

Monday, September 10, 1990

Pool preparations

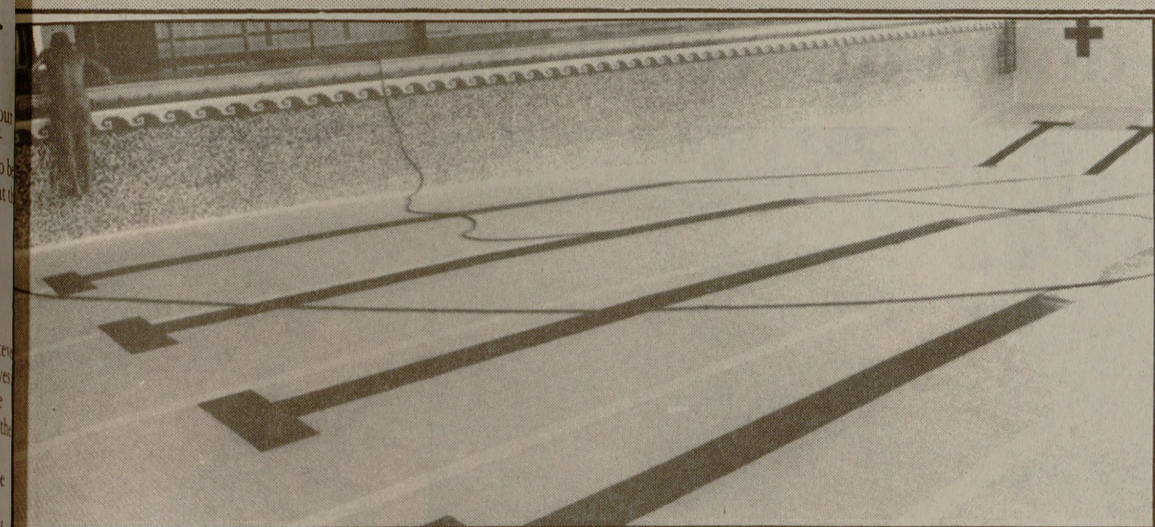


Photo by Huy Nguyen

Head lifeguard Victor Powers, a senior elementary education major, climbs out of the indoor pool at the P.L. Downs Natatorium after getting in to clean it. Powers said the pool has been repainted for the first time in eight years and he expects it to be filled and ready for use soon.

Dean outlines vet school plans

By JULIE HEDDERMAN
 Of The Battalion Staff

Restoration of full accreditation within five years is a long-term goal of Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. John A. Shadduck said during a meeting Friday.

Shadduck, veterinary medicine college dean, said the college first must present its need of budget support to the Texas Legislature and focus on the need for restoration.

Another key element necessary for restoring accreditation is increasing a technical support staff, Shadduck said.

The college already has added 14 technical slots in the teaching hospital and clinical departments. He said this will improve the quality of teaching and reduce the need for student labor, allowing more time for study — a facet in the college's strategic plan.

"As a leading national center for veterinary medicine, our mission is to generate, transfer and apply knowledge, and to protect and promote animal health," Shadduck said.

Another goal listed by the dean is to increase opportunities for faculty development.

He said he would like to continue creating and improving environments for personal faculty, staff and student self-actualization.

Shadduck said he wants everyone involved to "feel they have a voice in the process, an influence over their own personal careers and activities."

An additional goal is to increase the diversity of veterinary medicine and veterinarians.

He said this is part of a program already in progress that includes the following:

- reaching pre-college students by promoting the profession through video tapes, brochures and posters
- modifying professional curriculum by increasing its flexibility and diversity without damaging academic standards
- increasing the flexibility of the professional curriculum by removing required courses from the first year
- combining graduate and undergraduate programs within this college and other colleges

Shadduck also said he wants to continue to enrich the learning environment and attain national leadership in veterinary medicine education.

He said that for a direct impact on the quality of student life, the college is implementing several changes.

One of these is the appointment of an assistant dean for student affairs. This appointment almost is complete, he said.

Other changes include a new exam schedule designed to help reduce stress and anxiety, increased opportunities for student employment and new lounge facilities and equipment.

Ivins suggests decreased highway spending to meet standards

By BILL HETHCOCK
 Of The Battalion Staff

Texas needs to cut highway spending and consider raising taxes to close a \$5 billion deficit in the state budget, Dallas Times Herald columnist Molly Ivins said Friday.

Speaking to about 150 people at the Unitarian Fellowship, Ivins said Texas legislators should increase funding in the areas of education, prisons and social service institutions to meet constitutional standards set by recent court orders.

New taxes and slashed highway spending should provide the money for improvement in the court-ordered areas, she said.

"We have Cadillac highways running all over our state," Ivins said. "We don't have schools that can teach; we can't afford to put the old people who are sick into health care; we can't afford to help poor children get vaccinations; but, by God, we've got good roads."

"Our whole damn state is Mississippi with good roads."

On the governor's race, Ivins criticized Republican candidate Clayton Williams' stance on reducing the deficit by cutting state spending.

"Clayton Williams always says 'instead of raising taxes, why don't we just cut spending,'" Ivins said.

"Because this is Texas, where we're already 49th in everything except the arts, where we're 54th, behind Guam," she said.

Ivins said the only places the state budget can be trimmed, besides the highway department, are the Texas A&M University System and the University of Texas System. She described these systems as having "redundant administrative overlap" because each school already has its own administrative hierarchy.

Ivins also found fault with Democratic candidate Ann Richards' campaign. She claimed Richards is betraying her liberal background to appeal to more conservative voters.

Another mistake Richards' cam-

paigners are making is "muzzling" her sense of humor, Ivins said.

"They did some polls showing that funny women make men very nervous, so Ann is not allowed to be funny," Ivins said. "If you turn off that personality, charm and wit, you've killed the best thing she's got going for her."

Ivins also suggested boosting legislators' salaries to attract better people to the jobs, saying "the trouble with the Texas Legislature is we get what we pay for."

State legislators now make \$7,200 a year.

Motherhood, Ivins said, is better training for future politicians than being successful in the business world.

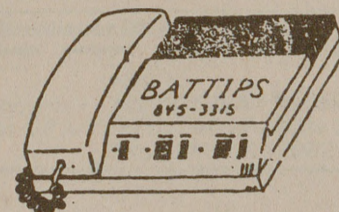
"Good mothers know what to do when two kids want the same cookie," she said.

Ivins, known for pointing out the humor in Texas politics, said monitoring the state political arena is always entertaining.



Molly Ivins

Photo by Huy Nguyen



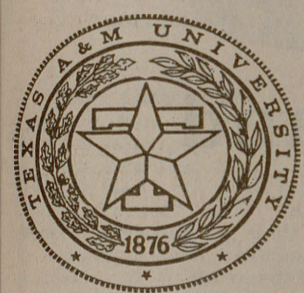
BATTIPS

Anyone with story suggestions can call BATTIPS, The Battalion's phone line designed to improve communication between the newspaper and its readers.

The BATTIPS number is 845-3315.

Ideas can include news stories, feature ideas, and personality profiles of interesting people.

PREVENTION OF ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ILLICIT DRUG USE at Texas A&M University



Texas A&M University is committed to the elimination of alcohol abuse and illicit drug use. Alcohol abuse and illicit drug use disrupt the special environment of personal growth that all universities seek to develop. All members of the University community must take responsibility for preventing alcohol abuse and illicit drug use from negatively affecting this precious learning environment. This brochure is designed to provide you with basic information about University policy, applicable legal sanctions, and health risks associated with alcohol abuse and illicit drug use. Additionally, information about the availability of counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation through campus programs is included.

DRUG POLICY	LEGAL SANCTIONS	UNIVERSITY SANCTIONS	HEALTH RISKS	CAMPUS RESOURCES
<p>All members of the University community are expected to abide by state and federal laws pertaining to controlled substances and illegal drugs. More specifically, Texas A&M University Regulations prohibit 'manufacturing, possessing, having under control, selling, transmitting, using or being party thereto any illegal drug, controlled substance, or drug paraphernalia on University premises or at University-sponsored activities'.</p> <p>"Controlled substances" refers to those drugs and substances whose possession, sale, or delivery results in criminal sanctions under the Texas Controlled Substances Act, as well as substances which possess a chemical structure similar to that of a controlled substance (e.g., 'Designer Drugs').</p> <p>ALCOHOL POLICY</p> <p>Individuals must be at least 21 years old to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages. Texas A&M University Regulations state that 'drinking or having in possession, any alcoholic or intoxicating beverage(s) in public areas of the campus is prohibited'.</p> <p>Student organizations which sponsor activities where alcohol is served must have the approval of their organization (faculty/staff) advisor and abide by established University procedures.</p> <p>Students 21 years of age or older who choose to consume alcoholic beverages in residence hall rooms are expected to do so in moderation to ensure residents' rights to privacy, sleep, and study. Loud or disruptive behavior, interference with the cleanliness of the residence halls, or drinking habits which are injurious to the health or education of an individual or those around him/her are reasons for appropriate disciplinary or remedial action by the University.</p>	<p>● Possession and delivery of a controlled substance.</p> <p>Possession and/or delivery of a controlled substance is a violation of state and federal laws. Penalties range according to type of substance, amount in possession and/or delivered, and the number and type of previous violations. Class A, B, and C misdemeanors are punishable by up to \$2000 in fines and up to 1 year in jail, or both. Third degree felonies are punishable by 2 to 10 years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines. First degree felonies are punishable by 5 to 99 years, or life, in prison and up to \$20,000 in fines.</p> <p>● Purchase, consumption, or possession of alcohol by a minor.</p> <p>A violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200 on first conviction. If a person has been previously convicted of a violation of this section, a violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.</p> <p>● Purchasing alcohol for a minor, or furnishing alcohol to a minor.</p> <p>A violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.</p> <p>● Misrepresentation of age by a minor.</p> <p>A violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200 on a first conviction. If a person has been previously convicted of a violation, it is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.</p> <p>● Public intoxication.</p> <p>Public intoxication is a Class C misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine of up to \$200.</p> <p>● Sale of alcoholic beverages.</p> <p>The sale of any type of alcoholic beverage without a valid license or permit is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$1,000 or by confinement in the county jail for up to 1 year, or both.</p> <p>● Driving while intoxicated.</p> <p>A first offense is punishable by (1) a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$200, and (2) confinement in jail for a term of not less than 72 hours or more than 2 years.</p> <p>● Open container law.</p> <p>State law makes it illegal for the driver of a motor vehicle to consume alcohol.</p>	<p>A student or employee found guilty of non-compliance with the Texas A&M University Alcohol or Drug Policy or the laws of the State of Texas has committed a violation of University Regulations and/or the Policy and Procedures Manual, and is subject to sanctions commensurate with the offenses and any aggravating and mitigating circumstances. Disciplinary action in cases involving drug related violations by students will result in suspension, dismissal, or expulsion from the University; cases involving employees will result in disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination. Severity of sanctions will depend upon the nature and seriousness of each case.</p> <p>Violations of any state or federal law pertaining to controlled substances which occur off campus and are not associated with a University-connected activity may result in disciplinary charges in situations in which the continued presence of the individual on campus is likely to interfere with the educational process and/or the orderly operation of the University.</p> <p>University disciplinary proceedings will be in accordance with procedures outlined in the University Regulations (students) and the Policy and Procedures Manual (faculty and staff). Any disciplinary action imposed by the University may precede and be in addition to any penalty imposed by an off campus authority.</p>	<p>Alcohol abuse can cause many health related problems. Approximately 150,000 deaths annually are directly related to alcohol abuse and/or alcoholism. Alcohol abuse can lead to alcoholism, premature death through overdose, and complications involving the brain, heart, liver, and many other body organs. Alcohol abuse is a prime contributor to suicide, homicide, motor vehicle deaths, and other so-called accidental causes of death. Alcohol abuse also causes liver disease, gastritis, and anemia.</p> <p>Alcohol abuse interferes with psychological functions, causes interpersonal difficulties, and is involved in most cases of child abuse. Alcohol abuse also disrupts occupational effectiveness, and causes legal and financial problems. Alcohol used in any amount by a pregnant woman can cause birth defects.</p> <p>The abuse of illicit drugs can result in a wide range of health problems. In general, illicit drug use can result in drug addiction, death by overdose, death from withdrawal, seizure, heart problems, infections (i.e. HIV/AIDS, hepatitis), liver disease, and chronic brain dysfunction. Other problems associated with illicit drug use include psychological dysfunctions such as memory loss, thought disorders (i.e. hallucinations, paranoia, psychosis), and psychological dependency. Additional effects include occupational, social, and family problems as well as a reduction in motivation. Drug use by a pregnant woman may cause addiction or health complications in her unborn child.</p>	<p>In order to help those individuals who may have an alcohol or other drug abuse problem, the University has established several resources which are available to students, faculty, and staff.</p> <p>Center for Drug Prevention and Education.</p> <p>As part of its mission to provide broad based alcohol and other drug abuse prevention programs for the campus community, the Center for Drug Prevention and Education will provide alcohol and other drug abuse assessments and referrals for students, faculty, and staff. Limited ongoing recovery support counseling is available. All contacts are confidential. For information, call 845-0280.</p> <p>Employee Assistance Program.</p> <p>The Employee Assistance Program is a confidential source for assessment, short-term counseling, and referral for a broad range of problems including alcohol or other drug abuse. This service is available to all faculty and staff and their family members through the Human Resources Department. For information, call 845-3711.</p> <p>Faculty Assistance Program.</p> <p>The Faculty Assistance Program is a confidential counseling service designed to assist faculty members with personal or occupational issues. For further information, call 776-4000.</p> <p>Recovery Support Programs.</p> <p>Recovery support programs, most commonly referred to as Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) and Narcotics Anonymous (N.A.), meet regularly on campus. These fellowships of recovery have a long history of success for their active members. Membership in A.A. and/or N.A. is open to faculty, staff, and students. For information and meeting times, call 845-0280.</p>

This brochure summarizes information contained within University drug and alcohol policies for students and employees. More specific information is available from the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280.

For more information about health risks associated with drug abuse call the Health Education Center, located in the Beutel Health Center, at 845-1341.