



**FORECAST**




Partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers. Highs in the low 90s.

**SPORTS**



**A&M Cross Country teams grab first place at Thomas Invitational.**

**LIFESTYLES**



**Book Review: Linda Ellerbee's Move On: Adventures in the Real World**

**OPINION**

**The Soviets should not be allowed to feel betrayed by democracy. Of course, they should realize many days of hardship lie ahead.**  
Christina Maimarides, on reconstruction in the Soviet Union

# The Battalion

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## Geology TAs shake up the system with list of complaints

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Texas A&M geology teaching assistants are upset about possible salary differences between first-year TAs and experienced TAs because of confusion caused by the budget situation.

The Geology Graduate Student Council presented Dr. Melvin Friedman, dean of the College of Geosciences, with a list

of grievances Friday.

The list reads:

- \* present geology TAs do not have contract letters specifying the terms of their employment,
- \* first-year TAs grossing \$85 more per month than experienced TAs,
- \* concerns about administration plans to help graduate students with increased costs in tuition and fees,
- \* graduate students from different departments teaching geology labs,
- \* teaching assistants in the College of

Geosciences must register for 12 credit hours to be eligible for financial assistance, while in some other A&M colleges the requirement is 9 hours,

- \* some TAs being placed on contracts that last different amounts of time,
- \* TAs receiving pay cuts.

Dr. John Spang, head of the geology department, said he is aware of the student's concerns, but recent changes in the budget situation have not allowed the department to finalize any decisions on the issue.

"We still don't have a budget," he said. "There's not much to do at this point. We hope to make up the difference (in salaries) in scholarships."

First-year TAs received appointment letters stating the terms of their employment, including their salaries. The letters are legally binding.

Dr. Melvin Friedman, dean of the College of Geosciences, said he has been presented with the students' grievances and has asked them to be patient.

"The department head had only re-

ceived the budget one day before the students made their presentation," he said. "He hasn't had an opportunity to address the issues."

Friedman said the budget had to be put on hold after the sudden announcement of pay raises that would be available for faculty and staff.

"We know the students are upset," he said. "But we don't have enough facts."

"Our next step is to figure out completely our budget and then do our best to address the issues," he said.

## Silver Taps honors 10 tonight

The Silver Taps ceremony will be Tuesday night in memory of 10 Texas A&M students who've died since the spring.

The memorial ceremony will be at 10:30 p.m. in front of the Academic Building on the A&M campus, which will be darkened in memory of the 10 students.

Those honored will be:

Huai Wen Hou, 28, a graduate student in chemical engineering from College Station, who died of a heart attack April 11.

John Wesley Brock, 20, a sophomore from Eules, who died in May 27 automobile accident.

Larry Wayne Gilmore, 30, a graduate student in educational administration from Bryan, who died May 10 from a serious illness.

Jeffrey Neil Blankenship, 22, a graduate student in chemistry from Plano, who died in a June 16 automobile accident.

Brian S. Goldberg, 19, a freshman psychology major from Houston, who died in a June 16 automobile accident.

George C. Willey III, 22, a junior animal science major from Mt. Herman, La., who died in a June 20 automobile accident.

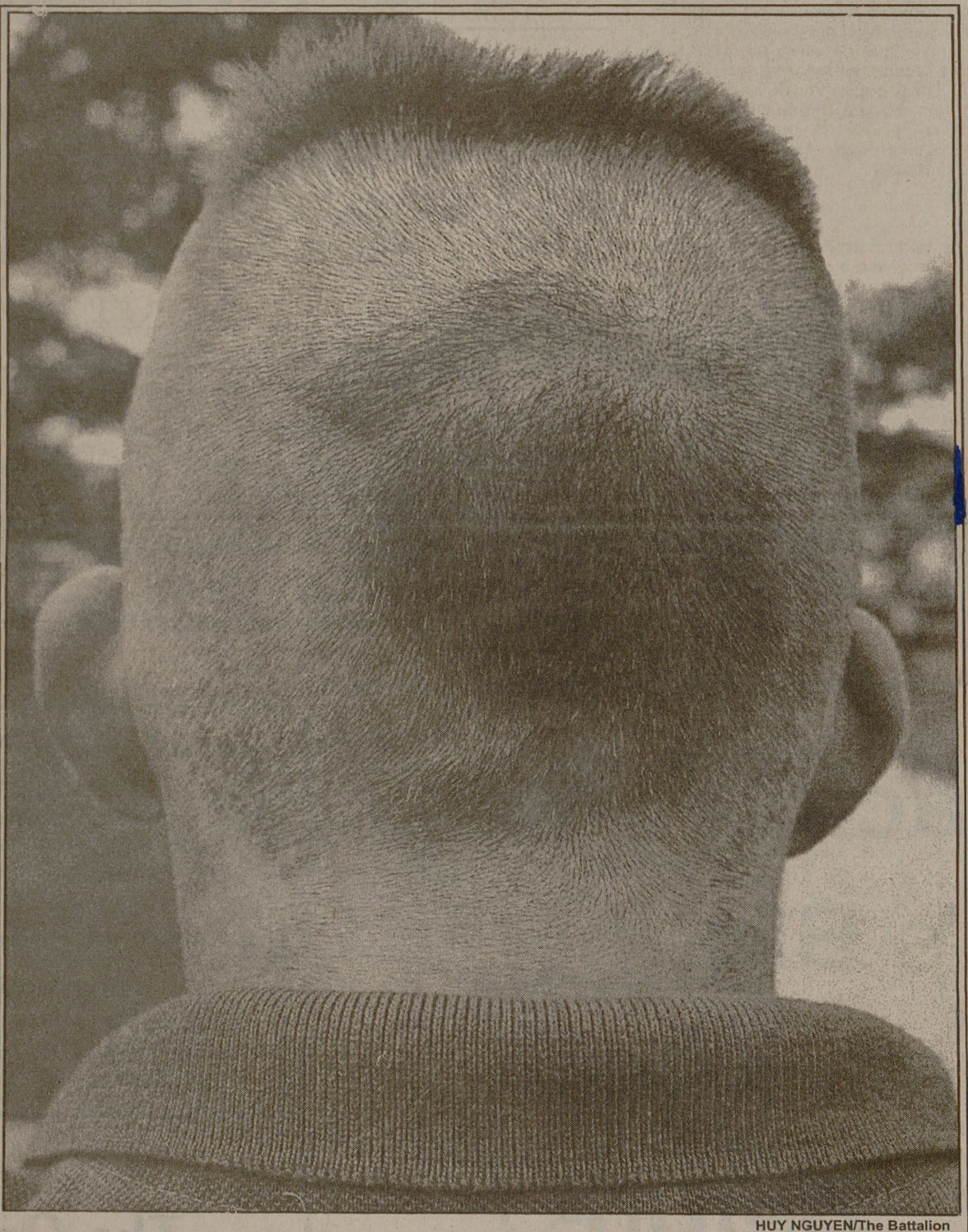
Marcus Jan Tyler, 20, a Junior engineering technology major from Dallas, who died in a June 26 automobile accident.

Stephanie Huong Nguyen, 18, a sophomore pre-medicine major from Mesquite, who died July 12 of natural causes.

Michael Sloan Davidson II, 18, a sophomore wildlife and fisheries sciences major from Childress, who drowned July 14.

Christopher Ray Barton, 21, a senior management major from Victoria, who died August 18 from natural causes.

The campus will be hushed and darkened at 10:20 p.m.



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### On the Flip Side

Schumacher resident Mike Mullaney, a freshman from Rochester, New York, proudly displays his dorm's mascot,

Sammy Seamen. On top of Mullaney's head is a letter "c" that is part of S-C-H-U-M-A-C-H-E-R-B-O-N-F-I-R-E.

## Russia to give back islands...

TOKYO (AP) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin has told Japan that financial assistance would be an incentive for Russia to settle its dispute with Japan over a chain of islands seized from Tokyo in World War II.

Yeltsin made the suggestion in a letter delivered to Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu by Russian Parliament Chairman Ruslan Khasbulatov, who on Monday became the first senior Russian official to visit Japan since last month's failed coup in Moscow.

The letter said a settlement on the Kuril Islands off Japan's northern coast could be reached in two years if Tokyo agrees to build big factories in the Soviet Union, the Nihon Television network report-

ed.

Foreign Ministry officials quoted Khasbulatov as saying: "Taking the Soviet's difficult situation into consideration, I think (Japan) can consider emergency aid along with other Western nations."

Japan has been reluctant to respond to Soviet pleas for help until it settles the territorial dispute, which has prevented the two nations from formally signing a World War II peace treaty.

The Soviets seized the Kurils — Etorofu, Kunashiri, Shikotan, and the Habomai islets — from Japan during the closing days of World War II. Moscow has repeatedly said that the islands historically belong to the Soviet Union.

## ... As U.N. Council prepares to admit Baltics to United Nations

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council will vote this week to admit the Baltic States to the United Nations, 51 years after they were extinguished as independent states and annexed by the Soviet Union, officials said Monday.

U.N. Spokesman Fredrick Edkhard said that the council would vote Wednesday or Thursday to admit Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, but formal membership awaits the vote of the General Assembly next week.

The council is expected to waive the standard waiting period and rush the application through so that the Baltics can be seated when the 46th General Assembly

convenes Sept. 17, and approved by acclamation.

The council scheduled closed consultations Tuesday on the Baltics' application submitted last week.

To join the United Nations, a state must be recommended by the 15-member Security Council and endorsed by a two-thirds vote of the 159-nation General Assembly.

The Soviet Union has granted independence to the Baltics and the Soviet Mission supports admission of the three republics. Membership of other Soviet republics is not expected immediately. Membership of the Baltics will raise the U.N. membership to 166.

## Faculty airs parking concerns, Mobley calls for team effort

Chris Vaughn  
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Every fall at Texas A&M talk turns to parking, or the lack of it — this time, however, faculty members complained about the problem.

Several faculty members took time during Committee of the Whole of Monday's Faculty Senate meeting to voice at least three different gripes about parking and traffic on campus. Committee of the Whole, held at the end of the Senate's regular business, allows for senators to voice concerns to the Executive Committee on a variety of topics.

Dr. Terry Kohutek of the Department of Civil Engineering related stories of students being ticketed in the middle of the night in empty lots, and parents being ticketed when visiting campus with no permits.

"When visitors come to Texas A&M for the first time and we fight over parking spaces, it can't be good," Kohutek said.

Kohutek expressed hope that the Department of Parking, Transit and Traffic Services would think of its image, and the University's, when distributing

tickets.

Dr. Mickey Stratton of the Department of Kinesiology complained about PTTS not providing any free spaces for senators in the new parking garage, and asked the Executive Committee to look into the possibility.

Earlier, Faculty Senate Speaker Pat Alexander

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said if senators wanted to park in the garage, they would have to pay. But Stratton asked why faculty members should have to pay for volunteering service to the University.

Dr. Marvin Harris of the Department of Entomology chimed in that he had his own "horror sto-

## Higher education needs public support

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University President William Mobley said Monday that higher education must communicate better to the public about its purposes in the coming years if it wants to avoid many of the political problems of this legislative year.



Mobley

"We must more visibly illustrate to the public at large that we are both efficient and effective," Mobley told the Faculty Senate. "We have a good

story to tell, a story that was obscured in some quarters by the political rhetoric of the recent appropriations and revenue debate in Austin."

Mobley said a grassroots movement must begin with people outside of the state's universities to tell Texans the importance of higher education.

The president called on the faculty senators to reaffirm a commitment to efficiency and effectiveness, calling on everyone to be prudent in travel, printing, use of telephones and faxes, energy consumption and use of lab and office supplies.

"We must be prudent in launching new initiatives not strategic to our missions," he continued. "We must continue to re-

duce the proportion of our total budget that goes to general administration and we must continue to seek out the highest returns on our fiscal resources."

The Senate also heard Mobley speak of the budget situation and his hint that he supports an income tax.

"The need to revise the state's method of collecting revenue is more broadly recognized than ever, and hopefully with enlightened leadership from the public and private sectors, will be dealt with in the next regular legislative session," he said.

Mobley said he understood the voter pressure on legislators not to vote for an income tax, but

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