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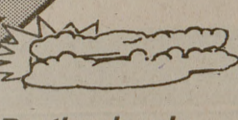
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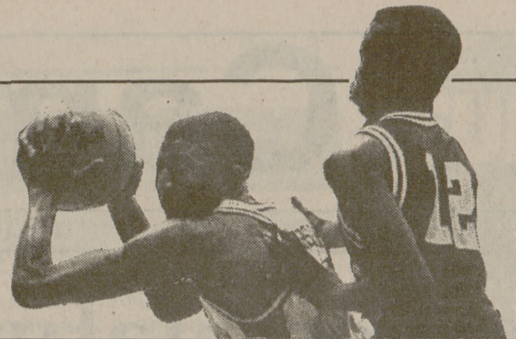
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Walk-on Chuck Henderson works hard to keep his starting position on the A&M basketball team

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Self-improvement is a wonderful thing, but it should stop short of the surgeon's knife.

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A&M political parties say Bush will win Republican nomination

By Becky Blum
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Despite Patrick Buchanan's success in New Hampshire, President Bush will win the Republican presidential race hands down, student political party leaders said.

"The Republican candidate will definitely be Bush," said Joseph Trimble, president of Texas A&M College Republicans.

Michael Castillo, vice president of Aggie Democrats, said although Bush should win the Republican nomination, Buchanan's success will weaken the president's chances for re-election.

"Votes for Buchanan indicate a dissatisfaction with the President," Castillo said. "I think Bush made promises to that constituency, and Mr. Buchanan is pointing

out that the president did not keep those promises."

Trimble said there is speculation that Buchanan's success is nothing but signals to Bush.

"The philosophy is vote for Buchanan to make a better Bush, to encourage him to come back to the right," he said.

Castillo said the only chance Buchanan has of beating Bush is to win a primary with at least 51 percent of the votes.

"Until he does that, Buchanan doesn't have a chance," he said.

Trimble said he thinks Buchanan will not win more than 40 percent of the votes in the upcoming primary elections, and Bush will sweep the 10-state primaries on March 10.

"Bush will win all the rest of the primaries," he said.

Dr. James Dyer, associate pro-

fessor of political science, said there is no doubt that Bush will win the Republican nomination, even though Buchanan did well in the New Hampshire primary.

"I don't think anybody at this point doubts that Bush will be the Republican candidate," Dyer said. "Even by pointing out that Buchanan did extremely well in a state that's been horribly hurt by the recession, still, Bush got what in a general election would be considered a landslide vote."

The Democratic race is wide open, Dyer said, because the candidates are not well-known.

"I think the Democratic thing is way up in the air," he said. "No-body knows about these candidates, so who gets to be better-known in the next... short period

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Student Senate rejects bill

Prior experience amendment fails

By John Lose
The Battalion

The Texas A&M Student Senate last night rejected an amendment requiring student body presidential candidates to have prior experience in student government.

The senate instead approved a compromise amendment which calls for publishing the candidates' qualifications.

The replacement amendment instead requires all potential candidates to fill out an application listing any leadership experience in student government or in any other organization. All of the applications would then be made available to the student body prior to the election.

"This is a good compromise," Senator Cody Burke said. "This is not saying that you have to have student government experience. If people think it's important, then they will vote for that. If not, then they will vote for the other candidate."

Two students attending the meeting voiced their opinions of the issue of the candidacy restrictions of the previous amendment.

Jana Terry said the entire issue has overtones of "pre-election elitism."

"I agree with the idea of making leadership positions important," she said, "but I think it is condescending to say that the voters need help in making a decision, and I resent their saying that."

Sarah Peebles demanded the senate stop serving their own interests and instead consider the interests of their constituents.

"I am insulted, I am outraged and I am pissed off with what is going on," she said. "I have not been able to contact any of the sen-

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Behind the scenes

Cynthia Brenam puts the finishing touches on a gargoyle for the set of "The Devils," a play to be performed by the Aggie Players. The play opens Feb. 27 at Rudder Theater.

BLEAK FUTURE

Hobby blames educational problems on poor economy

By Gary Carroll and Melody Dunne
The Battalion



KARL STOLLEIS/The Battalion
Former Texas Lt. Gov. William Hobby says the failing national economy is to blame for the education problems in Texas.

Former Lt. Gov. William Hobby said Tuesday during a visit to Texas A&M that the state's education problems are tied to the national economy.

Speaking with journalism professors, Hobby blamed the state's difficulties on a failing national economy which President Bush has finally recognized.

The recession has created unfavorable economic conditions for luring outside investors,

Hobby said. Big businesses don't come to Texas because of the various taxes.

"There's city tax districts, county tax districts and who knows, there may even be some underground water tax districts," he said. "The current system is hostile to investors."

The recession has spurred lawmakers into "hasty" measures that haven't worked, he said. The current education funding bill which is in effect — but is unconstitutional — is evidence of this, he said.

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Vote brings Bryan bars step closer

City council OKs first reading on plan to extend drinking hours

By Jayme Blaschke
The Battalion

Last call for alcohol in Bryan night clubs and bars is a step closer to being one hour later.

The Bryan City Council in a 5-2 vote approved the plan Tuesday night.

The proposal must pass another majority council vote on its second reading to become an ordinance. The vote is expected to be in early March.

The plan, which would extend bar operating hours to 1 a.m. seven days a week, means Bryan establishments would conduct business under identical hours as those in College Station.

Bryan Councilman Ed Aycox said he voted in favor of the proposal because the current policy was putting Bryan establishments at a competitive disadvantage.

"Businesses should not be penalized just because they happen to be located in Bryan," Aycox said. "They should have the same opportunity to sell alcohol as their next-door neighbor."

Councilman Larry Catlin, however, said while Bryan businesses shouldn't be penalized, changing Bryan's drinking laws to conform with College Station's is unwise.

"If... College Station goes to 2 a.m., do we go to 2 a.m. also?" Catlin said.

Kirk Brown of College Station asked what effect longer hours would have on public safety.

"A study done at a major nightclub here showed that there were 20 drunk arrests per year, but for every drunk arrested, there are 1,000 that get away," Brown said. "Do we really want to extend hours and dump 40,000 drunks a year onto Bryan streets?"

Councilman Lonnie Stabler voted in favor of the measure because Bryan residents who wanted to drink until 1 a.m. would do so anyway, he said.

"People go across the road to College Station every night to drink, then come back to Bryan," Stabler said. "How is Bryan having an earlier closing time going to keep these people off the road? Extending our hours to 1 a.m. only gives Bryan businesses the chance at equal competition."

Rev. Dick Maples of the First Baptist Church said something is wrong when business concerns begin taking precedence over public safety.

"All studies show the highest number of accidents involving alcohol happen between midnight and 3 a.m.," Maples said. "The chance of a sober person having an accident with a drunk driver is 50 times greater during that time."

The strain on Bryan police is something that must be considered before anything, Catlin said.

"From a police point of view, this measure should not pass, but from a business standpoint it should," he said. "Right now it looks like business is going to win, and that's the wrong approach."

Professional School Advising Office opens to assist students

By Tanya Sasser
The Battalion

Texas A&M students interested in attending a medical or law school after graduation now have their own office to go to for advising.

The counselors in the Professional School Advising Office are prepared to work with high school students interested in attending A&M who are already planning to attend a professional school, as well as currently enrolled students who

need to know which basic courses they need for medical school.

The new office is performing a service that has been needed at A&M for a long time, said Dr. Dale Knobel, director of A&M's Office of Honors Programs and Academic Scholarships.

"These kinds of pre-professional goals for students have different kinds of advising needs than students who intend to go to graduate school in the same discipline they've been an undergraduate in," he said. "These services have been available on our campus but they've been dis-

persed and often hard to find."

The new office, located in the Academic Building, room 203, will officially be dedicated to the University on Thursday.

Knobel said the dedication gives him a chance to show gratitude to the people who made the office a reality.

"The Association of Former Students is what has really gotten this office off the ground," he said. "They... offered to supply a major part of the support. This open house will provide the opportunity for us to officially thank them."

Knobel said most of the departmental

advisors were not prepared to counsel students concerning information about professional schools.

"It seemed important to have a facility available that wasn't hidden away in a department or college, but was in a centralized University office," he said.

The counselors are also able to talk to students who need help directing their thinking about what kind of professional school to attend.

Bonne Sandars, a counselor at the professional advising office, said most of the students who come in are interested in at-

tending medical school.

"At this point, we have been focusing on students who have been applying to medical schools and different health careers," she said. "We keep track of how many students we advise and in one week we had 117 people through the office."

The main function of the office is to provide any type of advising service to students, she said.

"The office in its early stage but we've been doing a lot of work in order to make it a success," Knobel said.