



WEATHER

TOMORROW'S FORECAST:
Warm and cloudy with a chance
of thunderstorms
HIGH: 78 LOW: 62

Squeeze!



Photo by Eric H. Roalson

Three members of the A&M rugby team attack an SMU player during the Collegiate Rugby Tournament held on the A&M polo field Saturday and Sunday. A&M won the match against SMU but lost to SFA. The University of Texas won the tournament, while A&M placed fourth.

Corps officials discharge cadets involved in hazing

By DEAN SUELTFENFUSS
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Two Texas A&M students involved in a Jan. 26 hazing incident have been removed from the Corps of Cadets following A&M's investigation, a Corps official said Monday.

Maj. Gerald Betty, the officer in charge of the investigation, said the final decision in the matter was made by Gen. Thomas Darling, Corps commandant. The appeals process has been exhausted and the issue has been resolved, Betty said.

Darling would not comment on the matter, citing protection of the privacy of the students involved.

The two former A&M cadets were identified as Russell Hruby, a junior accounting major from Spring, and Tim Maurice, a junior civil engineering major from San Antonio, in a story on "Campus Journal," a program that aired on A&M television station KAMU Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

A&M began investigating Feb. 5 after Shannon George, a sophomore biology major from Silsbee, withdrew from the Corps following a visit to the A.P. Beutel Health Center.

Dr. Kenneth Dirks, director of the health center, told The Battalion that George said he was required to do push-ups and sit-ups and to run for an hour as part of Corps training. Dirks said George complained of a sore back and abdomen upon visiting the health center.

Hruby told "Campus Journal" he did nothing im-

proper while supervising physical training being done by George.

"I do not feel like it (the training) was to an extreme limit," Hruby said. "I feel like I pushed him to his limit, but I don't feel like it was an over-extreme..."

Hruby told The Battalion he did not realize the interview he granted to "Campus Journal" would be aired publicly. He said he thought the story was being done for a journalism class.

"Campus Journal" airs stories produced by journalism students in Jour 312, Television Newscasting.

Hruby told The Battalion he did not want to comment further on the matter, but he did grant a phone interview for several minutes.

"I really don't want to say anything," Hruby said. "I really want it all to be over. The whole thing has been blown out of proportion, I think."

Maurice could not be reached for comment. Several cadets acquainted with Hruby and Maurice were contacted by The Battalion, but all declined to discuss the hazing incident or the investigation.

Hazing is illegal according to University regulations and state law. A&M's 1989-90 Regulations handbook defines hazing as "participation in any act or threat, physical or mental, perpetrated for the purpose of submitting a student or other person to physical pain or discomfort, indignity or humiliation at any time regardless of the intent of such an act and regardless of the consent or cooperation of the recipient."

Resolution's funds aid women

By CHRIS VAUGHN
Of The Battalion Staff

Noting the extraordinarily low number of women in high positions at Texas A&M, the Faculty Senate passed a resolution Monday that requests the University set aside funds to assist in the recruitment and hiring of women.

According to 1988 statistics, there are only 25 women full professors and 824 men full professors. The statistics show that there are 53 female associate professors in comparison to 497 male associate professors. Only one administrative position is held by a woman, according to the 1988 statistics.

The chain of teaching titles at A&M begins with full professor, then goes down to associate professor, assistant professor, instructor and lecturer.

The resolution, authored by the Committee on the Status of Women in the University, states that the University should set aside funds similar to the minority recruitment policy already in place.

Dr. Janis Stout, associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts, said the only area where the number of women has increased substantially has been at the assistant professor level.

"We discovered that the numbers of women at the higher levels has not substantially grown since 1984," Stout said. "They have been at the assistant professor level, but not at the higher ranks."

The 1988 statistics showed that there were 119 assistant professors who were women, which was up from 93 in 1984.

The number of women at the full professor position has increased almost 100 percent since 1984, when there were 13. The total number of women professors, however, does not compare well with the 824 male

Faculty Senate endorses bill to modify syllabi distribution

By CHRIS VAUGHN
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The Texas A&M Faculty Senate endorsed a Student Senate bill Monday requesting that all course syllabi be given to students on the first class day with more detail about course requirements.

The bill, which must go before A&M President William H. Mobley for approval, stated that syllabi shall be distributed on the first day with detail about grading policy, class participation, exam weight and required books and materials.

The bill also asks that the course syllabi name the prerequisites that are listed in the curriculum catalog.

Brennan Reilly, the Student Senate representative, said a uniform policy for course syllabi would cut down on students enrolling in classes they are not pre-

pared for and would allow students to plan and budget time and expenses.

Some faculty members, however, felt the bill was "micromanagement," and it might help students in the short run rather than the long run.

But Dr. Samuel Gillespie, assistant dean in the College of Business, said the bill, particularly the listing of course prerequisites, would benefit the students and the faculty by avoiding problems later in the semester.

In other action, the Faculty Senate approved a resolution asking the University to make a videotape to be shown to all faculty and administrators on increasing awareness of minorities.

Dr. James Price, from the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, said he strongly supported

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Silver Taps ceremony to honor 1 student

The solemn sound of buglers playing "Taps" and the sharp ring of gunfire will be heard on campus tonight as a Texas A&M student who died during the past month is honored in a Silver Taps ceremony at 10:30 in front of the Academic Building.

The deceased student being honored is Eduardo Bessoudo, 37, a graduate student in Animal Science and Class of '83, from Mexico City who died Feb. 5.

Dating back almost a century, the stately tradition of Silver Taps is practiced the first Tuesday of each month from September through April, when necessary.

The names of the deceased students are posted at the base of the flag pole in front of the Academic Building, and the flag is flown at half-staff the day of the ceremony.

Lights will be extinguished and the campus hushed as Aggies pay final tribute to fellow Aggies.

The Ross Volunteer Firing Squad begins the ceremony, marching in slow cadence toward the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross.

Shortly after, three volleys are fired in a 21-gun salute and six buglers play a special arrangement of "Taps" three times — to the north, south and west.

Refunds available for unused Aggie Bucks

By KATHERINE COFFEY
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Students who have the Texas A&M Aggie Bucks meal plan now can receive a complete refund of their unused credit.

Ty Clevenger, speaker of the Student Senate, said he and the Food Services Ad Hoc Committee, created by the Senate and the Residence Hall Association, have been investigating where students' unused money goes when the semester is over.

In the past, students were unable to get their unspent Aggie Bucks at the end of the semester.

Clevenger, a junior genetics major, said the Student Senate was concerned about students losing money, and decided to talk to the Department of Food Services about what is done with the extra money.

Food services officials told the Senate that they are non-profit, but Clevenger said he learned that food services was making a profit from Aggie Bucks.

Director of Business Services Don Powell said the food services department is a non-profit organization but must make extra money to pay for things such as insurance, public relations and maintenance.

Clevenger said the Senate's main concern was where the money was going. The Senate learned that more than \$80,000 was added to food services revenue from unused Aggie

Bucks, so they requested a budget from the food services department.

"I'm sure the money went to a good cause, but we just want to find out what it was being used for," Clevenger said.

"We have not found any real justification for food services not being able to give students back their money," he said. "The only argument we heard was that it was a lot of trouble for the food services to get the money back to the students."

Clevenger said he was extremely pleased when food services decided to give the money back, but he said the Senate still is investigating what the money has been used for.

"The bottom line is that it shouldn't have happened in the first place," he said.

Powell said the Department of Food Services had no intention of keeping the students' unused money, but that it was considered as just another board plan. He said this type of meal plan, which used to be called the Point Plan, was created so students could pay at the beginning of the semester and have credit deducted when they bought something. It was changed to a board meal plan so students could pay in installments for that semester, Powell said.

"It was the ultimate flexible meal plan until we realized the problems that it caused," Powell said. "We did

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Committee to discuss bonfire

The Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Bonfire will have an open hearing tonight from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in 338 Psychology.

Those with comments or complaints about bonfire are encouraged to attend the hearing and make their opinions known.

The committee, comprised of four students and four faculty members, will record all statements made at the hearing and will review these statements before preparing their bonfire report.

All students, faculty and community members are invited.

Stand up and be counted

Census includes students

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The census bureau wants Texas A&M students to come to their senses and be counted.

Census Day is April 1, and Texas needs everyone to be a statistic that counts. The Bureau of the Census will mail census forms March 23. Residents can mail in their completed form before Census Day.

A&M student Timothy King, vice-chair for College Station Census Promotions Committee, said the parents of college students cannot claim their children as part of their form if the student lives somewhere else while attending college.

Therefore, all students living away from home need to fill out a form.

An accurate count is important to the state, county and University, King said.

On a state level, a correct count is necessary because the information is used to redistribute the number of congressmen that will represent Texas in the House of Representatives, King said.

The numbers also are used by the state for redistricting of the state legislature, he said.

"In the '80s there were 40 cities that went above 50,000 people, and Bryan and College Station were two of those 40," King said.

"Between 1980 and 1988 Texas saw an increase of 2.6 million people," he said. "We are expected to have an increase of three to five state legislators."

The state loses \$150 in federal funding for every Texan who doesn't fill out a Census 1990 form.

"In the '80s, we lost \$580 million in federal funding

and in 1987 alone we lost \$30 million as a result of an inaccurate count in 1980," King said.

He said many Texans weren't counted in 1980 because they threw their forms away or just didn't care.

King said that in the 1990s if the Bureau of the Census doesn't get an accurate count, Texas is expected to lose up to \$300 million in federal funding. If an accurate count is taken, Texas could receive up to \$600 million.

The numbers also are used for federal grants based on how many students live in the area, he said.

Some private businesses look at the census results to determine whether an area contains possible markets, King said. In 1980, many students didn't fill out a form or filled out the forms incorrectly by reporting they had zero income.

"Unfortunately, the minorities are the ones who need to be counted the most but yet they are the ones who traditionally don't partake in filling out the forms," King said.

The forms are available in Spanish although they are not mailed bilingually. A toll-free number is printed on the forms so residents who speak only Spanish can call to receive a form in Spanish or have the form translated.

The census information also is used to determine who should be eligible for the money from welfare and the Housing and Urban Development fund, he said.

The way they determine how much money a state should receive for welfare is by looking at the percentage of below-poverty income people in each area and

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