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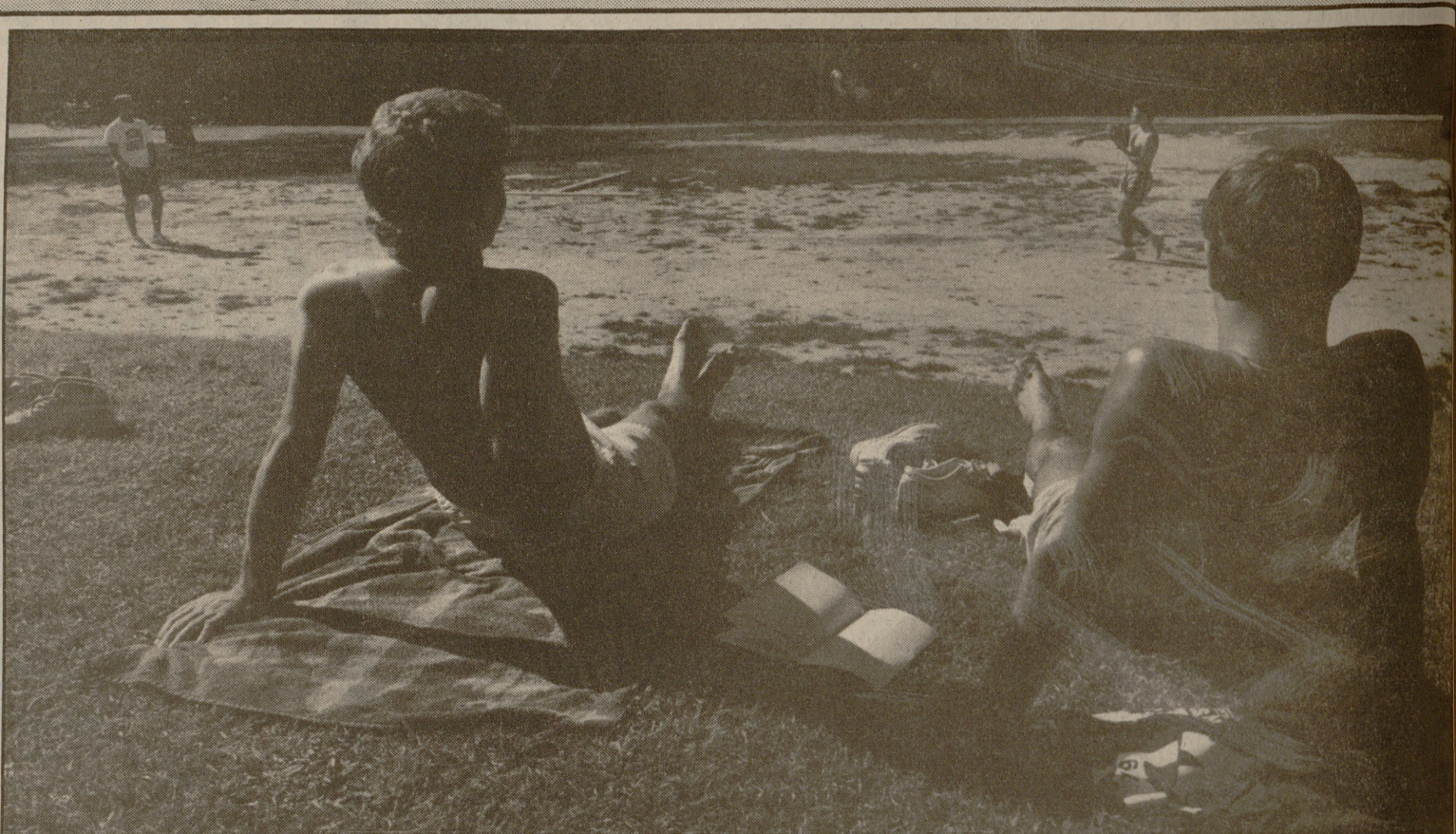
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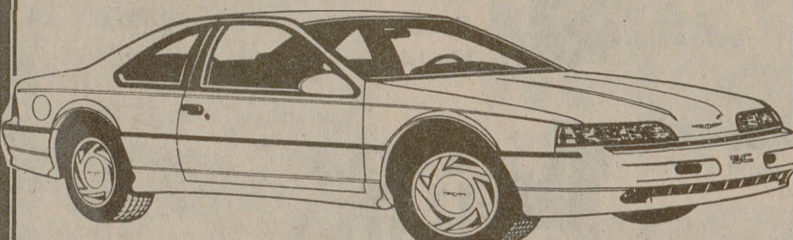
Catchin' rays



Freshmen Brad McCoy and Kevin Opaczak kick back and enjoy the sun in the Quadrangle Tuesday, while juniors Matt Ferguson and Russ Savage toss a baseball. Forecasters predict the sunny weather will end today with the arrival of clouds threatening rain.

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Vaccine

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ingitis (inflammation of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord), encephalitis, deafness and sterility in men. During the first three months of pregnancy, rubella can cause miscarriage or serious malformations in the fetus.

"Because of all the interaction, the college environment facilitates the transmission of these diseases," Gonzalez-Lima said.

She said the diseases can be transmitted by casual contact such as sitting close to someone who has the disease, touching someone who has the disease or talking to someone who has the disease.

However, Gonzalez-Lima said, there is no need for students to panic about possibly contracting measles, mumps or rubella.

"Students should worry up to the point of getting vaccinated," she said. "After vaccination there is no need to worry."

"It's very important that students keep track of their own health records and get vaccinations when necessary."

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There have been 12 confirmed cases of measles at A&M since February and one possible mumps case.

"The measles outbreak at A&M could have occurred because College Station is so close to Houston," Gonzalez-Lima said. "Also, because some countries have different immunization requirements than the United States, there could have been international students with measles who came to A&M, but we really don't know."

Symptoms of measles are rash, high fever, runny nose, watery eyes, cough and sometimes an ear infection. Symptoms of mumps are fever, headache and inflammation of the salivary glands. Symptoms of rubella are fever, rash and swollen glands in the neck.

The health center offers a measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine for \$26 and a measles-only vaccine for \$12.

If students are enrolled in classes where they have possibly been exposed to measles, the measles-only vaccine is free. The health center has a list of these classes.

Salary

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pay spread over 12 months is a routine procedure in the UT System.

"It might take a little while to institute the procedures, but after that, I don't think it's much of a problem," Wallace said.

Taylor said some A&M faculty are paid by the University for teaching and paid by an on-campus state agency for research.

"Then as the year progresses, the professor may pick up another grant from another research agency and the distribution of their salary changes," he added. "The pay system is just much more complex at A&M."

Since most teaching faculty are paid over a nine-month period, some faculty members admit there is a scramble for summer school teaching positions. Professors that teach summer school are paid for an extra one and a half months.

Rosenheim, an A&M Faculty Senate member, said the Senate could study the issue of offering a pay plan option to faculty members.

"If the Senate hasn't already addressed the issue, it would be appropriate to look into it," Rosenheim said.

Taylor said the A&M system administration has been studying the issue for several years, but he does foresee action on it anytime soon.

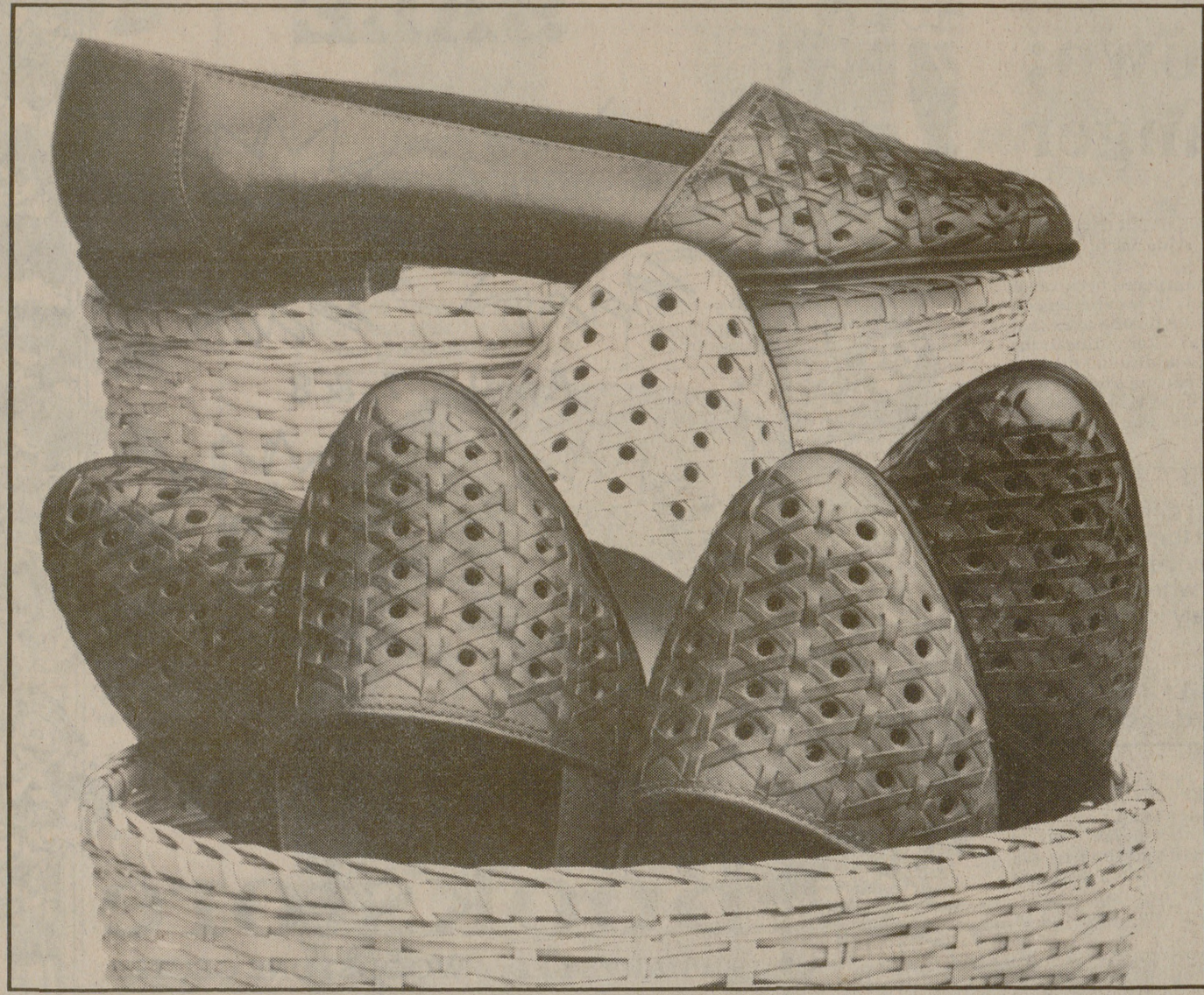
"That suggestion has been discussed for several years," he said. "We're having to look at how much would cost to implement that type pay system, and that is taking a while."

Taylor said the University was to replace the payroll system in the near future and must review the effectiveness of offering the nine and 12-month pay plan to faculty members.

Getting paid only nine times is the only gripe that some A&M faculty and staff members have. Some complain about the policy of paying employees at the beginning of the month when they used to get paid at the end of the month.

Taylor said the Texas Legislature mandated a few years ago that the university in the state begin paying its employees at the beginning rather than the end of the month.

The state changed its payday at the beginning of the month in order to draw more interest in the bank, Taylor said.



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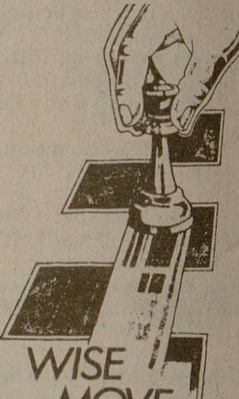
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