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Professor attempts to prove existence of God

By Jan Higginbotham

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The formation and character of the universe suggests an intelligent creator does exist, a Texas A&M University professor told a

group of students and community members Tuesday night.

Dr. Walter Bradley, professor of mechanical engineering, presented scientific evidence that he says points to the existence of God or some intelligent creator.



Mike Steele/THE BATTALION

Dr. Walter Bradley, professor of mechanical engineering, presented evidence at a speech Tuesday night that he says proves God exists.

"There is tremendous evidence that Jesus Christ not only existed, but died and then rose again," Bradley said.

Bradley's evidence included the mathematical forms of the laws of nature, the values of universal constants, and the initial conditions required for the creation of the universe.

The evidence stems from recent discoveries in the scientific world that contradict the belief of the early 1960s that everything could eventually be explained through chemistry and physics.

Bradley said scientific findings in 1992 implied that the Big Bang theory, which originally was believed to disprove the existence of God, have led back to the idea of the universe being created for an intelligent cause.

"I believe that God absolutely created man as a special creation," Bradley said.

He said his evidence depends on a number of "cosmological coincidences." The changing of var-

ious universal constants would not create suitable conditions for any type of life form, Bradley said.

He also said the chance of life existing on any planet is one in a billion.

Bradley stressed that science cannot prove or disprove the existence of some higher being.

Brett Lemoine, president of the Agnostic and Atheist Student Group, said Bradley's conclusions were not convincing.

"In order to disprove something outside the universe by means of something inside the universe is virtually impossible," Lemoine said, referring to the scientific evidence provided during the presentation.

Bradley also said religion is a "sociological phenomenon." He said "if all religions are true, no religions are true."

"No matter whether a person is a Christian or an atheist, they have faith," Bradley said. "They have simply come to different conclusions."

Athletes, Greeks work toward easing racial tension, hatred

By Lisa Elliott

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Communication may be the key to uniting athletes with Greeks, and the first step of that communication took place at a forum sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity Tuesday night.

David Butler, member of Kappa Alpha Psi and moderator of the forum, said he intends to make it his goal within the next year to form a joint program between black athletes and

Greeks to end the tension and hatred that exists between them.

"I've learned a lot about athletes as a result of this forum," he said. "Maybe the key thing we need to do is open up and communicate."

Greg Hill, a junior Texas A&M running back on the football team, spoke on behalf of the athletes. He said the tension arises between groups because of a lack of respect for each other.

"It's hard to respect someone you don't know personally," he said. "Everybody is in

one group and when somebody gets mad in your group you stand by them whether they're right or wrong."

Hill said everyone needs to get together and get to know each other.

Dave Johnson, also representing student athletes, said much of the hatred between the groups is based on jealousy.

Mike Hendricks, a senior athlete, said he

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Public misled concerning state of U.S. forests, lecturer says

By Kim Horton

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The public has been misled by the media about the welfare of the United States forests, a former bureaucrat of the USDA's Forest Service and Soil Conservation Service said at a lecture Tuesday night.

Dr. John Beuter, former deputy assistant secretary of agriculture for

natural resources and the environment, said forestry successes have far outweighed failures.

"The fear that the forests of the U.S. are in the process of being destroyed by abuse and mismanagement greatly disturbs me," Beuter said.

Forests and wildlife are in significantly better condition today than a century ago, Beuter said.

After two centuries of decline, the current area of U.S. forest land has stabilized at about the same level as in 1920. And populations of many forest wildlife species have increased.

Beuter criticized President Clinton's plan concerning a possible compromise between the cutting down of old growth timber in the Pacific Northwest and the interests

of loggers.

"I'm concerned with the actual development of the plan without public input and the unwarranted restrictions on forest management," Beuter said.

It's fine to preserve old growth trees for scientific research but to not manage land is ludicrous and shows a lack of trust of the forestry profession, Beuter said.

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