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California quake kills 6, injures at least 100

hquake and 16 strong af-nocks rumbled across Southern fornia on Thursday, destroying lings, damaging hundreds of The lozens of fires. At least six peowere killed and more than 100

hit the Los Angeles area since the 6.4 Sylmar quake of 1971 that killed 64

The temblor sent thousands into es, closing freeways and setting the streets as buildings were temporarily evacuated amid widespread power outages. Landmark buildings dating to Spanish colonial times he U.S. Geological Survey said were damaged, shattered glass and uake registered 6.1 on the Rich- other debris rained into the street cale, making it the strongest to and a tall plume of smoke from a

shopping center fire rose south of the downtown area.

Damage was worst in Whittier, the closest suburban area to the epi-center. The quake destroyed 30 downtown buildings, mostly busi-nesses, said J. Sonny Morkus, Whittier's emergency services coordinator. Marsha Andersen, a spokesman for Presbyterian Intercommunity more were expected. Hospital, said 50 to 60 people were Based on its location.

treated for injuries.

The quake hit at 7:42 a.m. PDT (9:42 a.m. CDT) and lasted 15 to 30 seconds, depending on nearness to the epicenter, which was about seven miles south-southeast of Pasadena at the north end of the Whittier-Elsinore Fault. At least 16 aftershocks measuring 3 or more on the Richter

scale followed by late afternoon and

Based on its location, scientists are calling Thursday's quake the Whit-

of Technology in Pasadena.

In Whittier's older residential neighborhoods, porches collapsed onto lawns, chimneys toppled, windows were shattered and most residents sat outside on chairs, afraid to return inside.

"The houses up here in the hills to stay overnight.

tier Narrows earthquake, said Clar-ence Allen, professor of geology and geophysics at the California Institute "I'm from Ohio, and I'm going

Police Officer Mike Willis said the uptown area in the city of 71,000 'suffered considerable damage.'

Mayor Gene H. Chandler declared a state of emergency and two shelters were established for people



On a roll

Pi Kappa Alpha member Robert Clay, a junior accounting major from on, gets a pull as he rolls along on his skateboard from fraternity brother Peter Sanguesa, a junior journalism major, also from Photo by Sam Myers

Houston, Thursday afternoon. The two were watching the Aggie Band prepare for this weekend's gridiron matchup in Lubbock between Texas A&M and Texas Tech University.

Director of MHMR resigns, receives praise from board

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas caused him to second the motion to Board of Mental Health and Mental accept the resignation, board mem-Retardation had only nice things to ber Coke Mills of Waco sa say Thursday about Commissioner not sure I could define that.' Gary Miller before accepting a resig-

nation submitted under fire.

Board members praised Miller for helping bring the agency to the verge of settlement on federal lawsuits that have sparked court-ordered changes in the care of the mentally ill and mentally retarded.

Miller, a psychiatrist who has been the agency's top official since 1982, also was lauded for proving that physicians can be administrators and for helping the transition to community care for the mentally ill and re-

Nevertheless, the board, without uttering a negative word, voted unanimously to accept Miller's offer

board Chairman Roger Bateman of Corpus Christi said of the peculiar Asked what problems with Miller

don't understand it either,"

ber Coke Mills of Waco said, "I'm

Although there were reports of board dissension on whether to fire Miller, Mills said, "I don't think anybody was forced to do anything.

Miller said he did not think he was

fired.
"I think I resigned based on my own volition," he said after the board granted his request to stay on the \$82,000-a-year job until March

'I thought of all the options, including what's going on at the department and my own feeling for the agency, and came to the conclusion that at this time this was an appropriate step for me to take," he

In addition to the courthouse problems, the agency has long been in the middle of a fight between those who favor institutional care and those who prefer community-

A&M will amplify music program with new coordinator

By Cindy Milton Staff Writer

Next year may mark the beginng of an improved music program-something that is needed to make as A&M a first-class university, d Dr. Daniel Fallon, dean of the

ollege of Liberal Arts.
The University has offered music uses — appreciation, theory and ory - since the early 1970s, Falsaid. But significant student int within the past few years has to discussion of improvement of which evenly could develop into a music de-

A&M already has some impressive anz Krager, lecturer of music, lecturer, is a former head of A&M's bonducts the Brazos Valley Symbony while Dr. George Adams, brofessor of music, is the associate outductor. Margaret MacArthur, June 1988 when Dr. Werner Rose,



professor of music at the University of Wyoming, joins the three faculty members teaching music at A&M. Rose will be coordinator of the music program — a first at A&M.

The music program, now orga-nized under the philosophy depart-ment, may have a central office next year, Adams said, and the offices of the music faculty, now in the Har-rington Tower, will be moved to the member of the Western Arts Trio, than philosophy, Adams said.

Rose, visiting the campus last week for a faculty retreat, said his job as coordinator will be twofold it will focus on the existing musical activities at A&M and enrich and add to the programs.

"I see myself as a catalyst and a spokesman for the music program," Rose said.

provide programs for students and faculty members interested in creating musical ensembles and small bands.

The development of the program also will include a venture with the University of Houston and the Houston Museum of Fine Arts during the annual Lyric Arts Festival.

Blocker Building, where the theater arts department is located, since theater arts is more related to music concerts, lectures and recitals on campus.

Most schools already have devel-

oped music progams, Rose said, and by adding a coordinator, A&M will become more enriched.

"We aren't pushing for a major yet," he said. "There are schools down the road if that's what you're

ose said.

Rose said the program is in an experimental stage and it will take

some time for results to come about. cern that "Aggie traditionalists" may The eventual development of a music department, Fallon said, is far down the road.

"Creation of a department takes the approval of a lot of people," Fallon said. "It would have to go through the Faculty Senate, the Board of Regents and the Coordinating Board." nating Board.

He said in the meantime the music program and the college will

work on creating a solid curriculum.

Adams said growth of the program will give students more exposure in fine arts and humanities, rather than limiting them to studies within their majors.

'At an institution like A&M, there's a danger of turning out people with essentially narrow view-points," Adams said. "They are educated in their field, but not in the

However, Adams expressed con-

resist this venture in fine arts.

"This may go against what some people think A&M is," he said, "but if they think this type of growth will harm the University, then they're selling A&M short. We have a lot of potential here. Overall, both Adams and Rose ex-

pect the development of the program to enhance A&M traditions.

"The traditions here are great," Rose said. "We have an opportunity to nurture them. We want to create enough opportunity so that students can participate in any kind of music

The future of the music program, as well as any other aspiring program, faces the problems of space and facilities for students and faculty. However, Rose said, overcoming problems like these go hand-inhand with progress.

freshmen in race for presidential seat summarize goals for honored position

By Drew Leder Staff Writer

All but two of the nine candidates ho spent this week campaigning or freshman class president will be ninated from the race after the ing booths close Monday.

Freshmen voters will elect class ofcers and nine freshmen to the Stuent Senate and reduce the number f Class of '91 presidential hopefuls the two candidates who receive e most votes. A run-off election ween these two will be held

The role of the freshman class esident is to oversee the class uncil, which is responsible for putng on a freshman ball in the spring d organizing fundraisers to ac ure money for a class gift the class ill donate to Texas A&M in 1991. The presidential candidates are:

• Steven Wehrheim, a political

Vehrheim said he wants to be rrent trend of politics that doesn't the students and see what I can do low the people to share in the polithere. al decisions that affect them.

"Politics is going in the wrong dition right now, and I want to turn hat around," he said. "There's not nough representation of the people

All freshmen can cast their bal-lots for the Class of '91 officers Monday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Votes will be taken at the following locations:

• MSC, main lobby.

· Pavilion, first floor.

Sbisa Dining Hall, outside near the Fish Pond, weather permitting. (Voting will be in the A-1 lounge in the event of rain.)

and I see no better time than the present (to change that). Wehrheim also said he hopes to pursue a political career after leaving A&M.

• Richard Garza, a political sci-

ence major from Sugarland. Garza said he also has political aspirations that extend beyond A&M. "My goal in life is to be the gover-nor of Texas," he said. "(Now) I

• Valerie Coleman, a business

want to do the best I can to represent

major from San Antonio. Coleman said she would like to be president so she can contribute class gift.

portunity to participate.
"I want to work to help organize and contribute any ideas which might further enhance our already impressive student body," she said. 'Anyone can attend a university -I want to participate in mine.'

• Miles Gibbons, a construction science major from Plano.

Gibbons is running for student senator as well as president. He said he wants to use the political avenues at A&M to make students aware of what they can accomplish.

"I want to improve the awareness of freshmen," he said. "There are opportunities that they don't know

Gibbons also said he would like to investigate the possibility of establishing a used-book store sponsored and run by students.

• Heather Glenn, a business ma-

jor from Richardson. Glenn said she wants to be president because she is confident she

would be a good one. 'I know that I can do a fantastic

job as president," she said. Glenn said that, as president, she would concentrate her efforts on raising money for the class ball and • Wayne Couch, a chemistry ma-

Couch said he would use the position of president to help create a feeling of unity among the freshman

"I see a potential to unite the freshman class," he said. "If we are going to be the biggest (the largest freshman class in the nation) and the best, we need to unite the freshman class now. If we're unified, there is nothing that we can't accomplish."

• Joel Hutton, a political science major from Dallas.

Hutton said that although he isn't quired of the president, he is willing nine senators will be elected Monto do whatever the job requires. 'I'll do whatever needs to get

major from McAllen. Villarreal said he wants to orga- seats.

man class ball and provide a well-established image for the whole fresh-

• Matthew Wood, a political science major from College Station.

man class," he said.

Wood said he wants to organize a system that will provide numerous opportunities for freshmen to get involved at A&M. He said that growing up in College Station helps him understand what's going on at A&M and what students want.

"My main goal is to set up a system under which our class can work to Hutton said he became interested get as many people involved as possi-in the presidency at Fish Camp when ble," he said. "I'd like to see a class someone suggested that he run for that has a number of committees to the office. Hutton, a member of the get a wide base to draw from. I know Corps of Cadets, said he hopes that A&M fairly well and I feel I know backing from the Corps will help what's going on and what people him win the office.

In addition to presidential elecsure what specific duties are re-tions, four other class officers and

Ten freshmen have filed to run for class vice president, two for treasurer, one for secretary and one for • Ron Villarreal, a biochemistry social secretary. Also, there are 14 candidates vying for nine senatorial

nize a great ball this year for the Class of '91.

"I hope to put on the best fresh"I hope to put on the best fresh-

Robertson declares candidacy

NEW YORK (AP) — Longtime television evangelist Pat Robertson declared his candidacy for the 1988 Republican presidential nomination Thursday, saying, "I am stretching forth my hand to all Americans.

This will not be the campaign of a small, well-organized minority. It will be a campaign to capture the hearts of the American people." Robertson spoke in front of the three-story brownstone house in an innercity neighborhood where he lived briefly 27 years ago as a young minister.

Several hundred supporters cheered Robertson and some held signs reading, "Robertson for God and country

Standing on the edges of the crowd were protesters whose signs said, "AIDS kills black people. Pat doesn't care." They chan-

ted, "Bigot, bigot, bigot."
Earlier, Robertson spoke on the "700 Club," the Christian Broadcasting Network show he hosted for years. Robertson, who two days ago severed his ties to the Baptist ministry and CBN, described his candidacy as "a big move for me.'