

# Baylor student Tubularman selected as nation's best cheerleader

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DALLAS — Being the nation's top cheerleader takes more than a great "rah-rah, sis-boom-bah."

Shannon Janel Schumacher of Baylor University was judged on her academic achievements and views on society, as well as her ability to stir a crowd with a megaphone and pompons.

The 21-year-old from Ennis, Texas, was selected Saturday as "America's No. 1 Cheerleader" by the National Cheerleaders Association.

"I was overwhelmed and very surprised, but very, very excited," Schumacher said in an interview Sunday. "I thought I'd give the judges something to think about, but I didn't think I'd win."

Schumacher won a \$10,000 scholarship and will travel throughout the United States for a year, representing the NCA. She was one of five finalists.

The scholarship money came just in time, she said. After transferring to Baylor a year and a half ago, Schumacher lost a scholarship she won at Navarro Junior College in Corsicana.

"My parents have been generous enough to pay tuition and fees this year," she said. "But I knew that Baylor was very costly



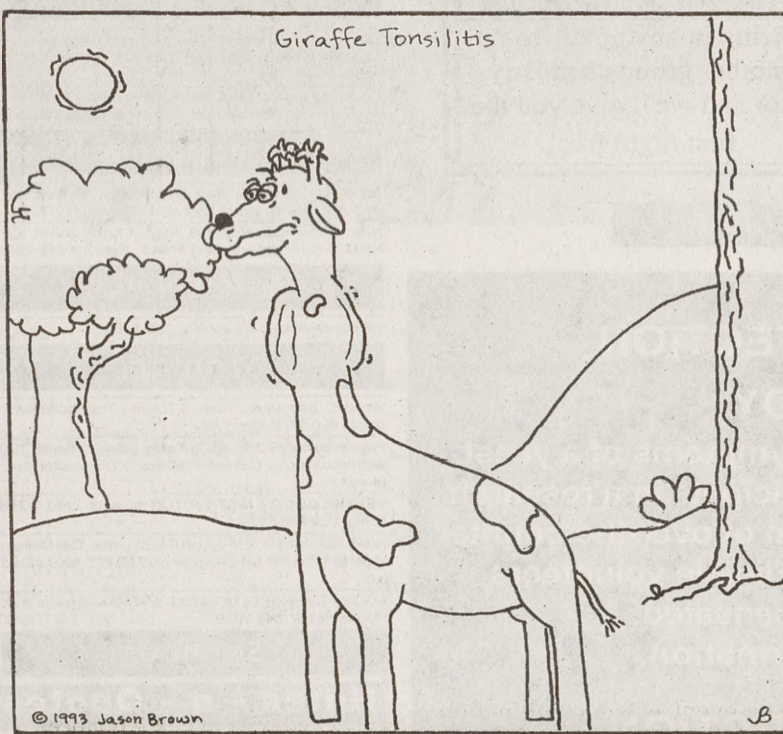
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## JUST THE BEGINNING



By Jason Brown

## Records

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The day after A&M received Brown's request, E. Dean Gage, A&M interim president, sent a memorandum to all vice presidents, deans, associate and assistant provosts, department heads and division heads.

Gage said all requests should be forwarded to Rene Henry, executive director for University Relations, immediately upon receipt.

James B. Bond, A&M's deputy chancellor and general counsel, said the new policy mentioned in the memorandum was derived

from a lawsuit filed by The Dallas Morning News against A&M early last spring and was not a direct result of Brown's request.

Bond said after he and then-A&M President William H. Mobley met with officials of The Dallas Morning News, they developed an internal protocol system to build fairness and safeguards into A&M's policy to handle open records requests.

"This was in an attempt to present ourselves with a better image," he said.

The request made by Brown is being handled under the new policy.

"I expect this will work real well with Brown's request," Bond said.

## Physics

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"The students got to meet students from other universities and got to talk to people about graduate school, the faculty got to talk about teaching techniques and researchers got to talk about their research," he said.

The mood of the event was dimmed by the recent news that a congressional committee voted to shut down the superconducting super collider, he said.

"People were still shocked that it happened," Clark said. "It's like losing a loved one."

Dr. Norman F. Ramsey, a Harvard University professor of Atomic and Nuclear Physics, gave the keynote speech on "Time and

the Physical Universe."

Clark said Ramsey is like a contemporary Einstein. "He's done at least half a dozen things that could be deserving of a Nobel Prize," he said.

Webb said this is the first time in five years that A&M has held the conference and having someone of Ramsey's stature to speak proved to be an asset to the conference.

"He's sort of an elder statesman

in physics research and is renowned around the world," he said.

Among the highlights of the meeting were a speech by Dr. Manfred Fink, a University of Texas professor, on measuring the mass of neutrinos and a banquet speech by A&M Professor Joseph Nagyvary on the physics of violins, specifically how an ordinary violin could be treated to sound like a Stradivarius.

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