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**"If the election commission provided . . . beer at all polling places, college students would vote."**  
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## Computer virus draws near

### A&M professor offers tips to inoculate machines

**By Gina Howard**  
*The Battalion*

A virus that has the potential to completely destroy computer hard disk memories world-wide on Friday can be avoided, local computer experts said.

Dr. Bart Childs, professor of computer science, said PC and IBM-compatible computers are the systems at greatest risk, but most Texas A&M systems have a high enough level of protection to be safe from this particular virus.

"Most A&M systems have ex-

tensive protection," Childs said. "There is a good chance it won't bother us here. In general, we should not have a problem, but individual PC users are at risk."

The virus, known as the Michelangelo virus because it is expected to activate on the artist's birthday - March 6 - will erase all information stored in the computer's hard drive if the computer has been exposed to the virus.

Childs said one way to avoid the effects of the virus is to change the internal clock in the computer to March 7, since the trigger to set off the virus is the date of March 6. When the clock says March 8, users should set the clocks back a day.

While that method will dodge the virus this year, he said it will not cure the virus permanently.

"Changing the date is a simple fix to avoid the virus, but users would have to remember to change it every year," Childs said. "March 6 will always trigger it."

John Flynn, owner of Computer Access in College Station, said most people who have computers with the virus are com-

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## Racial composition of major Texas universities

1990 to 1991

	1990	1991	%Change
UT-Austin			
Black	3.7%	3.6%	-2.77%
White	71.2	69.8	-1.79
Hispanic	10.8	11.2	+3.57
Texas A&M			
B	3.0	2.8	-7.14
W	80.4	79.3	-1.39
H	7.5	7.8	+3.85
U. of Houston			
B	8.0	8.1	+1.23
W	67.2	65.2	-3.07
H	9.3	10.0	+7.00
U. of N. Texas			
B	5.9	5.8	-1.72
W	82.2	82.0	-0.24
H	4.1	4.3	+4.65
Texas Tech			
B	2.7	2.7	0.00
W	84.9	84.1	-0.95
H	7.6	8.0	+5.00

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## A&M fosters increase of minority students

**By Jayme Blaschke**  
*The Battalion*

The racial makeup of the Texas A&M student body is predominantly white, but the Office of School Relations is working to increase the representation of minorities on campus.

The effort A&M commits to recruiting minority students has increased dramatically over the past decade, said Stephanie Dunlap, associate director of the Minority Student Recruitment Administration.

"A&M has statewide representatives who visit all potential students, but focus special attention on underrepresented groups to let

them know A&M is interested in them," Dunlap said. "It takes special effort because the link of communication with them is not as strong."

Betty James, assistant commissioner for educational opportunity planning for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, said A&M has made impressive strides in minority recruitment despite the fact the University population does not reflect that of the state.

"If Texas' five largest universities are compared, A&M and the University of Houston are the only two in the state to hold steady or increase the number of minorities enrolled," James said. "The

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## Clevenger calls for inspection

### Student Senate seeks outcome of income

**By John Lose**  
*The Battalion*

The Texas A&M Student Senate Wednesday night approved a resolution calling for an independent analysis of certain actions of the Department of Business Services.

The inquiry, which would be conducted by an outside firm, would determine if any indiscretions exist in how money is raised on campus by Business Services, and how it is spent by the Administration.

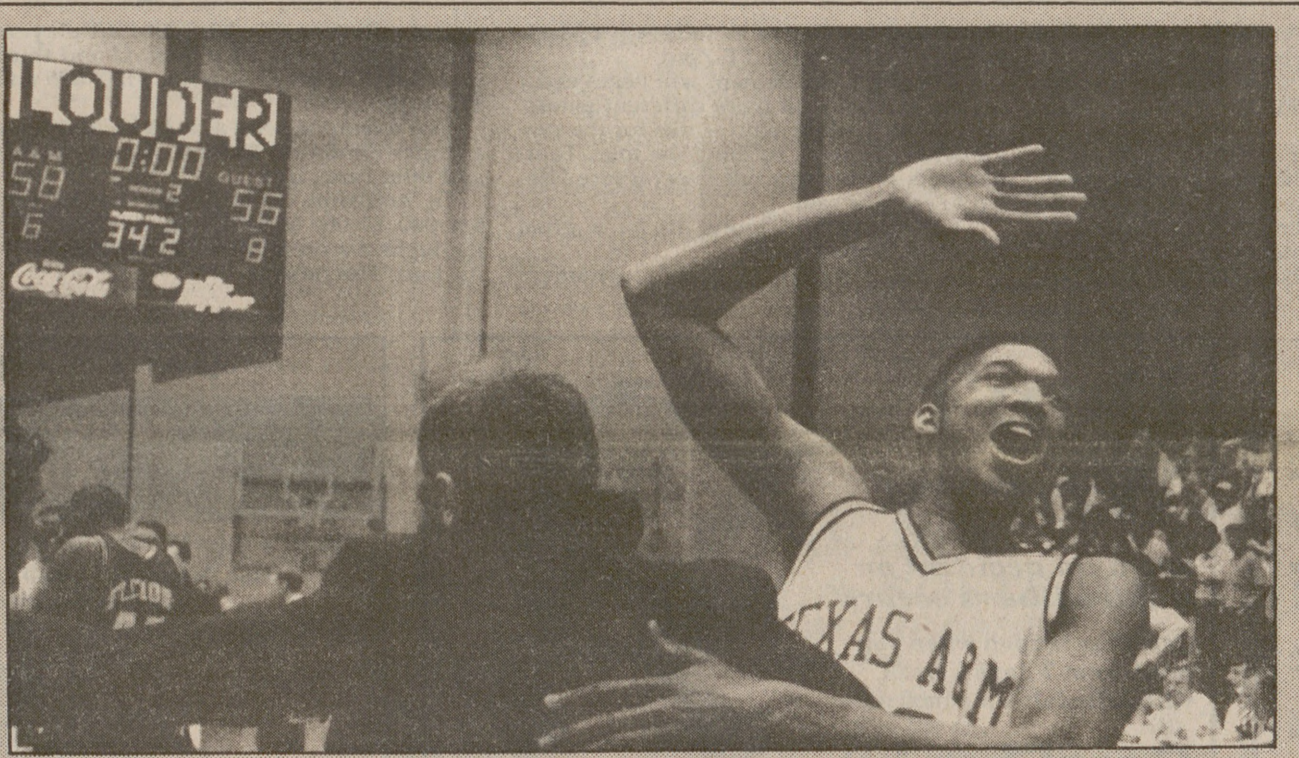
Senator Ty Clevenger, who introduced the resolution, said money from the state is earmarked for specific uses by the University.

But money generated from other sources may be spent in any way, with little or no accountability by the Administration, he said. This money includes funds from bookstore sales, as well as from vending machines on campus.

"The University receives \$2 million per year in revenue from the bookstore, which amounts to a cash cow for them," Clevenger said. "I don't blame it on privatization, though, which can work in our favor if done properly and is accountable."

A recent student government task force appointed to consider the issue of pricing was told by Robert Smith, the vice president

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## A&M wins first SWC home game in 2 years

**By Scott Wudel**  
*The Battalion*

Just three weeks ago, the Texas A&M basketball team defeated Texas Southern University in G. Rollie White Coliseum and ended its 12-game losing streak. The A&M players were excited and relieved, but the celebration was one of mere handshakes and pats on the back.

Wednesday night, the Aggies had cause for celebration. Texas Tech's Will Flemons' shot hit the front of the rim and bounced off as the final buzzer sounded. For the first time in more than two years of home Southwest Conference games, the scoreboard favored the Aggies.

A&M players rushed to the sidelines, and the crowd of 2,545 enthusiastically greeted them. The Aggies had just defeated the Red Raiders, 58-56, and sent the Coliseum faithful home with relieved expectations of Tony Barone and his young, hustling program.

The first-year coach said the victory was a credibility boost for the A&M basketball program.

"You always like to win your last home game," Barone said, fresh from a run of high-fives across the Coliseum floor. "You like to reward the fans who have been really loyal."

"The rap that the student body is apathetic - that rap is really unfair. These kids have been very supportive."

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## Flash floods hit Houston, swamp roads

### Forecasters warn of storms forming over central Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Up to 8 inches of rain hit parts of Houston Wednesday, pushing bayous over their banks, leaving some freeways under water and making normally clogged traffic even worse.

Four handicapped children and the driver of their school bus escaped serious injury when their small bus went into rain-swollen White Oak Bayou near downtown. Police said the frightened bus riders were alert and conscious as they were put into ambulances and taken to a hospital by police dive team members.

Forecasters said the rains were caused by a line of storms that hovered over the area for several hours.

"The thunderstorms just stalled out on us," Bill Evans, spokesman of the Harris County Flood Control District, said.

The National Weather Service issued a flash flood watch for all of southeast Texas, where the ground has been saturated by heavy rains since Christmas.

Rain totals Wednesday averaged from 3 to 6 inches with isolated areas reporting more.

Although the weather was expected to clear by nightfall, a new line of storms was developing across central Texas in the late afternoon and moving east. Forecasters said those rains could aggravate the already serious flooding problem.

Several major bayous that drain rains from Houston were reported at or above their banks, including Buffalo, White Oak and Braes bayous. Evans said Greens Bayou north of the city was also an area of concern.

Along the Interstate 10 freeway at the White Oak Bayou, dozens of cars were stranded in door-handle-high water.

"It's the first time I've seen it like this," Ken Baugh, who has lived in Houston since 1984, said while waiting out the flooding on a bank along the bayou. "I'm not going to be a statistic. I'm going to stand right here, drink beer and watch it."

Steve Wilson, a manager at the Fiesta Supermarket next to Interstate 10 in west Houston, said traffic was at a standstill in both directions.

## Professor recommends capitalism vs. handouts

**By Sharon Gilmore**  
*The Battalion*

The United States can help the former communist nations of Eastern Europe by pressuring them to change their system instead of giving them aid, a Texas A&M professor and University of Belgrade graduate said Wednesday.

Dr. Svetozar Pejovich, the Rex B. Grey Professor of Economics, said despite rejection of the communist system, people in Eastern Europe still are unsure of a capitalist economy.

"People 45 years and older are afraid personally of the change, afraid a free market will take away all they have," he said.

Pejovich, who also served as director of the A&M Center of Free Enterprise for 11 years and as dean of the University of Dallas School of Management, said the older people of Eastern Europe

think capitalism is a quick way to get rich, while the young people favor it.

Nationalism and strength will affect the nature of U.S. involvement, whatever the future holds for Eastern Europe, he said.

Pejovich also said Eastern European countries have no incentives to reconstruct their economies and make them more efficient if they continue to receive outside aid.

"I believe it would be wrong to give aid to the former Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries," he said. "Harvests in the former Soviet Union did not disappear, but their value has increased with the inflation, and they did not reach state stores. They should open their goods to private investment."

Pejovich said he still feels unsure about the future of the for-

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## RECYCLING PLUS

### Local group lends helping hand to community's disabled, jobless

**By Ursula J. Burrell**  
*The Battalion*

A local non-profit organization known mainly for its recycling efforts also is helping to integrate disabled individuals into the job market.

Junction Five-O-Five, located at 4410 College Main in Bryan, opened its new recycling facility on Feb. 18. The organization, however, does more than just collect old newspapers and aluminum cans.

"The center is more than a recycling center," director Paul Fagan said. "We also maintain six county and roadside parks, and we find jobs in the community for people with disabilities."

The parks, located between

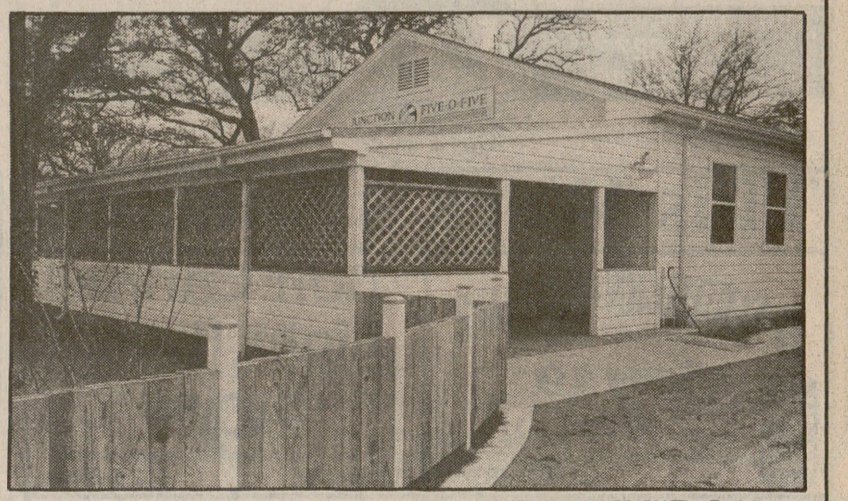
Temple and Hempstead and between Roans Prairie and Caldwell, are cleaned twice a week.

"We hope that through employment, people with disabilities will become more independent, productive and integrated into the community," Fagan said.

The center also provides supported employment, placing handicapped persons with employers and then training them.

"We have found that people with disabilities work better when they are placed with an employer and then trained," Fagan said. "When they are trained outside of their place of employment they have a hard time adjusting because they expect their jobs to be exactly the way it was when they train for it."

Junction Five-O-Five was orig-



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### Junction Five-O-Five recycling center finds jobs for the disabled.

inally two different non-profit organizations for the handicapped.

After the state reduced the amount of money it gave Geranium Junction, the organization merged with Five-O-Five Personnel Services to form Junction Five-O-Five.

The organization - which does not earn enough money from recycling to pay the wages of its employees - welcomes donations and volunteers, he said.

Donators or volunteers may contact Paul Fagan at 846-3670 or Junction Five-O-Five; P.O. Box 4566; Bryan, TX 77805.