

# Texas A&M The Battalion

## WEATHER

TOMORROW'S FORECAST:  
Cooler, showers likely.

HIGH: 88 LOW: 68

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### Going through the motions

(From left) Terri Smith, Jenny Lieferman, and Toni Burrill dribble soccer balls around cones Monday afternoon during the Texas

A&M women's soccer team's practice. The Lady Aggies play Southern Methodist University Sunday in Dallas.

Photo by Kathy Haveman

## Parking permits become hot item for car burglars

By Kelly S. Brown

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Several vehicles on campus have been broken into the past two weeks. Each time the victim is surprised to find the sole item missing is a new parking permit which once dangled from his mirror.

But a parking official said this is no cause for widespread alarm.

Tom Williams, director of parking, traffic and transit, said the break-ins were probably committed "with the intention of stealing a stereo or whatever else, and while the thief is attempting to take other things, he grabs the permit."

But Robert Brooks, an A&M staff member whose car was broken into Wednesday in Lot 17 (reserved for random staff), said his car was van-

dalized so the thief could get to his parking permit. The tag was the only thing stolen.

Whatever the intent, the consequences, if caught, are a high price to pay.

Burglary of a motor vehicle is a third degree felony, punishable by 2 to 10 years in prison and/or a \$5,000 fine.

Williams said there is not a rash of parking permits being stolen at A&M and "it's not a problem." His office has received only one report, while the University Police Department has received six reports.

The victim pays a permit replacement fee of \$5, but the cost of a new window upsets the victims.

Mitchell Morehead, manager of

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## A&M Regents offer chance to air gripes in forum Thursday

By Kelly S. Brown

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If you've ever wanted to go to the top with a problem — the big cheese, the top dog or head honcho — now is your chance.

The Board of Regents will be at Texas A&M Thursday for a "look and listen" visit to the campus, while asking for input from the administration, students, faculty, media representatives and the general public on policy issues.

The hearing is scheduled for 11 a.m. in the Board of Regents Meeting Room in the MSC.

The trip to A&M is part of a statewide visitation program being conducted by the Regents' Committee on Academic Campuses. Similar visits will be made to the six other academic components of TAMUS.

The purpose is to better introduce the Regents to issues the public feels are important.

The visit signals the first time the Board has specifically scheduled opportunities for students, faculty,

staff, local officials and other citizens to speak in a public forum format.

Regent Douglas DeCluitt, chairman of the Committee on Academic Campuses, originated the idea for the statewide visits and public hearings.

He said they are in the process of deciding which issues the Board will address during their current two-year organizational cycle, and would like to get a glimpse at what the public is thinking about.

Regent Wayne Showers said they want as many ideas as they can get before determining their focus.

"We want to hear about ideas that express policy issues, whether they're research or educational, major or minor, we'd like to hear them all," Showers said.

But because the Regents will not be able to hear them all because of a lack of time, Showers said he would like for people who don't get a chance to speak, to write down their proposals or issues and send them to

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## University of Texas' 'dry rush' policy draws laughs from A&M's IFC director

By Selina Gonzalez

Of The Battalion

Texas A&M's director of the Interfraternity Council laughed when asked to comment on the University of Texas Interfraternity Council's policy on a "dry" rush.

"I think they think it is a cute and clever public relations campaign," Charles Goodman said. "They're not dealing with the real issue; they're playing semantic games with the university, the state and the nation."

In Austin last week, the University of Texas IFC Director Scott Wilder said the Kappa Alpha fraternity violated "dry" (alcohol-free) rush by drinking in a bar with rushees. The fraternity faces penalties up to a \$500 fine and possible social probation.

Goodman said most of UT rush occurred during the summer when a "dry" rush was not implemented.

"The reason they're having a dry rush these last two weeks is because they're suffering from cirrhosis of the liver from all the drinking they did this summer," Goodman said.

Wilder said he thinks Goodman meant to be humorous by speculating why UT has a dry rush. "It wasn't just for show," Wilder said. "The violations prove the policy works, because it indicates that we are serious about enforcing the rules."

Goodman said A&M doesn't want to play word games. Instead, A&M's council implemented an alcohol policy that is to be adhered to at all times, not only during rush.

"During the two-week rush period, we make it a little stricter," Goodman said. "At open events, chapter members can't provide alcohol to rushees. If they want to bring alcohol they certainly may, but they are responsible for following the law."

Goodman said he provided the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission copies of all the rush schedules for the 26 fraternities. Enforcement agents have monitored events, issued citations and made arrests, Goodman said.

The alcohol policy is not a totally dry rush but is moving in that direction, Goodman said. This year's policy differs from previous semesters in that at invitation-only events where alcohol is served, the invitation list must be submitted to the IFC before the event, Goodman said.

Wilder said UT has no alcohol policy to govern activities during the semester.

"We do implement risk management guidelines during Spring Round-Up," Wilder said.

If A&M's IFC does implement a dry rush, it will include summer rush, Goodman said.

He said he suspects that of the 650 men who will receive bids this year, 75 percent will accept to join a fraternity.

## Guatemalan professor, 3 students slain in Mexico

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — The bodies of a university professor who led a teachers' strike and three kidnapped students were found Sunday in a canyon near San Carlos University, police reported.

They said an anonymous telephone caller told authorities where the bodies could be found.

Unsigned notes attached to the bodies referred to the destruction of the leadership of the university student organization to which the victims belonged.

The victims, all of whom had been kidnapped within the past three weeks, were identified as professor Carlos Humberto Cabrera Rivera, 48, who was abducted Saturday; Carlos Chuta Camey, a 35-year-old law student kidnapped Friday, and Victor Rodriguez Jaramilla, 38, a political science student, and his wife, 33-year-old psychology student Silvia Maria Azurdia de Rodriguez, abducted Aug. 23.

## Former President Ford criticizes war on drugs for omitting alcohol

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — Former President Gerald Ford criticized the Bush administration for omitting alcohol abuse from its anti-drug campaign.

"I basically endorse President Bush's drug strategy," Ford said Saturday while speaking to the 19th annual Vail Symposium.

However, the former president called alcohol abuse more damaging to society than cocaine and other

Police said all had been shot repeatedly.

No individual or group has asserted responsibility for the kidnappings and slayings, and police said they have no suspects.

The government has accused right-wing extremists of carrying out a number of bombings in recent weeks.

Cabrera Rivera was the president of a teacher's union that went on strike for 81 days demanding more money.

The government refused their demands and the teachers returned to work Aug. 21 without winning a pay increase.

The three slain students, all from San Carlos University, were active in the student organization.

Five other San Carlos University students have disappeared in recent weeks and it is believed they also were kidnapped.

drugs. Ford said four times as many people were killed in 1987 in alcohol-related traffic accidents than accidents involving drugs. He said alcohol abuse had cost society \$120 billion, compared with \$60 billion from drug abuse.

The Bush administration's campaign against drugs focuses on anti-drug education for youth, but "the drug problem is an equally serious challenge" among adults, Ford said.

## Mobley outlines priorities for coming year

By Melissa Naumann

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Improving undergraduate programs, increasing private support and campus planning are among President William Mobley's priorities for his second year in office, he told the Faculty Senate yesterday.

Mobley will appoint a University-wide task force to determine the best way to maintain a balance between undergraduate programs and other multiple missions such as graduate, research, technology transfer and service programs.

"While I believe that Texas A&M accomplishes this balance as well as any university in the nation, we need to continue to nurture this balance, particularly as it relates to the undergraduate program relative to our other missions," he said.

Another goal of Mobley's is to make A&M one of the top 10 universities in the nation in terms of private support.

"Although the state has treated us relatively well on an in-state comparative basis, a declining percentage of our total budget comes from state general revenue," he said. "If our goal is to be among the top 10 universities in the nation by the turn of the century, we also must be in the top 10 in the nation in private support from individuals, corporations and foundations."

Mobley said campus planning, which consists of construction and renovation, will last at least another 10 years. Recently, the Board of Regents hired an architectural firm to develop a plan for land use and traffic flow on

## A&M Faculty Senate approves 12 new courses

By Melissa Naumann

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The Faculty Senate approved requests Sunday for nine new undergraduate and three new graduate courses.

The new courses are:

- Computer Science 483, Introduction to the Design Process. (1-6). Credit 3.
- Computer Science 484, Advanced Design Concepts. (1-6). Credit 3.
- Mechanical Engineering 455, Engineering with Plastics. (3-0). Credit 3.
- Philosophy 314, Environmental Ethics. (3-0). Credit 3.
- Philosophy 419, Current Continental Philosophy. (3-0). Credit 3.
- Philosophy 424, Philosophy of Language. (3-0). Credit 3.
- Political Science 461, Jurisprudence. (3-0). Credit 3.
- Political Science 462, Women and the Law. (3-0). Credit 3.

campus, Mobley said.

The University's Master Planning Committee has recommended several changes to the Board of Regents such as expansion of the Veterinary Medical Center Complex (approved at the last Board meeting), expansion of the library facilities, expansion of the student recreational sports facilities and a new College of Business Administration building, he said.

"We will continue to develop our parking and transportation system," he said. "We need to continue to develop the campus landscape and green space as we add facilities to meet our instructional, research and program

needs. The Board and administration are sensitive to these needs."

Two academic areas of campus planning will be improved in the next year, he said.

"It is well recognized that we must accelerate development of our libraries, not only in space, but also in holdings and electronic capabilities," Mobley said. "Second, we will continue to give priority status to the continued development of our computing and telecommunications capability."

In the area of strategic planning, Mobley said that a new position has been created to analyze resource allocations, facility plan-

ning and fundraising. Tony Dempster, director of strategic planning at Shell Oil Co., will become A&M's Executive Director of Strategic Planning on Oct. 1.

Mobley proposed that A&M launch a Commitment to Education initiative to examine current University programs that address the problems facing the nation's education systems. One area of this initiative will involve reorganizing the Office of Student Relations with the goal of attracting more minority students.

"As reported earlier, we have made good progress in increasing our minority student population, but we must do more," Mobley said.