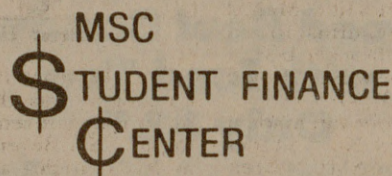

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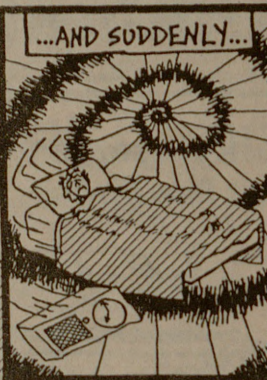
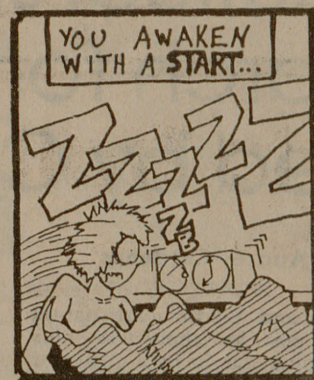
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Undergraduate Fellows Program lets students conduct research

By Bridget Harrow Reporter

Most students become queasy at the mention of having to write an essay. And many would panic if they had to do in-depth research on a topic for two consecutive semesters, and then write a formal thesis. However, there are a few students who would like the chance to take on such a task, and the Undergraduate Fellows Program gives them this opportunity. The program is a two-semester research project, which produces an honors thesis. Under the direction of an adviser, students are able to conduct independent research in their fields. During their senior year, students in the program substitute any six credit hours in their major, three each semester, for research problem courses. "The program is designed for those who intend to pursue a career in research," said Louise Canfield, director of the University Honors Program. "It's an opportunity for students to gain invaluable research experience, work closely with distinguished faculty and benefit from research discussions with other students." To be eligible for the program, students must have an overall grade-point ratio of 3.25 or better at the end of the first semester of their junior year. Applicants must file a preproposal with the Honors Program of-

fice. Once the preproposal is approved, prospective fellows are notified, and they must submit a formal proposal written under an adviser's direction. Canfield said the main reason applicants must submit both proposals is to ensure a good student-adviser relationship. "The student-adviser relationship is absolutely crucial," Canfield said. "The adviser must think carefully about this. He has to be aware of the time, and in some cases, the financial commitments. All good students don't make good researchers, just as all professors don't make good advisers. If they do not communicate well, then the whole program is a failure." At the end of the program, each fellow must submit a senior honors thesis describing his research. The theses are bound and placed in the Archives of the University Library. And at the annual Undergraduate Fellows Symposium, fellows present a professional paper summarizing their research findings, and awards for the best theses are given. Fellows are recognized at Commencement and their transcripts identify them as University Undergraduate Fellows. Between 100 and 110 students are selected each year. If space is a limitation, preference is usually given to students with prior experience in the Honors program. But Canfield said space is usually not why some students' preproposals are declined. Primarily, preproposals are declined because of missed deadlines, she said.

Health center wing to get oxygen facility

By Cindy Bomba Reporter

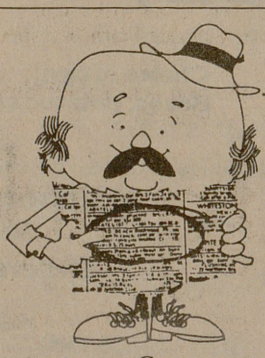
The opening of the new addition to the A.P. Beutel Health Center will upgrade Texas A&M's hyperbaric medicine facilities, says Dr. William P. Fife, hyperbaric laboratory director. Hyperbaric medicine is the use of compressed air and oxygen in the treatment of diseases, says Fife, professor emeritus of biology. "In our hyperbaric chambers, we compress air and have the patients either breathe oxygen through a mask or we apply the oxygen topically to the wound," he says. "It is very rare for a university to have hyperbaric facilities," Fife says. "A&M is one of about five universities in the nation with these facilities." The facility is located nearly three miles from the main campus, adjacent to the Nuclear Science Center. Hyperbaric medicine has been used widely since the early 1900s for diving-related sickness, Fife says, but it wasn't until the 1960s that it started to be seriously considered as a treatment for other illnesses. In the last 15 years, several illnesses have been found to be treatable with hyperbaric medicine. Among them are carbon monoxide poisoning, soft-tissue ulcers, non-union fractures, failing skin grafts, gangrene and migraine headaches, Fife says.

"With carbon monoxide poisoning, half of the poison can be removed in 22 minutes in a hyperbaric chamber," Fife says. "It normally takes five hours for the body to remove the same amount of poison." Many diseases once thought to be untreatable are getting positive results through hyperbaric medicine, Fife says, including multiple sclerosis. "Cirrhosis of the liver is often the result of alcoholism or ingestion of some other poison," Fife says. "It looks like in the early stages, it can be cured or reversed with hyperbaric treatment."

The new hyperbaric laboratory will be completed in about 60 days and the chamber will be moved to the addition in about 30 days. The chamber must be placed in a hole about three feet deep and put on a concrete slab that can hold the pressure of hydrostatic water testing. This is a testing procedure that must be done about every five years to maintain safety. The chamber is filled with water and checked for leaks. If there is a leak, the chamber could explode when pressurized. "People don't understand the amount of pressure used out here," Fife says. "If one small thing went wrong, you could be dead in 30 or 40 seconds."

'Bubbas' win tug-of-war in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — "Bubba" brown proved better than "yuppie" brain, when southside residents proved their claim to being the city's better half in a weekend game of tug-of-war across the Colorado River. North Austinites put their reputations on the line and came out all wet in the event billed as the world's largest tug-of-war. The silver tug-of-war champion cup, decorated at the base with a piece of rope, sits on the south side of the river, along with its self-proclaimed bubbas, who claim to have more brown than northside residents. "We're the bubbas, we're south Austinites," said 360-pound Pat Bennett. "The South will always triumph." The event brought hundreds of participants to the banks of the Colorado River and thousands of onlookers who found it a good excuse for a picnic. Charles Gandy, a former state representative, organized the big tug to raise money to build a youth hostel in Austin. Hostels are inexpensive places for travelers to stay overnight. Between \$50,000 and \$60,000 was raised, he said.



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