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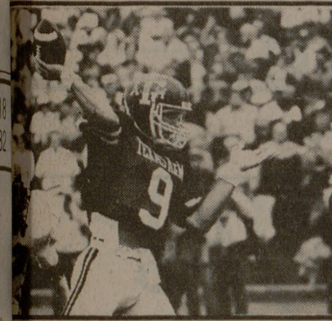
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## Researchers link cancer to genes

**United Press International**  
CHICAGO — Cancer researchers are "working around the clock" to pursue the discovery by a Philadelphia scientist of some of the strongest evidence yet linking a form of cancer to basic units of heredity.

Dr. Carlo M. Croce of the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology said what may be the way a certain gene is activated to turn normal cells into malignant ones.

Croce reported his findings at a symposium sponsored by the University of Chicago and discussed the work Wednesday in a telephone interview.

The development could lead, in several years, to new ways to treat cancer, said Dr. Janet D. Rowley, symposium coordinator and an expert on abnormalities in chromosomes, the bodies within cells that carry the genes.

"It is very exciting," she said. "It's one step in a long process of understanding how a normal cell becomes a malignant cell."

Croce studied hereditary material known as DNA from a patient with Burkitt's lymphoma, a cancer involving lymphoid cells most commonly found in African children.

He found a gene known to cause cancer in chickens had moved from one chromosome to another. He also found the cancer gene had recombined with an active gene involved in the production of immunoglobulin, a protein active in the body's defenses against disease.

Croce said his laboratory has evidence the cancer gene was activated and produced a protein.

He said the next step is to find out how that gene product works and once that is understood, he said re-

searchers will attempt to find a way to shut off the apparent cancer-causing mechanism.

"We are all excited," he said. "We are working around the clock."

A scientist from Harvard University reported at the same symposium Croce's finding had been confirmed in the Harvard lab.

Dr. George Khoury, chief of the laboratory of molecular virology at the National Cancer Institute outside of Washington, said Croce's research was significant in the effort to understand how cancer genes are turned on, and possibly how they can be turned off.

"The assumption is that the movement of this in some way turns on this gene," Dr. Rowley said. "And it's this turning on that may be related to the cancerous nature of the cell."

## Committee considers faculty senate's role

by Rebeca Zimmermann  
Battalion Staff

A major concern of the committee studying the future of the Academic Council is to prevent overlap between the council and the proposed faculty senate, committee chairman Clinton A. Phillips says.

The ad hoc committee, appointed by Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver, met this week to begin studying the council's future role and function.

The Academic Council is the only university-wide body dealing with academic matters. The council primarily is made up of administrators, deans and department heads — only 24 of the 167 members are elected faculty members.

A faculty senate was proposed a year ago to increase the faculty's role in University governance.

Faculty members will have a chance to discuss the senate's proposed constitution during an open meeting of the senate steering committee at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Rudder Auditorium.

The faculty will vote on ratification of the constitution Nov. 9. If passed, the constitution must be approved by the Texas A&M System Board of Regents. The proposal is not on the regents' November meeting agenda, so it will be January before the board takes action on the senate proposal.

The proposed constitution calls for a unicameral body but doesn't address what role the Academic Council will have.

"We're going into a transition period," Phillips said. "It all hinges on whether the faculty approves a senate."

A committee may be established during the transition period to help define senate and council roles, Phillips said.

"The ad hoc committee felt it was not in a position to come up with specific recommendations yet," he said.

The committee did agree to reduce the size of the council. Since faculty members would be represented by the faculty senate, faculty delegates from each college and department

probably would be eliminated, Phillips said.

"It's hard to predict what's going to happen to the council," he said. "We really are not sure what role this council will play in the future. The functions of the Academic Council ... duplicate what's in the senate document."

The council handles primarily routine matters presented by various council committees. The council approves or rejects new courses, curricula changes and degree candidates.

The faculty senate constitution states its functions will include reviewing or initiating University policies and regulations, curricula changes and approving degree candidates.

Instructional standards, hiring of faculty, tenure promotions, overall University planning and evaluation of University administrators, personnel and appointments also are a part of the proposed constitution.



Snap, crackle, stuff

photo by David Scott

John Ryan "eats the hell out of" Rice Krispies. Ryan was one of 21 contestants who raced to finish three bowls of the cereal in three minutes Thursday. It was part of an MSC Recreation Committee contest to build spirit for Saturday's game with the Rice Owls. Ryan is a junior finance major from Grand Prairie.



staff photo by Jorge Casari

### 'Just following orders'

Howard Higgins, a sophomore from San Antonio, carries a stuffed elephant on campus Thursday. When asked why he was carrying one of the symbols of being a senior, he said he was "just following orders." Higgins is a computing science major.

## Provost search may end soon

The search for a provost/vice president for academic affairs may be nearing its final stages.

Clinton A. Phillips, dean of faculties and chairman of the search committee, said 75 nominations were received by the Oct. 1 deadline. He said search committee members, who have been reviewing dossiers on each nominee, will meet next week to pare down the list.

The committee may be able to give University President Frank E. Vandiver a list of its recommendations by mid-November, Phillips said.

Nominations have come from all over the country, he said, and there are some strong candidates.

"This is a better crop than last time," he said.

One search was conducted by another committee, but the committee was unable to recommend anyone for the position. Vandiver formed a new committee in July to reopen the search.

The position has been vacant since January when Dr. J.M. Prescott resigned to direct the Texas A&M Institute of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. Dr. Charles McCandless, associate vice president for academic affairs, is serving as interim vice president.

The addition of provost to the title of vice president for academic affairs was made by Vandiver as part of his University administration reorganization plan. The provost/vice president will be second in command to the president.

## Colombian wins Nobel

**United Press International**  
STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Colombian author Gabriel Garcia Marquez — in self-exile because of his socialist beliefs and friendship with Fidel Castro — Thursday won the 1982 Nobel Literature Prize.

"He has gradually confirmed his position as a rare storyteller, richly endowed with material, from imagination and experience, which seems inexhaustible," the citation by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

Garcia Marquez, 55, was the first Colombian writer and fourth from Latin America to win the prestigious prize, which this year was worth \$157,000.

The citation said Garcia Marquez won for his work combining fantasy with reality to show "a continent's life and conflicts."

"There was no conflict over the choice of Garcia Marquez," Academy Secretary Lars Gyllensten said.

"We have had long deliberations over the principles of choosing a winner. It's not our aim to find the world champion of literature, but to find a good author who merits the prize," he said.

Garcia Marquez was cited also for his journalistic work, in which he stands "strongly committed" to the poor. The Academy said he continues a tradition in Latin America of drawing from a rich, "spiced and life-giving brew" of literary genres and influences.

The author moved to Rome in 1954 and has lived in exile since then, living at different times in Barcelona, New York, Paris and Mexico.

## Raise drinking age to 21, group says

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — Despite a prediction by Gov. Bill Clements that raising the legal drinking age to 21 will find rough going in the Legislature, the Governor's Task Force for Traffic Safety has recommended such a change in state law.

"We felt our job was to try to submit recommendations that would save lives, and for that reason we felt like we could not ignore the life-saving possibilities raising the legal drinking age to 21," said Department of Public Safety Director Jim Adams who headed the 16-member task force.

Raising the legal drinking age from 19 to 21 was among 38 proposals unanimously recommended by the task force Thursday. Another expected to draw fire is the recommendation that open containers of alcoholic beverages in automobiles be banned.

"With an open container law, that would add official sanction to what everyone knows, and that is that drinking and driving doesn't make sense," Adams said.

The task force's year of study focused on ways to reduce driving while intoxicated and related traffic hazards. Adams said the drinking age and open container recommendations are crucial to curbing DWI-related fatalities — primarily among teenagers.

Adams said national statistics showed alcohol-related auto accidents were the leading cause of death among young people between the ages of 16 and 24.

The task force also proposed mandatory jail time and suspension of drivers licenses for repeat DWI offenders.

## Aggieland photos due

The deadline for freshmen and sophomores to have their pictures taken for the 1983 Aggieland has been extended to Friday, Oct. 29. Students can have their pictures taken at the Yearbook Associates studio at 9700 Puryear Dr.

Photos of juniors and seniors will be taken until Dec. 17.

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Today's Forecast: High in the high 60s, low in the mid 50s. Northeasterly winds about 10 mph.