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## Clinton begins transition from Little Rock to D.C.

President-elect releases plans for pre-Christmas summit

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — President-elect Clinton on Monday detailed plans for a pre-Christmas economic summit and began work in earnest on a White House transition that aides said was unlikely to yield many quick decisions.

Clinton opened the week by exercising his reach as both a sitting governor and president-elect, speaking by phone with three world leaders, meeting with his state Cabinet and lieutenant governor, then conferring with key members of his transition team.

Aides set out to organize a summit of American business and economic leaders, and to form transition "cluster groups" that will develop recommendations in various areas of government policy.

As he left his statehouse office for the Governor's Mansion, Clinton described the summit as a outgrowth of his campaign promise to put economic recovery at the top of his agenda.

"I want to bring in some of the brightest people in the country, a broad range of backgrounds, talk to them about the gravity of the situation, deal with what our options are, get as many good ideas as I can," Clinton said.

Earlier in the day, Clinton met with his state Cabinet and his apparent successor, Lt. Gov. Jim Guy Tucker.

Tucker said he and Clinton had agreed on a state transition schedule but were not ready to provide details due to "a few uncertainties we need to work out on the mechanics of it."



Clinton

## A&M student stabbed in CS

A Texas A&M student was stabbed Monday night in College Station across the street from an apartment complex.

Michael Marketos, a sophomore business administration major, remained in stable condition at Humana Hospital in Bryan, a hospital spokeswoman said.

According to police reports, Marketos was getting out of his car across the street from Briarwood Apartments at 1201 Harvey Rd. when a man grabbed his

shoulder, spun him around and asked him for money. Marketos told them he had no money and a second man hit him in the stomach.

The second man again demanded money and when Marketos said he didn't have any, the second man stabbed him with an unknown weapon, inflicting a three-inch wound. The suspects, two black males, then fled north on Rhett Butler Street.

Marketos was able to walk to his girlfriend's apartment, where residents called an ambulance.



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Rachel Turner, a freshman journalism major joins Charles Keim, a sophomore aerospace major at silent vigil held Monday at the Flag Pole in front of the Academic Building. Rachel is a member of the service sorority Angel Flight, who co-sponsored the vigil with the Arnold Air Society.

## PTTS charges tickets to roommates

By MACK HARRISON

Reporter for THE BATTALION

Igor Carron, a graduate student in nuclear engineering at Texas A&M, received a letter last spring telling him to pay \$30 for a parking violation — or be blocked from graduation.

Carron, however, does not own a vehicle. "I was about to graduate and I went to the registrar," Carron said. "She told me I was barred (from graduating)."

One of Carron's roommates had incurred the fine the previous November. Carron said Parking, Traffic and Transit Services assessed the fine to the first person affiliated with A&M listed at the address to which the car was registered. Carron, who was living with four other roommates at the time, was at the top of the list.

Another student, Alexis Pastorek, was paying her tuition installment when she noticed a \$90 charge for

parking tickets on her fee statement — and the tickets belonged to a former roommate.

After she contacted PTTS, an employee who only identified himself as "Mark" told Pastorek that the department routinely billed tickets to roommates of the violators. She said the employee told her the practice is "perfectly legal."

"There's nothing they can tell me that's going to satisfy me," Pastorek said. "If it's legal, it's through a legal loophole."

Pastorek, a junior sociology major, said she wants people to know that PTTS has a policy of charging students for their roommates' parking tickets.

"I think it's underhanded," Pastorek said. "I was outraged. I don't understand why I'm legally responsible for what my roommate does."

Shawn Davis, Pastorek's ex-roommate, said both he and Pastorek tried to get the fine transferred to Davis' bill, but PTTS refused. Davis said he does not

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## IN ADVANCE

### University offers shuttle to Houston game

By MARK EVANS

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Aggies can leave the driving to Texas A&M University Thursday evening as the University offers students a ride to the University of Houston football game.

For \$5, students can take a University bus to the game. Ten buses will offer shuttle service for 500 students to Houston. The buses will leave from Olsen Field between 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday afternoon. They will return to A&M later that night. Residence hall students can be dropped off at their halls after returning to campus.

Bus seats are being sold on a first come, first-served basis at

the offices of Parking, Transit and Traffic on the first floor of the Student Services Building.

Robert Smith, vice president for finance and administration, developed the plan in response to coaches who wanted to see a good Aggie turn-out in Houston.

"Since it is a Thursday night game, we thought it would be convenient (for students) if we offered the service," he said.

"This service will provide an opportunity for those Aggies that may not necessarily have transportation to the game to get down there easily," said Jan Winniford, assistant vice president for student services.

Taking the bus will also provide a degree of safety to students on a night when thousands

of Aggies will be on the road, Winniford said.

"When you think about having thousands of Aggies driving back and forth to Houston late at night, the potential is there for traffic accidents and injuries," she said.

Seats for the trip will remain on sale until 1 p.m., Thursday. If needed, the University will add extra busses to accommodate students.

The busses will load at Olsen Field at 3:30 p.m. Students must bring their receipt with them Thursday afternoon to board the busses.

Students must carry their I.D. card with them so the social security number printed on the receipt can be verified.

## Aggies speak out on campus racism

This is the first four-part series that examines the possibilities of a required multicultural curriculum and opinions of people on the university campus. The series will focus on faculty and students opinions regarding multiculturalism at Texas A&M as well as multiculturalism on other university campuses.

By TANYA WILLIAMS

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All across the country racial incidents at campuses have been taking place. The University of Michigan, University of California - Los Angeles, and other college campuses have reported many incidents in past years.

Few students realize that Texas A&M University ranks among these universities in terms of friction between the races.

Over the last month, in light of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity incident and other racial incidents on college campuses, new discussions have arisen on the Texas A&M campus about the implementation of a multiculturalism requirement.

Students, university, officials, faculty and staff have begun to talk about vari-



### Bridging the cultural gaps

ous changes such as the need of a multicultural requirement. Some students have voiced their opinions of dislike or agreement to The Battalion.

"Maybe we were wrong, but when we came to A&M, we assumed that we would be able to decide what type of classes and education we would receive," Chris Rios and James Elan wrote in a letter to Mail Call. "It is our belief that mandatory multicultural classes will only create a backlash on campus."

Some students see no use for the class such as Robert Jackson, who also wrote into Mail Call.

"I am in college to learn a lot about computers, so I can get a job involving

them," Jackson wrote. "Taking Sudanese History or Black Writing will do me no good. We already have an inflated core curriculum that subjects us to useless courses that we will never use."

Other students have written in and supported the class.

Joseph Gourrier, president of the Texas A&M University chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People wrote about the need for a multiculturalism class on the A&M campus.

"Education and information are the only cures for ignorance, prejudice and stereotypes," Gourrier said. "Without required anti-racism classes, Texas A&M is

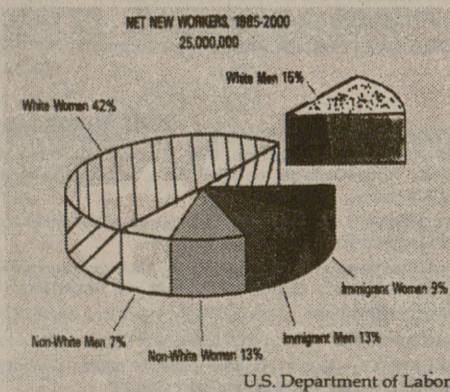
failing in its mission to educate the student body and prepare them for the future."

Before taking a look into more of the viewpoints of students and faculty on campus, which this series will do in later articles, an introduction to multiculturalism, multi-ethnicity and a look at demographics in the future is necessary to present facts that are very relevant to the issue of a multicultural curriculum.

The definitions of multi-ethnic and multiculturalism, as given by Sheri Schimdt, development specialist in the Department of Multicultural Service, are very similar. Schimdt defined multicultural and multi-ethnic as the the recognition and appreciation of the distinct cultural and ethnic groups, respectively, within society.

Looking at various divisions of demographics in society, it is evident that the nation is becoming more diverse and therefore a greater need to know how to relate to other cultures and ethnicities is growing.

For example, statistics taken from "The Population of Texas: Historical Patterns and Future Trends Affecting Higher Education," show that 46 percent of to-



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day's six-year old's, the Class of 2004, are non-Anglo. In 1986, 63.94 percent of the Texas population was Anglo, in 2000 it is projected to be 59 percent and in 2025 the Anglo percentage will be 50.71 percent. In contrast, the Hispanic culture in 1986 in Texas was 22.5 percent, and in 2025 it is slated to be 35.91 percent. The Texas college enrollment projections mirror these projections.

The changing labor force provides an example of multi-cultural surge in society. According to statistics released by the U.S. Department of Labor, the 1985 labor force had a majority of white males, 47 percent, with white women making up 36 percent. Non-white men and

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