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Court decision in Ft. Worth shooting evokes rallies, protests

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FORT WORTH - More than 5,000 people rallied peacefully Sunday to protest the probated sentence handed to a white upremacist who was convicted in he murder of a black man.

"There were no violent inci-dents, no arrests," said Fort Worth Police Lieutenant Ralph Swearingin.

Racial tensions have simmered here since last week's decision that gave Christopher William Brosky 10 years' probation for his part in planning the June 1991 drive-by shooting death of Donald

Thomas, 32, of Arlington. Some jurors said they meant to

sentence Brosky to five years in state prison plus 10 years' probation, but they were confused by legal wording in sentencing documents. Texas law prohibits stacking probationary sentences on jail terms

Brosky, 18, had been convicted several Dallas-area lawmakers

of murder a day earlier by the allwhite jury.

The Coalition of African-American Ministers, a group of 60 pastors, planned Sunday's "death march" to signify that it is

"mourning for justice," said the Rev. Michael Bell. Sen. Bob Krueger, D-Texas, and

have written U.S. Attorney Gener-al Janet Reno asking that the sentence be fully investigated. Also sending letters were Reps. Martin Frost, D-Dallas, and Pete Geren, D-Fort Worth.

State attorney general Dan Morales is expected to meet with Reno as early as Monday concerning the case.

Justice officials said a request for review of the Brosky case was referred to civil rights attorneys. Prosecutors say Brosky and two other skinhead white supremacists picked Thomas as a random victim because he was a black man socializing with white friends.

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BIG Event Over 200 helped by service project

By SHELIA VELA The Battalion

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bout 4,500 Texas A&M students worked to fulfill Lmore than 200 community job requests Saturday during the

11th annual Big Event. Nicole Newbury, a junior elementary education major and director of Big Event, said the project was a success.

"The students and community cooperated really well, and the community appreciated what was done," she said.

Students organize and con-duct the Big Event, a one-day community service project in which students work on job requests from the public. Throughout Bryan-College Station, students painted houses, raked leaves and mowed lawns.

Big Event kicked off at Kyle Field Saturday morning following entertainment from the Aggie Wranglers and a motivational speech from former student Cliff

bugosh. Newbury said no injuries or sunny weather cooperated with the effort. "It was a beautiful day to be working, and one or two groups worked until 7 p.m.," she

More than 20 students from the University Tower and The Forum helped a College Station resident clean and sort her

Lorie Forchia, a sophomore psychology major who was at the site, said, "It's good when you get together to do something unselfish for the community. brings Aggies together, and I think all Aggies should do this at one time.



Regents approve \$200 fee increase

Additional charge applies to programs in education, business administration

By ROBIN ROACH The Battalion

The Texas A&M System Board of Regents approved a \$200 fee Friday for students who apply for admission to the College of Education's teacher education program.

The College of Education re-quested the \$200 fee, which will be accessed beginning this fall semester, because the administrative costs of becoming a teacher exceed the standard process for regular admission to the university and the college. The fee will cover the costs of

materials and services not nor-mally covered by state funds, but the dean of the College of Education may waive the admission fee in cases of financial hardship.

The Board also approved a \$200 enrollment deposit fee for all newly admitted masters students in the College of Business Admin-istration and Graduate School of Business (CBA). The CBA Master's Programs

Office requested the fee to predict better the number of master's students granted admission who will actually enroll at the University. The enrollment fee will be restricted to admitted applicants only and not all applicants. Students who have been ad-

mitted for the fall 1993 semester mitted for the fall 1993 semester have until May 1 to pay the de-posit, and students admitted for the spring semester 1994 have un-til Nov. 1, 1993, to pay. CBA Master's Programs offi-cials believe the fee will bring the office a better estimate of the number of sections and seats per

number of sections and seats per section needed for core classes.

The \$200 deposit will apply to e student's tuition fees in their

first registered semester and will be retained from students who fail to enroll.

The regents also approved sev-eral measures to reduce costs of A&M System institutions by re-ducing income to system schools from the Available University Fund (AUF).

Texas A&M University System Chancellor Herbert H. Richardson has been directed by the regents to reduce AUF allocations to the University by \$4.2 million for the 1994 fiscal year

The reduction will significantly affect the size of the work force within the system offices.

"Because our operation is people-intensive, unfortunately, the only way we can reduce the budget further is through reductions in force," Richardson said.

He also said decisions regard-ing personnel will be made before Sept. 1 after a review of all system offices is completed.

Ross D. Margraves, Jr., chair-man of the Board of Regents, said the reduction will only affect students and student services as a last resort.

The Board also approved the establishment of the Crop Biotechnology Center within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the Texas Agricul-tural Experiment Station (TAEX).

The center will provide tools to reduce the costs of agricultural production, create new products, mprove product quality, reduce production risk and eliminate negative impacts of agriculture on the environment.

The Board also approved a number of construction projects that were discussed and consid-ered during Thursday's meeting.

Miriam Anderson, a freshman genetic engineering major, said she felt good about her involvement in Big Event, "You learn

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Freshman Rachel Shauweker uses clippers to trim was one of more than 4,500 students who hedges at a house outside of Bryan. Shauweker participated in the Big Event Saturday.

A&M hosts Thatcher

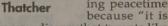
Former British Prime Minister speaks about communism, defense budgets

great tyrannies of the 20th century, should be remembered as all nations move into the next century, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Friday in Rudder Auditorium.

In a speech sponsored by the MSC Wiley Lecture Series, Thatcher, Britain's first woman prime minister, said the world must remember how absolute rulers were defeated in the past. She said nations must maintain a strong defense while working for

democracy throughout the world.

She said the United States and other countries should not scale down defense budgets during peacetime



when you disarm that tyrants like Hitler think they can beat you.'

Although the United States may not face any current military threats, it must maintain a strong

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DEC holds press conference seeking state funds

By JENNIFER SMITH

Texas A&M members of the Diversity and Equality Coalition '92 (DEC) want the University to incorporate a 10-point plan for diversity into its legislative budget, even though officials say A&M's diversity efforts are adequate. Students for DEC held a press

conference in Austin Wednesday to bring publicity to their recent

funding for their 10-point plan. Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston,

who complained about the lack of diversity at A&M last fall, helped DEC set up its Austin press conference. Joseph Gourrier, A&M's NAACP leader, said Wilson was chosen to help bring attention to the diversity issue.

'Ron Wilson has been the only one to stand up and say that we need to do something about this,"

efforts to get A&M to seek state said Gourrier, a senior psychology major.

In a written statement, University President William Mobley said A&M has many programs addressing diversity and ex-pressed his disapproval with DEC's press conference.

"I am disappointed that this small group of students used this media forum to express their leg-islative issues and to inaccurately and incompletely report positive

actions and new strategies being taken by Texas A&M University and the System," Mobley said.

Gourrier said this kind of statement aggravates the diversity problem at A&M.

"A&M doesn't know what the problem is because they're so busy saying 'We've done these things and they're positive things' that they lose sight of the fact that

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Russian Congress unable to impeach Yeltsin

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW - Both President Boris Yeltsin and his chief political rival claimed victory Sunday after surviving an attempt by the Russian Congress to remove them from office.

But the secret ballot by the Congress of People's Deputies left the country's political crisis unresolved after a dramatic day of rejected compromise and huge street rallies

"A communist coup has failed. The people have won," Yeltsin told thousands of cheering supporters outside the Kremlin after the vote

Waving his fist, he then led the crowd in a chant of "Russia! Rus-

sia! Russia!'

Despite the euphoria, Yeltsin is now in the same predicament he faced before the Congress convened Friday. He vowed to press ahead with an April 25 referendum to resolve his power struggle with the parliament, dominated by former Communists who want to slow his free-market reforms.

The parliament's electoral commission announced 617 legislators cast their ballots for Yeltsin's ouster, short of the 689 votes, or two-thirds of the Congress, needed to remove him.

Only 339 lawmakers voted to replace his rival, parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov. At least 517 votes, a simple majority of the 1,033-member Congress, would have been needed to re-

place the 50-year-old parliament leader.

The vote followed Congress' rejection of a compromise proposed by Yeltsin and Khasbulatov in an effort to end their political battle.

The compromise enraged the legislators because it would have eliminated the Congress - and their jobs — in favor of a smaller, bicameral legislature.

After the vote was announced, the Congress adjourned until Monday. Khasbulatov thanked the legislators for their support and said he was surprised by the outcome.

"During the three years that I have filled this post . . . I thought

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Failed upheaval sparks rally, support for 'people's' leader

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MOSCOW - Tens of thousands of President Boris Yeltsin's supporters surged through the streets Sunday with a spirit that Yeltsin. evoked the defense of democracy during the failed hard-line coup

of 1991. Appearing before the throng massed outside the Kremlin, an invigorated Yeltsin declared that Moscow has awakened at last."

Farmers, workers, intellectuals, priests and politicians were

among the estimated 50,000 pro-

testers whose shouts of "Yeltsin! Yeltsin!" and "Down with the Congress!" echoed off the thick Kremlin walls. They marched onto Red Square behind five tractors decorated with pictures of

What began as an enthusiastic rally in support of the president erupted into a mutual display of emotion when he appeared on a platform at the base of St. Basil's Cathedral while legislators voted on a motion to remove him.

The crowd chanted his name See Rally/Page 5

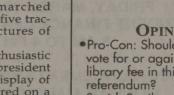
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