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A&M College of Medicine focuses on minority recruitment

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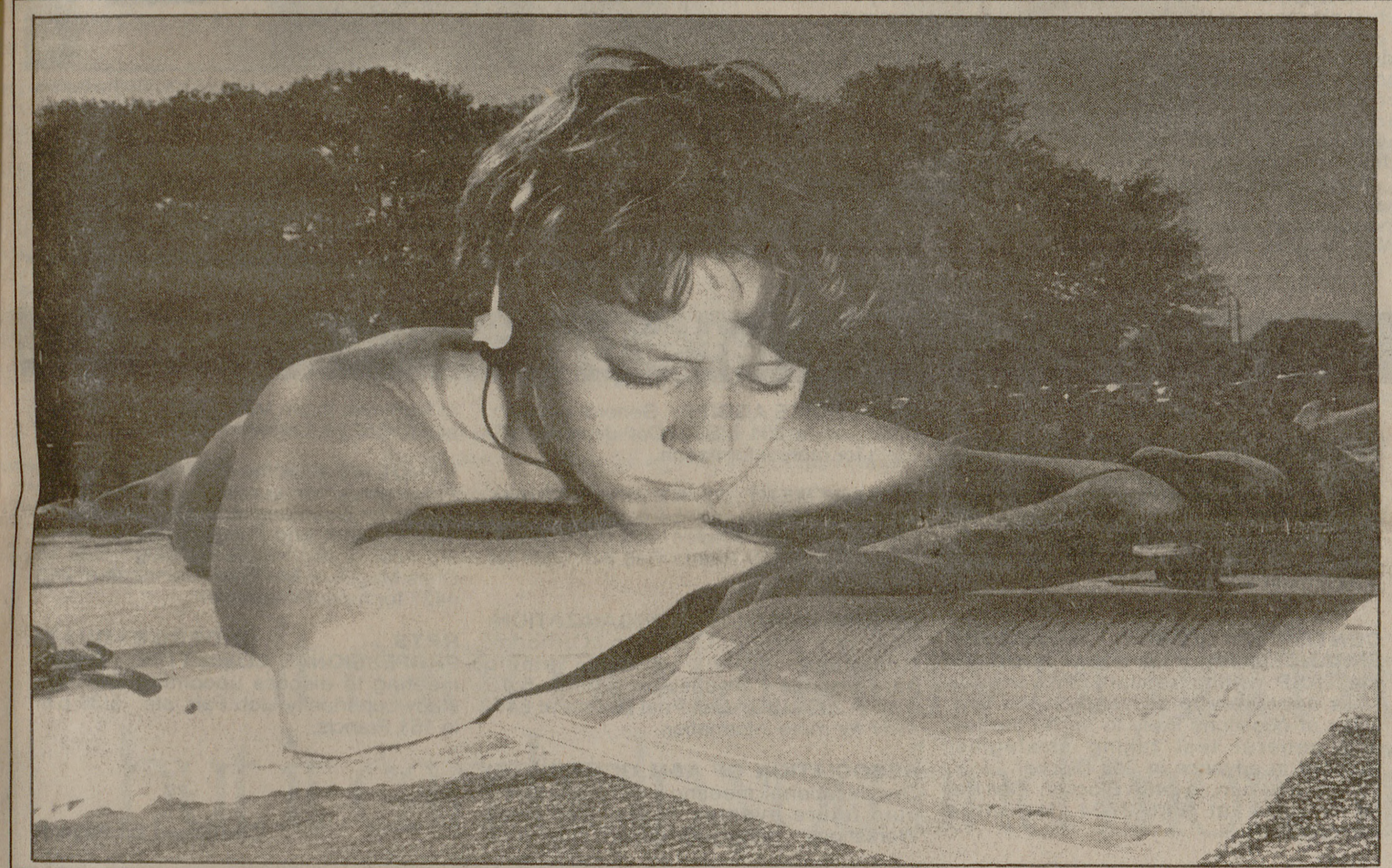
The Texas A&M College of Medicine admissions department has made minority recruitment and retention one of its top priorities, and so has its director. Filomeno Maldonado, Director of Admissions for the College of Medicine, contributes much of his time to recruiting minority applicants. In an effort to inform students of the University's interest in minority recruitment, Maldonado travels to many other schools to bring attention to A&M's college of medicine. "We target minority associations at other schools," Maldonado said. "And we

are very aggressive toward these associations." Frequent visits to other colleges and universities gives the College of Medicine the exposure it needs to attract prospective medical students to A&M, he said. One program aimed at minority and disadvantaged pre-med students is the Bridge to Medicine Program (BTM) offered by A&M during the summer. For the past six years approximately 100 pre-med black, Hispanic, Asian, and white students have applied for the program, which only has room for 20 people. Applicants to BTM include students from Texas, California, Florida, Illinois, New York and Oregon. The federally funded program helps

the students review basic sciences and studying skills and prepares them for the intensity of medical school. "The Bridge to Medicine Program reinforces science and offers MCAT preparation," Maldonado said. The College of Medicine also offers two summer programs for high school students and 65 percent of these students eventually attend A&M, Maldonado said. The medical school is also proud of its retention of minority students. The University is not only concerned with getting minorities into the field of medicine, but it goes to great efforts to keep minorities in school as well, Maldonado said. "There is a shortage of minority physicians in comparison to the minority popu-

lation," he said. The Organization on Minority Issues in Medicine (OMIM) is an official student organization which provides support for issues that arise for minority students. Twenty percent of the students are active in the organization, providing support and encouragement for each other. Minority students experience discrimination in the medical field because in the past, many people believed that the minority population was unqualified. OMIM allows the students to express their feelings and it aids in minority student retention, Maldonado said. The organization brings in guest speakers to motivate minority students to continue their medical education.

The organization also donates services to a Bryan clinic that offers care to the indigent population. The students work with physicians and nurses at the clinic to provide health care to the disadvantaged. "Working with the clinic brings the community and the University together," Maldonado said. OMIM offers free screening in high minority traffic areas for such diseases as diabetes and sickle cell anemia as another contribution to the community. Maldonado and the other faculty members said they are proud of the accomplishments the College of Medicine has made in minority recruitment and plan to continue efforts toward minority involvement in medicine.



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Catching some rays
Due to a low camera angle, Jan Jamison appears unclothed while sunbathing Monday outside Fowler Hall. Jamison, a sophomore accounting major from Lubbock, is studying for a health class and listening to a tape for music appreciation class.

Engineering college readies for Fall '92

By Melody Dunne
The Battalion

The College of Engineering is spending \$1.75 million to upgrade laboratory computer equipment during the 1991-92 school year in order to be fully re-accredited next fall. Dr. Dan Turner, associate dean with the college, said three funds - including a new engineering equipment access fee imposed on some engineering students last fall - were combined to provide the money needed to purchase the equipment. "The reason the access fee was imposed was to upgrade the labs for the engineering department to be re-accredited," Turner said. Engineering Excellence funds from the engineering dean's office and funds from the university's computer access fees distributed by Dr. Larry Piper made up the rest of the money. Almost \$330,000 of the fund has helped purchase and install 100 computers for undergraduate engineers. Jane Mills Smith, media relations specialist for the College of Engineering, said students taking engineering courses that included certain computer laboratory classes contributed to the fund by pay-

ing \$70 per course. More than 1,000 undergraduate engineering students each semester will use the computers purchased with the funds, she said. "The reason the access fee was imposed was to upgrade the labs for the engineering department to be re-accredited." - Dan Turner, associate dean of engineering

Turner said the new computers have word processing capabilities and also solve engineering problems. Most of the students who will benefit from the computers are registered in Engineering 109, which is an introduction to engineering problem solving. "The computers have changed the whole Engineering 109 class and the students learn more," Turner said. Any student in the university may use the computers after class priority hours, he added. Currently, the computers are available for students not taking Engineering 109 from 10 p.m. to midnight in rooms 416 and 418 of the Civil Engineering Laboratory Building.



Boris Yeltsin

Yeltsin asks U.S. for loan

Russian president requests \$600 million more in credit

MOSCOW (AP) - Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin on Monday asked Secretary of State James A. Baker III for an additional \$600 million in credit guarantees so his country can buy American grain to feed its people. Yeltsin also said he hoped to be able to announce at a July summit in Washington an agreement on further reductions in both sides' long-range nuclear arsenals. It was the first time July has been mentioned as the summit date, and U.S. officials insisted that a date has yet to be set. Yeltsin's appeal came as Baker promised \$25 million for a center to help former Soviet nuclear scientists, and agreed to provide an array of equipment and facilities to help Russia store and destroy its nuclear weapons. The guarantees request caught Baker by surprise, American officials said, but he promised to take it to Washington for consideration. "I have no doubt in the positive response of the United States," Yeltsin said with Baker at his side after a three-hour meeting in the Kremlin. The United States has already provided \$3.75 billion in grain credits, of which \$3.1 billion have been used, U.S. officials said. The remaining \$675 million will be used by April 1, Yeltsin said. The additional guarantees would be used in the second quarter of 1992, he added. A senior U.S. official said Baker had made clear to Yeltsin the importance of Russia repaying the loans which the United States

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Dahmer gets life sentence for murders

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was sentenced to life in prison Monday after some relatives of his 15 victims called him a devil and Dahmer told the judge, "I know society will never be able to forgive me." "I take all the blame for what I did," he said. Nine relatives of Dahmer's victims described the pain they have suffered because he killed, butchered and had sex with the corpses of their family members. The hysterical sister of victim Errol Lindsey shouted "Satan!" at Dahmer and screamed, "Jeffrey, I hate you!" as she lunged toward him, shaking her fist and shouting obscenities. She was led away. A jury decided Saturday that Dahmer, 31, was sane when he killed 15 young men and boys he lured to his home. Dahmer pleaded guilty but insane. The former chocolate factory worker confessed to 17 slayings since 1978 after his arrest last July. He is to stand trial in an Ohio killing, and was not charged in one Milwaukee death because of lack of evidence. "I hope God has forgiven me," Dahmer said. "I know society will never be able to forgive me. I know the families of the victims will never be able to forgive me for what I have done." Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Laurence C. Gram Jr. sentenced Dahmer to consecutive life prison terms. Under consecutive sentences, if Dahmer gained parole in one sentence the next sentence would automatically take effect. The prosecutor said Dahmer would not be eligible for parole for 936 years. Dahmer's lawyer, Gerald Boyle, said no appeal was planned. "I wanted to find out just what it was that caused me to be so bad and evil," Dahmer said. "The doctors have told me about my sickness and now I have some peace." "This has never been a case of trying to get free," he said. "I never wanted freedom. Frankly, I wanted death for myself." Wisconsin has no death penalty. "I should have stayed with God," Dahmer said. "I tried and I failed, and created a holocaust." "I feel so bad for what I did to those poor families, and I understand their rightful hate," he said. See Victims/ Page 7

Muslims vow to avenge leader's death

Shiites riot in wake of assassination, Israel prepares for retaliatory raids

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - Angry Shiite Muslims took to the streets of Beirut on Monday, vowing to avenge Israel's assassination of the leader of the pro-Iranian group Hezbollah. Israel warned that any retaliatory raids would carry "a very high price." The Lebanese government sent army reinforcements to the area. It also lodged a complaint with the United Nations Security Council over the Israeli attack on Sunday. Lebanon said it still planned to attend the Middle East peace talks scheduled to begin next Monday in Washington. The Palestinians also indicated they would attend, despite two other Israeli attacks Sunday that targeted refugee camps and PLO bases in south Lebanon. Hours after the attack that killed Sheik Abbas Musawi, Muslim militants fired rockets into Israeli-held territory in south Lebanon, and continued strikes into Monday morning. No damage or casualties were reported. Later, mourners at a funeral procession for Musawi in Beirut's southern slums screamed hatred and anger at the United States and Israel. About 50,000 men marched through the southern slums carrying on their shoulders the wooden coffins of Musawi and his wife and a son, killed along with him. "Death to America!" and "Death to Israel!" chanted some of the mourners. "You shall be avenged!" In Israel, the army chief of staff said the army was ready to strike back hard if Hezbollah militiamen attacked Israeli territory. "We are deployed defensively as well as offensively to react," Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak said on army radio. "If there will not be calm ... the saboteurs of the calm will have to pay a very high price." Northern Israeli towns were on alert against infiltration attacks, and police set up roadblocks around cities and on roads from See Lebanon/Page 16