

ISA honors outstanding student

Ag engineering major wins \$2,000 scholarship

By K. Lee Davis
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A 23-year-old masters student from Madras, India, who proudly wears a T-shirt saying, "Indian by birth . . . Aggie by the grace of God" took home the Eppright Outstanding International Student Award last Friday.

Ranjan Natarajan, an agricultural engineering major, currently has a 3.3 grade point average and is active in student life.

The award, which is a \$2,000 scholarship, first was conceived by Riyad Chakmachi in 1981, but was not endowed until last year by Colonel George J. Eppright, Class of '26. The award culminated the festivities surrounding International Awareness Week.

The scholarship is awarded in recognition of academic excellence, involvement in non-scholastic community activities and promotion of international awareness on campus and in the community.

Natarajan won the award in the fiercest competition of the award's ten year history against a record number of applicants.

Natarajan currently serves as historian for the Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society, sergeant-at-arms for the Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity, international service director for the Aggie Rotaract Club and direc-

tor of fund raising for Off-Campus Aggies.

He is a member of the Alpha Epsilon Honor Society and vice president for programs for the International Student Association.

Natarajan had the choice to attend several top American universities after finishing his undergraduate college work at the PSO College of Technology in Coimbatore, India, but decided early in the process to attend a school in a warm-weather state.

"I really don't like a cold climate too much," Natarajan said. "I was admitted to the University of Southern California, A&M, Hawaii and UT-Arlington, but USC was too expensive, and Hawaii too far away, so I felt that A&M would be the best school to go to."

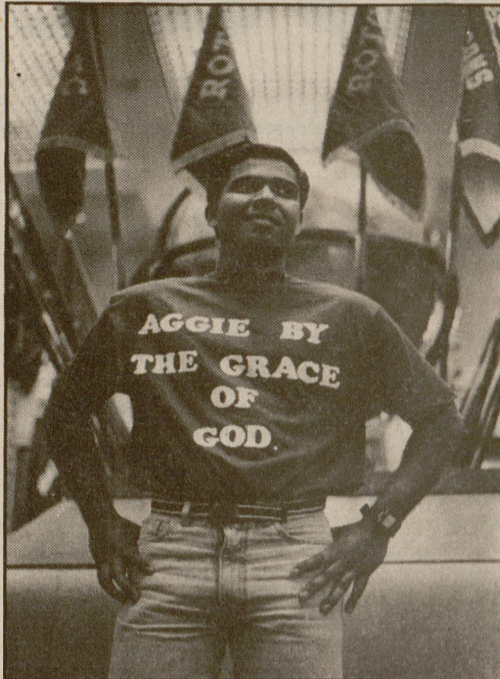
Natarajan said A&M's traditions and spirit also attracted him to A&M.

"A lot of traditions here are unique. It makes you identify with the University," he said.

Natarajan's favorite American pastime has become football, especially A&M games.

"At first, when I saw football on television, I just saw guys jumping around not knowing why they wore helmets or anything, but a friend took me to a game and explained everything to me," Natarajan said.

"Of course everyone in the whole place is turning, wondering, 'Who is that guy who doesn't know how to play football?'"



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Ranjan Natarajan was the recipient of the Eppright Outstanding Student Award last Friday.

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A&M colleges prepare fundraising campaign

Program coordinators plan gala event to announce money-making strategies

By Tanya Sasser
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Texas A&M will be receiving millions of dollars in donations as the largest fund-raising effort ever conducted by a state university is premiered this evening.

More than 1,000 University supporters are expected to attend the gala, which marks the opening of the public phase of the fund-raising project.

Dennis Prescott, deputy director of the "Capturing the Spirit" campaign, said the coordinators have been looking forward to publicly announcing the campaign's purpose.

"For about a year and a half

now, we have been in what we call the 'quiet phase' or the 'non-public phase' of this campaign, which is nothing more than a major gifts fund-raising effort," Prescott said. "We feel like we are ready now to go public with the campaign and announce officially what our goal will be."

A&M has been undergoing audits by officials to evaluate which present programs needed to continue and the amount of funds necessary to continue these programs.

The campaign is an ongoing effort that is still in its early stages, Prescott said.

"We have been counting gifts

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American Cancer Society benefits from annual race

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Students will have the opportunity to run or walk their way into shape while contributing to the American Cancer Society in the Fifth Annual Bill Thomason 5-K Memorial Run/Walk on Saturday.

Chris Galindo, an organizer of the event, said everyone is welcome to participate.

"We don't turn anybody down," Galindo said. "It's a tough course because it goes through a residential area, but we've had runners, walkers and wheelchairs in the past."

The purpose of the race is to

honor Bill Thomason, a cancer victim who passed away in 1988. Thomason, Galindo and Bill Jennings, another organizer of the event, exercised together.

"When Bill was diagnosed with cancer, he fought it, and he never gave up," Galindo said.

"Bill's family asked that we send donations instead of flowers when he passed away. They thought the American Cancer Society would be the best thing, and Bill Jennings and I agreed."

The first 5-K run began three weeks after Thomason died, and there were more participants than anyone ever expected, he said.

"One year, we had so many

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Center offers livestock experience to students

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Meat-eating Aggies can satisfy their appetite and support the University at the same time by purchasing their meat and dairy products from the Rosenthal Meat Science and Technology Center.

A&M students learn how to judge livestock, cut them up, arrange the cuts for sale and then

sell some of them in a small store at the front of the building.

"We're not trying to train butchers," said Ray Riley, manager of the Rosenthal center.

"We are trying to broaden our students' knowledge to make them more complete leaders in the livestock industry," Riley added.

The center has been a leader in livestock and meat consumption research, pioneered electrical stimulation of carcasses as a way

to tenderize meat and has participated in the 1989 National Consumer Beef Study, which showed consumer demand for leaner meat.

"We first started experiments with electric stimulation in 1975, and it has since spread industry-wide where as much as 90 percent of consumer meats have been processed this way," Riley said.

On any given day the store will have from 70 to 100 types of meat

and dairy products for sale.

The center carries beef, pork, lamb and a variety of dairy products on its shelves, often at lower prices than can be found in grocery stores.

Riley said beef steaks are the most popular day-to-day item sold at the store, but demands change seasonally.

"During the Christmas

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The Texas A&M University Student Publications Board is accepting applications for

Editor, *The Battalion*

Summer 1992

The summer editor will serve from May 25, 1992, through August 7, 1992.

Editor, *The Battalion*

Fall 1992

The fall editor will serve from August 17, 1992, through December 11, 1992.

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Be a student at Texas A&M with a 2.0 GPR at the time of appointment and during the term of office;

At least one year experience in a responsible editorial position on *The Battalion* or comparable student newspaper,

OR

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OR

At least 12 hours journalism, including JOUR 203 and 303 (Media Writing I and II) or equivalent. The 12 hours must include completion of or enrollment in JOUR 301 (Mass Comm Law) or equivalent.

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Be a student at Texas A&M with a minimum 2.0 GPR at the time of appointment and during the term of office. At least one year of experience in a responsible position on the *Aggieland* or comparable college yearbook is preferred.

Application forms should be picked up and returned to the Student Publications Manager's office, room 230 Reed McDonald Building. Deadline for submitting application: 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 1992. Applicants will be interviewed during the Student Publications Board Meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. Friday, March 27, 1992, in room 214 Reed McDonald.

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