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Sunny, high in the upper 80s. Weekend lows in the 40s.



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"Most animal population's don't require human interference and are regulated by pressures such as predation, disease and availability of food."
Thomas Jefferson, reader's opinion on animal population control

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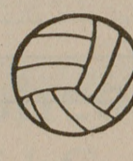
- Computer thefts on campus.
- Updated search capabilities at Sterling C. Evans Library.

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Lady Aggies put losses behind them to move on against Houston this weekend at home.



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NOW studies discrimination in A&M Corps

Female cadets respond in survey

By Liz Tisch
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More than half of the female cadets who responded to a questionnaire by the National Organization for Women reported that they have experienced discrimination from male members of Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets.

The survey, designed to support allegations made by two former and two present female cadets against the Corps for sexual, verbal and physical harassment, did not ask for any of the women's names to protect those responding from further harassment.

The allegations against the Corps prompted University President William Mobley to appoint an investigative committee to review the charges.

The four women, however, are working with the local chapter of NOW to get the issue

out in the open.

"I want to help all women so they don't have to put up with this," one of the four female cadets said. "That's why I am doing this."

In the survey, one woman wrote, "Females in general feel that if they report it (discrimination), they are being babies and that would cause more undue retribution."

One woman wrote that she was asked to comfort a male cadet because of his hurt finger "as if I were his mother."

The women responding, however, said they remain in the Corps for several reasons.

Seeking a military commission or keeping a four-year military scholarship were the main explanations for continuing membership, according to answers to the survey.

The women who reported that they did not experience discrimination did not leave comments.

Of the 76 women enrolled in the Corps, 30 responded to the survey.

Five male cadets also responded to the questionnaire. Three of the cadets said no discrimination existed in the Corps, and two reported that they believed some form of discrimination took place in A&M's military institution.

One female cadet, however, said even male members of the Corps are discriminated against if they are seen talking with a female cadet.

The current allegations, which are receiving national media coverage, add to past allegations against the Corps by female cadets.

In 1979, Melanie Zentgraf and three other female cadets sued the University and the Corps for discrimination when they sought to participate in the Aggie Band, Ross Volunteers, Parsons' Mounted Cavalry, Rudder's Rangers, Fish Drill Team and the Color Guard.

Zentgraf won the case in 1984, establishing a legal precedent that states women cannot be denied membership to these organizations.

A&M backs Jones' credibility despite University affiliation

By Karen Praslicka
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Dr. Sara Jones, the psychologist appointed to co-chair the committee investigating harassment and discrimination allegations against the Corps of Cadets, has the support of several people involved with the inquiry despite her University affiliation.

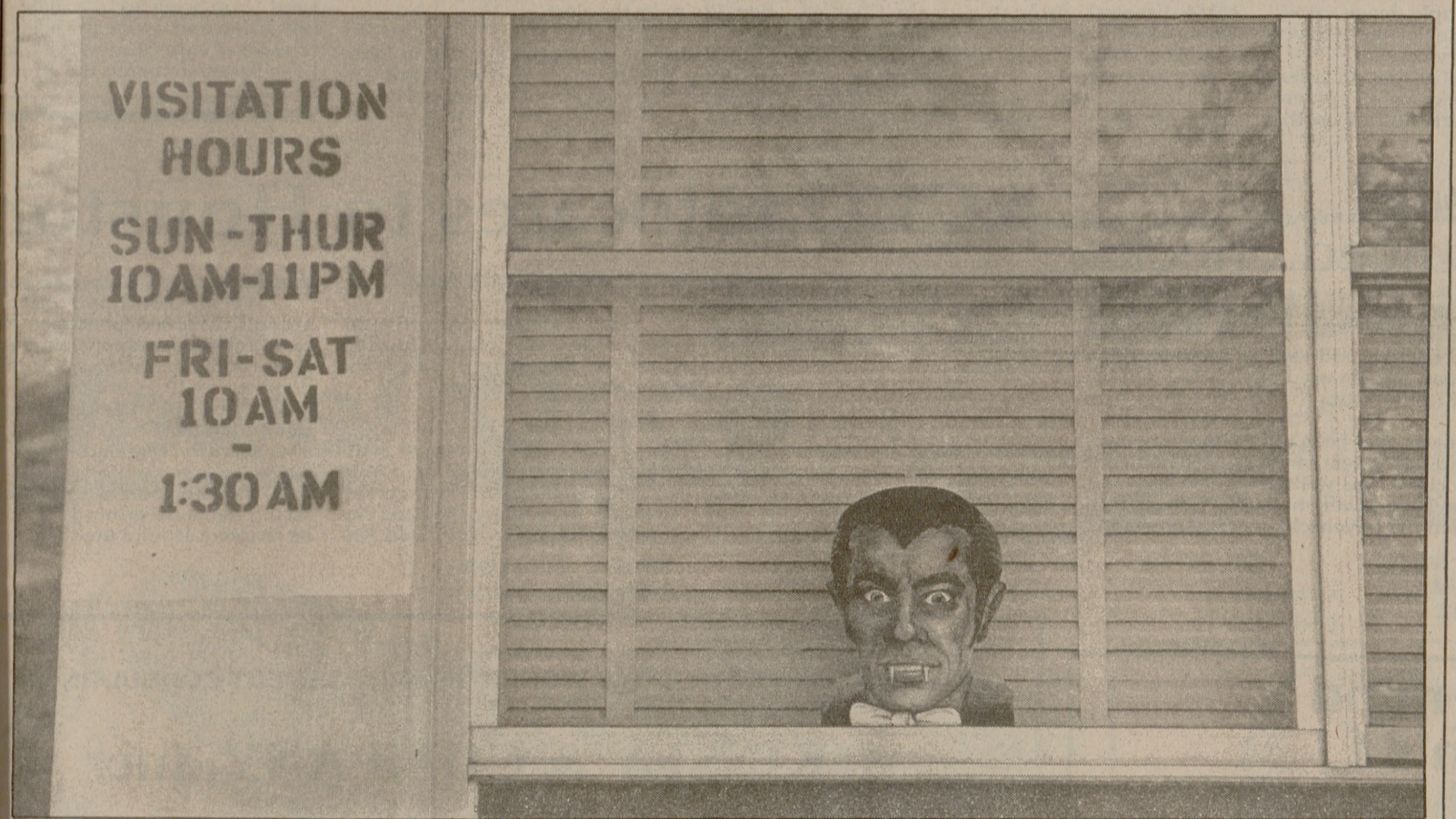
Jones, who has a private practice in Bryan, was reported to have no affiliation with Texas A&M. Jones, however, is involved with the Faculty Assistance Program.

A staff member with the program said Jones has a contract with A&M. She said Jones is paid by the University, and provides faculty and staff with six free consultations.

University President William Mobley, however, said in a written release through A&M's Office of Publication Information that Jones was selected because of her qualifications.

"Dr. Jones was selected because she is a highly competent professional and is highly respected in the community. She

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JAY JANNER/The Battalion

I want to suck your blood

Count Dracula leers out of a dorm window Thursday, apparently seeking visitors. The decoration hangs in a window in Schuhmacher Hall facing Northgate.

Senate hearings resume

Committee will hear testimony from second woman on harassment

WASHINGTON (AP) — A woman who says Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas once made "unwelcome advances" will be called to testify at Senate hearings on sexual harassment accusations against him, a source said Thursday.

The witness, Angela Wright, was identified as a former Equal Employment Opportunity Commission public affairs spokeswoman who now is an editor at the Charlotte (N.C.) Observer.

An administration source familiar with the investigation said Wright was prepared to testify that Thomas made the unwelcome advances on a date before she

went to work for the agency. Thomas chaired the agency during the Reagan administration.

The hearings set to start Friday also will pit Thomas against University of Oklahoma law professor Anita F. Hill, who has said he sexually harassed her when she was his assistant at the EEOC.

The White House issued a statement confirming that another witness had been called to testify.

"The White House has been notified by the Judiciary Committee staff that they intend to call another witness to testify against Judge Thomas," White House spokesman Sean Walsh said

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National AIDS-testing legislation will force states to update policies

(AP) — If President Bush signs legislation designed to protect people from AIDS-infected health care workers, it could put Washington on a collision course with state capitals that have adopted guidelines of their own.

Several states, including New York, California and Michigan, have policies that differ from the federal mandate, passed by Congress last week.

The congressional legislation initially required states to adopt a policy written by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. It asks health care workers to be voluntarily tested for AIDS and says infected workers should stop performing certain "exposure-prone" procedures.

In a compromise, Congress agreed to allow states

to adopt an equivalent policy of their own. Some states have policies that differ significantly from the CDC guidelines and it isn't clear how flexible the federal officials will be.

"I don't think we know exactly how 'equivalent' will be defined," said Dr. Ronald Davis, chief medical officer for the Michigan Department of Health. CDC officials said they hadn't decided yet.

States that don't comply with the federal policy could lose all federal Public Health Service funds. In Michigan that could be more than \$30 million a year, Davis said.

Dr. Lloyd Novick, community health director for

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Baker expects terrorist action

U.S. pushes for October conference on Mideast peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III said Thursday he expected terrorists and extremists to try to disrupt his drive to set up a Middle East peace conference this month.

Baker said "highly classified information" led him to the conclusion,



Baker

but he provided no details in his remarks to reporters before a meeting with four Palestinian Arabs.

Baker is scheduled to fly to the Middle East Saturday night to try to arrange an October peace conference.

"As we get closer and closer to the end of October," he said, "I think that there will be ... a tendency on the part of rejectionists and extremists across the region to take actions designed to disrupt the possibility of peace."

Baker said he did not want to suggest that Wednesday's takeover by Jewish settlers of six Arab homes in East Jerusalem was the kind of incident he had in mind. He said he agreed with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who called the action mistaken.

"I wouldn't want to take it any further than that," Baker said. "I'm also not going to be in the business of pointing out what spe

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Dorm officials evict sophomore for possessing chemicals

By Chris Vaughn
The Battalion

A Texas A&M sophomore was evicted from his dormitory Thursday for having unauthorized chemicals that University officials feared could be used to make an explosive.

Jay Winkler, a general studies major, just move out of Moses Hall by Sunday, following a decision by Student Judicial Coordinator Gene Zdziarski.

Winkler, who will remain an A&M

student, got into trouble last Wednesday when dorm officials visited his room and asked to see the chemicals.

Winkler produced the box of powdered chemicals, which included sodium nitrate, potassium nitrate, ammonia nitrate, zinc and manganese dioxide, and was immediately suspended from University housing and attending classes.

His suspension was lifted Tuesday until the conclusion of his judicial hearing.

Despite being banned from the dorm and its activities Thursday, Winkler said,

he believes he came out OK.

"It seems like a bum deal, but I felt like I came out on the winning side," he said. "At least I'm still in the University, and that was my main focus."

Winkler said residence officials came to his room because they had heard he had nitroglycerine and gunpowder, and was planning to make a bomb.

Dorm officials, however, did not find nitroglycerine or gunpowder.

Winkler did say he might have joked about making a bomb to friends, but he

was not serious.

"I also have a bunch of minerals, but when I get mad I don't throw rocks at people," Winkler said. "I don't know how to make a bomb with those chemicals."

The chemicals Winkler possessed potentially could be made into a bomb, but most can be bought at feed stores or drugstores.

Winkler said he has had the chemicals since high school and just brought them to college.

Winkler said Zdziarski was complete-

ly fair with him and he hopes to put the incident behind him.

"I don't have any hostilities toward the staff at Moses or Student Affairs," he said. "If I hadn't had the chemicals in the first place, none of this would have happened."

Winkler said, however, Zdziarski probably will return the confiscated chemicals to him.

No criminal charges were filed in the case because possession of the chemicals in question is legal.