

Warped

by Scott McCullar



# Aid advisory board named

by Robin Black

**Battalion Staff**  
Taft Benson, director of the financial aid department, and Jordan, student body president, have created a six-member student advisory board in an effort to increase student input into the department.

Benson said he wanted to establish a student committee because he feels there is not enough communication between the department and students.

"I want to get their views on problems that exist in the department," Benson said. "I think it can be a way to improve the department operates." After Benson and Jordan discussed the idea of such a group last month ago, Jordan began forming criteria for committee members.

He said he wanted to form a standing committee of students to have received some form of financial aid.

The committee members are: Brian Barr, a senior accounting major; Diane Baumbach, a junior accounting major; Kevin Brannon, a junior business major; Beth Castenson, a graduate business student; Michael Sheffield, a sophomore nuclear engineering major; and Janice Simon, a junior safety engineering major.

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The committee will have its first meeting with the financial aid director next week.

Brannon said he wanted to be on the committee because he is concerned about the financial aid program. He says communication is the department's biggest problem.

"I don't think the program is based enough on need right now," he said. "I think our first goal should be to make students more aware of what funds are available and how to get them."

# MBA Law Day set for weekend

Two former Texas A&M students who have received both master's degrees and law school degrees will speak Saturday at the MSC MBA/Law Day.

Judge Robert F. Pfeuffer of New Braunfels will speak at 1 p.m. to students with interests in law.

Then students will again break into groups to talk with a panel of lawyers.

Students can preregister for MSC MBA/Law Day in 216 MSC today.

The seminar costs \$4, and lunch costs \$3.

Lunch will be served on second floor of the Memorial Student Center during the break between seminars.

# Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police department through Thursday:

- THEFTS:**
- A brown 10-speed bicycle from the Moore Hall bike rack.
  - A cordless telephone from 54D Medical Sciences.
  - A wallet from 210F Academic. The wallet contained \$60 in cash, a Texas driver's license, a Texas A&M I.D. card and several credit cards.

**OTHER:**

- A duplicated parking permit was found on a truck parked in a reserved staff lot. The owner admitted that he made the duplicate, University Police said.
- A person was putting unauthorized leaflets on vehicles parked in the student lot northwest of Wofford Cain Pool. University Police informed him of University regulations concerning campus solicitation.

# Aggie wins gold medal in science competition

by Kelly Miller

**Battalion Reporter**  
Shamim A. Rahman, a Texas A&M senior, has won a gold medal for his paper on an aerospace engineering project at an international science contest held in Budapest, Hungary.

Rahman, an aerospace engineering major, represented the United States in the contest, which was part of a conference sponsored by the International Aeronautical Federation last month.

Other contestants were from Czechoslovakia, Hungary, China, France, Romania and Bulgaria.

Papers entered in the undergraduate division of the contest were judged on technical content and oral presentation.

Rahman's paper evaluated three weeks of tests he had performed on a National Aeronautics and Space Administration proposal to prevent ice from forming on the exterior fuel tank of the space shuttle.

The proposal suggested heating the fuel tank with warm air jets.

Rahman said chunks of ice on the fuel tank break off and damage the shuttle's external tiles. For the space shuttle to safely re-enter the atmosphere, the protective tiles must be working properly.

"My tests verified the effectiveness of the ice suppression proposal," Rahman said. "The proposal is definitely feasible."

"Engineering research problems take years and each time the tests are done, they're just a little fancier and more accurate than before," he said.

The tests were made on a scale model of the space shuttle at the University's wind tunnel at Easterwood Airport.

Dr. Jose Portero, assistant professor of aerospace engineering, directed the tests that were done for the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Rahman was his student research assistant.

"Rahman worked for me for about a year," Portero said. "He is a very hard-working, bright, mature student. I'm sure he'll do well wherever he goes."



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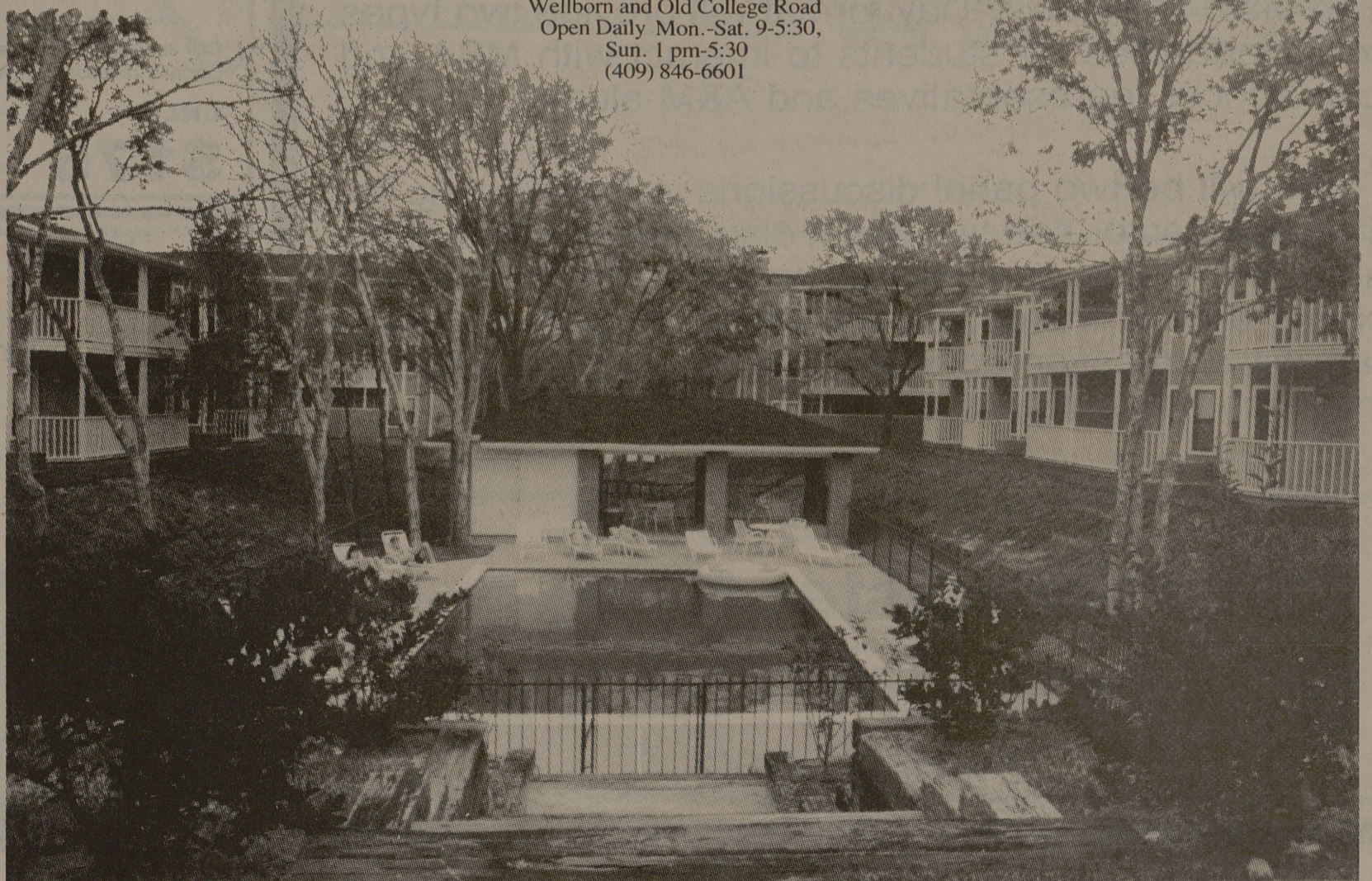
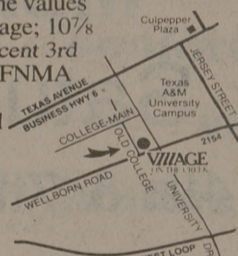
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