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Cryonics

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len's film, "Sleeper," who awoke from a cryonically suspended sleep 200 years after a botched appendectomy.

Segall and his family have signed up for cryonic suspension, but for right now, Segall says, the technology to resuscitate people in cold storage is hundreds, if not thousands of years away, but Segall prefers cryonics to the grave or cremation.

"Being dead and frozen is the second worst thing that can happen to you," Segall said.

Segall said cryonics also holds promise for transplant patients and AIDS and cancer victims. Organs to be transplanted remain viable for four hours and must then be disposed. With cryonics, organs could be safely frozen, stored and used days and weeks after being donated. Patients' bodies also could be cooled and emptied of their blood to make surgery easier.

This already has been done at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore where doctors removed a massive tumor from a patient by dropping the patient's temperature to 68 degrees, stopping his heart, and placing him on a heart-lung machine for 80 minutes. Conventional surgery would have resulted in the patient bleeding to death.

Cancer patients will benefit from cryonics research when doctors can chill the body and then treat only the infected area of the body with cancer fighting drugs. The blood of AIDS patients could be replaced with substitutes and then clean blood.

The medical series continues tonight at 7:30 in 226 MSC with "New Vistas in Biophysics" by Dr. Alfonso Zermeno and concludes Nov. 28 when Dr. Henry Heimlich discusses "Testing New Treatments: Using Man, Animals and Computers."

Arrests

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kicked out of all his other activities at least until it had been proven he had done what he was charged with.

Wednesday's arrests came as a result of a month-long investigation by Bryan police and Call America, a long distance carrier in the Bryan-College Station area.

Call America announced last month that thousands of dollars worth of long distance phone calls had been made using illegal credit card numbers, and that several A&M football players were among the A&M students under investigation.

Arrest warrants were issued Tuesday, and the six players turned themselves in Wednesday, Slocum said.

However, Slocum said all six would make the team trip this weekend to Fayetteville, Ark., for a game

against Arkansas, and that disciplinary action would be taken later if the athletes were found guilty.

Call America is based in Fayetteville.

Slocum said the players would remain on the team until the University completes its investigation to determine whether they are innocent or guilty.

"I have no way of knowing if they made those calls or not," Slocum said. "I feel like I'm obligated to give my players or any other student here on this campus the benefit of the doubt and give them the due process of our system."

This is the second time this semester an A&M athlete has been arrested. Freddie Ricks, a senior guard on the basketball team, was arrested Oct. 1 by University Police and was charged with burglary of a motor ve-

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important to this institution."

He said a balance among these areas could be reached as long as faculty members were allowed to maintain their diversity.

The committee made several recommendations to reward excellent teachers with money, and faculty members' teaching experience also could be recognized by making it a part of the promotion and tenure process.

Gage said several programs are collecting data for the first time in this area. He also said the University should have some type of guidelines evaluating its teaching corps by the spring semester.

Another area of discussion was the apparent lack of academic counseling available to students.

Gage said the University could correct this problem by investing more time advising students.

Many incoming freshmen and graduating seniors would adjust more quickly if they had access to quality advice, he said.

"Our main concern is our students," Gage said. "They are the most important resource we have."

One way the University could address the advising situation would be to hire professional, non-faculty counselors who would help overloaded professors, he said.

Another way to handle this growing problem would be to recognize excellence in advising just as some people have proposed excellence in teaching should be rewarded, he said.

"By rewarding these advisers, we would give them further incentives to help students," Gage said.

He also proposed that A&M establish a pre-professional advising program in areas like medicine, law and business.

"We (Texas A&M) seriously lack any type of pre-professional counseling," Gage said. "This is definitely one area we desperately need to address."

Carol Greaney, last year's president of the Federation of the Texas A&M University's Mothers' Club, said many members of her organization have raised concerns that A&M does not have an adequate advising program.

"We have too many students fall-

Smokeout

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percentage of people who actually stop. But for those who don't quit on smokeout day, they at least have more awareness of it."

He says the health promotion office does not have statistics on the number of students, faculty and staff who smoke on campus.

The office also lacks statistics on how many people actually quit on smokeout day.

But according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources, the percentage of people over the age of 18 who smoke is 28.8 to 31.2 percent of men and 26.5 percent of women.

The health and human resources department also reports people who

smoke cigarettes run a greater risk of premature death than those who do not smoke.

Most smokers want to quit, and at least two-thirds have tried at one time to quit, HHR statistics say.

About 5.2 million people — or 10.5 percent of the nation's smokers — gave up cigarettes for 24 hours last year. One or two days later, 3.9 million of these people still were not smoking.

Sorenson says quitting smoking benefits health, cuts expenses and helps the environment.

HHR statistics even say the death rate of former smokers — 10 years after quitting — is about the same as for those who have never smoked at

hicle.

First-year head basketball coach Kermit Davis Jr. immediately suspended Ricks from the team, and has said the senior will not rejoin the Aggies until he is cleared from all charges. A state court still is investigating the case.

No official A&M athletic department policy exists concerning disciplinary action against athletes. Athletic Director John David Crow could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

"A guy's got the right to find out if he's guilty or not before I start taking action against him," Slocum said. "That's my position. I'm going to try to treat them like you would any other student."

An athlete is handled just like any other student when it comes to disciplinary procedures. The University's

Department of Judicial Affairs handles each case separately and apart from any civil or criminal charges that may be brought against a student.

A wide range of disciplinary action may be enforced on a student found guilty of violating school rules, including registration blood conduct probation, suspension or expulsion from the University.

A similar situation arose several years ago, when A&M players were accused of illegally making hundreds of dollars worth of phone calls with another long distance company.

However, no charges were brought against them, and an arrangement was made between the players and the company to pay for the illegal calls. Former head coach Jackie Sherrill did not take disciplinary action against the players.

the department head.

Perry said only 11 complaints have been received.

He said the communication program also handles faculty member problems with English proficiency.

Out of 131 potential faculty members who may have had a problem with English, he said only one faculty member could not communicate effectively. That instructor will begin classes in the spring to correct the problem, he said.

"This program is still new, but we are very pleased with it," Perry said.

Another concern the committee addressed was the University's need to recruit more minority students.

Gage said minority enrollment — 4,280 minority students are enrolled at A&M this semester — has increased by 5 percent and has added needed diversity to A&M.

"We're not where we should be but we have made significant progress in this area," Gage said.

DeCluitt closed the meeting by saying the committee would present a formal resolution to the Board of Regents during the board's meeting Dec. 5.

Voting

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with the election," he said. "Neither political party asked for it. It raises some questions. What right did they have to petition?"

Preceding the elections, about 1,800 people — most of whom were A&M students — mistakenly registered in other counties when they put their parents' address in the permanent address portion of the card.

People are registered to vote at the county listed as their permanent address, so these students were prohibited from voting in Brazos County.

The 1,800 affected voters they were urged to vote by affidavit. When signing affidavits, people swear they are registered to vote at a residence of the county where they are attempting to vote.

Clevenger said he wants students who believe they witnessed voting irregularities to contact the Bryan or Houston FBI offices to issue complaints.

Clevenger also encouraged students who did not vote because they felt intimidated or did not receive a voter registration card after the election to contact the Student Government office.

Clevenger and District Attorney Bill Turner met Tuesday and outlined several points to alleviate the registration confusion which caused all the problems.

"These points should prevent these problems from occurring again," Clevenger said. "It has happened for several years now."

The eight recommendations drawn up by Clevenger and Turner are as follows:

- The words "permanent address" should be removed from voter registration cards, so students do not get confused about their permanent addresses.

- The county registrar should notify people when their cards are forwarded to another county, so they can re-register if they intend to vote in Brazos County.

- Limited-ballot voting, or voting only for state races, should be extended through elections. Presently limited-ballot voting is only through absentee voting.

- Affidavits should include the penalty for voting illegally — a third degree felony with a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

- Election judges and staff should receive better training to handle any election problems.

- The registrar's office should receive better training.

- The registrar, district attorney and a representative of the Texas Secretary of State's office should meet to evaluate voting in another county when registered in another county.

- State Senator-elect Jim Turner and state Representative-elect Steve Ogden should meet with county officials to try to change the laws.

Clevenger said he hopes some changes can be made in the laws at the next legislative session.

"Essentially, we're going to try to make some changes in the Texas Election Code," he said.

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