bosnia, where Serbs battle Muslims and Croats who declared independence from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia. Srebrenica, a Muslim town packed with civilian refugees and circled by Serbs, has collapsed, and the fighting continues in Bosnia as the Clinton administration decides how much help is enough.

Mercyhurst Archaeology--Mercyhurst College is expanding its archaeology department with the acquisition of a program from Southern Methodist University that will give the institution capabilities unparalleled anywhere in the country. Mercyhurst announced Tuesday that its takeover of SMU's contract archaeology field program has been approved and will move it from the University's campus in Dallas, to the Dallas suburb of DeSoto. Contract archaeology involves using staff and facilities of colleges to excavate fields for government agencies and private businesses. Mercyhurst currently has facilities to allow students to work in labs and handle the day-to-day technical functions, while being trained to work with highly sophisticated machinery.

Fatal Plane Crash--South Dakota Governor, George Mickelson, and seven other people were killed Monday in a plane crash near Dubuque, Iowa. The state-owned turboprop plane went down during a rainstorm after the pilot reported engine trouble before reaching the Dubuque airport. Federal Aviation Administration officials are still unsure as to the exact cause of the crash which also claimed the lives of two state officials, Roland Dolly and Ron Reed, and two pilots and three businessmen. Lt. Gov. Walter Dale Miller was sworn in Tuesday as South Dakota's 29th governor.

Clintons Among Wealthiest 1%--Judging from their 1992 tax return, President Clinton and his family belong to a very elite group--the wealthiest 1% of all taxpayers. The adjusted gross income of the Clintons was \$290,697. As of 1989, only 0.7% of taxpayers had an AGI of \$200,000 or more. This year the Clintons will earn less because Hillary, who has been the family breadwinner, has given up all outside income during the family's stay in the White House. Last year was a lucrative one for Hillary, as she earned \$203,172 from Rose Law Firm, including an accelerated payment in December of her share of the firm's 1992 profit. They will, however, remain in the golden 1% with the President's \$200,000 salary, plus their investment earnings.

Commencement Speakers--The secret to a good college commencement speaker is a short speech and a big name. Parents and students can't wait to see diplomas handed out so the best commencement speeches are the briefest. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will be speaking at the University of Michigan and Fred Rogers host of *Mister Rogers Neighborhood* will be at the University of Pittsburgh and at Goucher College.

Police Report

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Medical Assists

Police and Safety responded to several incidents of students needing medical assistance this week. Two students were transported to the hospital by ambulance and two others were taken to the Health Center for treatment. In one incident, a student was treated by Brookside after her hair had caught on fire from a candle. The student refused, however, to be taken to the hospital and was released to a friend's care.

Towed Vehicles

Several vehicles have been towed from campus because they were illegally parked. Two students had their parking privileges revoked because they received more than nine tickets this semester. One of these vehicles was towed for failure to comply with the order to turn in the parking permit.

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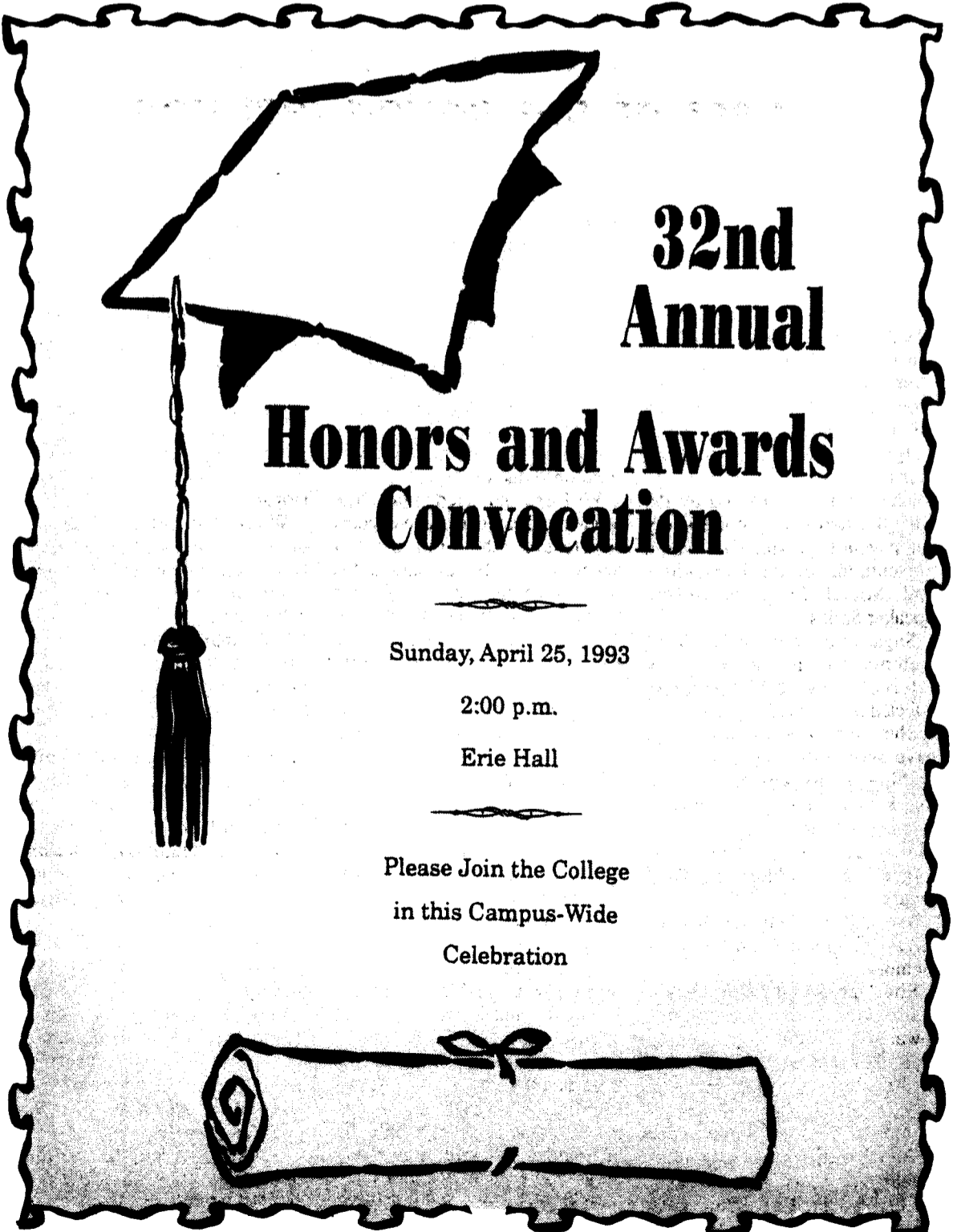
Emergency Phone Installed

A new emergency phone has been installed in parking lot "S" (the large parking lot behind the Maintenance and Operations Building). This phone is for situations when students or guests must contact the Office of Police and Safety from this area. This phone is not for communications with students' rooms or other offices of the College.

To use the phone, open the door of the box and push the "call" button on the face plate. You will notice a red light come on and hear a dial tone, followed by the typical sounds of a number being dialed by a touch-tone phone. In a few seconds you will hear the phone being answered. Simply speak into the built-in speaker and tell the dispatcher what you want. The phone line will stay open for one minute.

Should you hear a busy signal when you push the call button, wait until the red light goes out and then push the call button again. Do not push the call button until the red light goes out.

If you have any questions on the purpose or operation of this phone, stop by the Office of Police and Safety.



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Annual
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Sunday, April 25, 1993

2:00 p.m.

Erie Hall

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