



Houston baby was born on same date as others in family

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HOUSTON — Sabrina Leeann Heinrich was born Sunday, just in time for the birthday celebrations of her grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, uncle and cousin. Parents Jerry and Sandra Hein-

rich, both 26, laughed off questions about the family's Nov. 26 birthday tradition, which happens to fall about nine months after Valentine's Day. "Who knows? Maybe Mother Nature is playing tricks," said Mrs. Heinrich.

"It's just one of those things," Heinrich said. Sabrina's brother was born one day too early to belong to the Nov. 26 club.

All for the cause

Battalion photo by David Owens

Junior James Nicolaou chose to display his enthusiasm for tonight's Bonfire by shaving his head into a block T. Nicolaou and a few other Corps members shaved their heads into either mohawks or block T's. Why? "Cause it's Bonfire!"

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Heart surgery tested

The removal of certain nerves in the hearts of test animals has been shown by Texas A&M University researchers to decrease the blood flow requirement in the heart and to increase the number of new blood vessels in damaged parts of the heart. The process could eventually prolong the lives of heart patients.

Other vessels will grow toward the damaged region of the heart, thus supplying it with blood, he said.

"Findings might provide improved techniques for treating human heart patients and increasing their chance of survival," Jones said.

Carl Jones, a physiologist in the Texas A&M University College of Medicine, has been studying cardiac problems since he received his doctorate in medical science 10 years ago.

He said he began his research on the effects of removing sympathetic nerves from the heart when he came to Texas A&M in 1976. Sympathetic nerves are the nerves in the heart that cause adjustments in heart activity. By removing these nerves the heart will beat at a steady rate instead of speeding up or slowing down as body activity increases or decreases, Jones said.

When coronary occlusion occurs (blockage of a coronary artery), the blood supply to a particular region of the heart is cut off completely or is greatly reduced, Jones said.

By removing the sympathetic nerves before coronary occlusion takes place, the damage to that region of the heart will be reduced. The blood flow in the unblocked vessels will increase and new coronary vessels will grow toward the damaged region of the heart, thus supplying it with blood, he said.

During the past two years, Jones has received \$90,000 from the NIH and \$10,000 from the American Heart Association.

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