

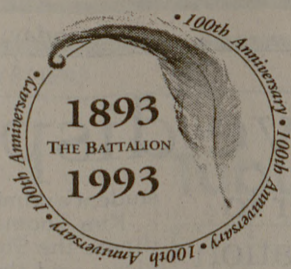
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Weekend rap-up

Yeltsin opposes early elections

MOSCOW — Apparently reneging on a promise made during the showdown with hard-liners, President Boris Yeltsin said Saturday he opposes holding early presidential elections. He also suggested he would not seek re-election. "I am against presidential elections in June 1994. I support using the president's mandate in full, until 1996," Yeltsin told a meeting of Russian newspaper editors, according to the Interfax news agency. The ITAR-Tass news agency carried a similar report. It was the first time Yeltsin spoke directly against early presidential elections. Earlier in the week, he had presented a draft constitution that also would let him stay in office until 1996, when his regular term expires.

Korean standoff hits 'danger zone'

WASHINGTON — The military standoff on the Korean peninsula is entering a "danger zone" in which a desperate and politically isolated North may launch an attack on the South, a senior U.S. defense official said Friday. The official, who spoke on condition he not be identified, offered a mostly grim assessment of North Korea's stability and suggested that circumstances which have weakened the North's military may make it more likely to attack. The official said North Korea's military capabilities have been damaged by the loss of support from the former Soviet Union, a severe shortage of fuel and the unwillingness of its remaining allies to sell it military hardware on credit.

Kevorkian vows hunger strike

DETROIT — Death doctor Jack Kevorkian was dragged away to jail Friday, vowing a hunger strike, after a judge ordered a \$20,000 bond to stop him from defying a law against assisted suicide. "I won't eat," the frail, 65-year-old Kevorkian told deputies as he was put in a wheelchair and taken to the Wayne County Jail across the street from Detroit Recorder's Court. "He won't buy his freedom," Kevorkian's lawyer, Geoffrey Fiieger, said later. "He won't die today. I do think he will die unless he is released." The sheriff said force-feeding or hospitalization could be options if Kevorkian refuses to eat in jail, but such decisions would be made by courts.

Report: land mine business booming

NEW YORK — The world's arms makers may be producing 10 times more anti-personnel land mines than publicly reported, feeding a supply that has turned parts of the Third World into no-man's-lands, two human rights groups said Saturday. In a 510-page report, "Landmines: A Deadly Legacy," Human Rights Watch and Physicians for Human Rights cited information from previously classified U.S. Defense Department documents and other sources for the new figures on mine production. The report estimates average annual worldwide production of up to 10 million anti-personnel mines in recent years, equivalent to almost 30,000 a day. That is about 10 times what has been reported previously in trade publications.

-The Associated Press

Multiculturalism faces Faculty Senate today

By Lisa Elliott

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Texas A&M University's Faculty Senate will make history today if it votes to add a controversial multicultural studies requirement to the core curriculum. The vote follows months of heated discussion among the University community. The debate began last Fall when a fraternity threw a jungle theme party at which members painted their faces black and ran around in grass skirts. The incident forced University officials to take steps to decrease racial tension and increase sensitivity among the students. The College of Liberal Arts made the first move toward multiculturalism when it passed a resolution last summer requiring all Liberal Arts students to take six

hours of coursework in international and domestic studies. Soon after, the Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate began drawing up a proposal for the addition of cultural diversity classes to the core curriculum. Under this proposal, at least 33 percent of the course will have to pertain to minorities or international issues. The proposal will not add any hours to the amount required to graduate. Sen. Doug Slack, chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, said he expects the Faculty Senate to approve the proposal. "I want to see the discussion that will take place," he said. "I think it will pass but I don't know by what margin." If the proposal passes, it will be sent to Interim President E. Dean Gage for approval. But, Slack said, there's no telling

what could happen from there. If the proposal fails at the Senate meeting, it may go back to the Academic Affairs for revision or it may be shot down altogether, Slack said. It all depends on the nature of the vote. Slack said he is expecting a high turnout for the meeting, including media from all around the community. Several student groups are also planning to attend the meeting to voice their opinions regarding the proposal. But, Slack said, they probably won't have an opportunity to speak to the Senate. "Typically, only Faculty Senate members are allowed to speak, but I don't know what will be acceptable at this meeting," he said. Patrick Gendron, a senior political science major, said he plans to attend the meeting to show his support for the

proposal. Gendron organized a group of students to send a letter supporting the proposal to the Faculty Senate. The project was started by the Aggie Democrats but eventually broke off as a multi-organizational project. "We represent a wide array of backgrounds," he said. "We're just a wide array of people that support this proposal." The letter, which the group also sent to Gage, Interim Provost Dr. Benton Coganougher and the Board of Regents, expresses support for the Faculty Senate's proposal as well as last summer's decision of the Liberal Arts Council. The letter was signed by 21 student organizations including 1,100 students. The Senate will meet at 3:15 p.m. in Room 601 of Rudder Tower. The public is invited to attend.

On to victory!



Varnell Hopkins/THE BATTALION

The head drum major of the China Springs Military Band leads his band down Clark Street on Saturday afternoon to win the 3-A division championship at Kyle Field during the High School Military Marching Band Competition.

Gender equity in A&M athletics 'in great shape,' officials say

By Mark Smith

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Gender equity in Texas A&M University's athletic program is on track and ahead of most of the other schools in the Southwest Conference, University and athletic officials said. "We're in great shape," said Lynn Hickey, associate athletic director for women. "Financially, and with our budget across the board, we're in a good position. With the addition of soccer, we're very close to where we need to be in participation levels." Some athletic officials from across the country are using a participation level system to gauge compliance with Title IX, a law passed in 1972 mandating equal opportunities for both sexes, and gender equity. Currently, A&M's student body is 43 percent female, and 38.9 percent of its athletes are women. Athletic officials at A&M, however, said they would not stop trying to improve the participation levels. "We're shooting for the participation numbers that I think we will satisfy

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A&M Center for Entrepreneurship honors Baylor alumnus as 'Master Entrepreneur'

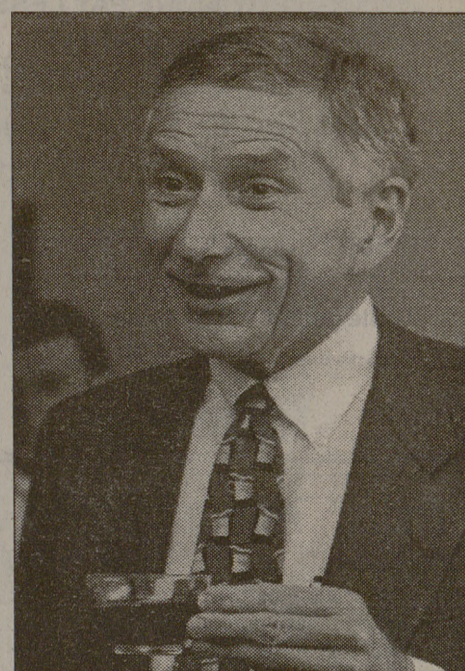
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Texas A&M University's Center for Entrepreneurship presented Temple businessman Drayton McLane Jr. with its 1993 Master Entrepreneur award in a ceremony held Friday in Rudder Tower. "I was honored and a little surprised to get this award," McLane said. "I sure don't qualify as an Aggie." McLane, a Baylor University alumnus, is chairman of the McLane Co., which is the world's largest distributor of food products and general merchandise to convenience stores, and owner of the Houston Astros. In awarding the title of Master Entrepreneur, the center looks for "individuals who have earned their success by utilizing the values of vision, perseverance, determination, self-control, optimism, self-re-

spect and, above all, integrity." "Drayton McLane, Jr. exemplifies what the Master Entrepreneur signifies," said Gary L. Trennepohl, interim dean for the College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Business. "Throughout his career, Mr. McLane has exhibited the courage and ability to manage successfully the risks of entrepreneurship." McLane was qualified for and expected a management position when his father hired him in 1959, after he received his Masters of Business Administration degree from Michigan State University. However, he spent the first 16 months of his career at his father's company working on a night loading crew. His father, McLane explained, wanted to see if McLane could win the support of the workers, because if he could not there was no future for him in business. After he had spent a few years with the company, McLane proposed to his father that they build a new facility near an interstate highway. His choices were Austin, Waco or Temple. "I was hoping we would build it in Austin, because I was still single at the time," McLane said. McLane Sr. decided to move the company to Temple and make his son completely accountable to repay the \$800,000 it would take to build the new facility. Since then, McLane Co. has averaged over 30 percent growth for the past 29 years. McLane attributes his success to a good education and the mentors he had during his college days. "Don't deviate from your values," he advised. "Work hard and surround yourself with successful people."

In 1992, McLane bought the Houston Astros, and said he liked to get involved with complicated things because everyone associated with it wins. McLane said he thought it would be easy owning the Astros - he already had a company with 8,000 employees, and was buying another with just 25. "What I didn't know was that those 25 employees made over \$31 million," McLane said. "I tell you, working in the grocery business is fun, but owning a baseball team is work." McLane also received the 1986 Award for Management Excellence and Achievement from the University of Georgia, the American Achiever Award from the National American Wholesale Grocers Association and a Distinguished Alumni Award from Baylor University.



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Drayton McLane, chairman of McLane Co., was presented with the 1993 Master Entrepreneur award on Friday. "I was honored and a little surprised to get this award," McLane said. "I sure don't qualify as an Aggie."

World water supply dwindling, report says

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — People from Los Angeles to Beijing to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, are having to look farther and farther for fresh water, and a new report says water scarcity is a spreading global problem. Proposals for solving the problem have ranged from towing in icebergs from Antarctica or giant plastic bladders filled with lake water to building desalination plants or international water pipelines. But these ideas will not be enough to quench the world's thirst, said Bob Engelman, co-author of the report by Population Action International, a non-profit family planning advocacy group. "Expense keeps getting in the way," Engelman said. "The bottom line of this is simply that the rate of population growth in countries experiencing

water scarcity is vastly outpacing population growth of the world as a whole." By 2025, one out of three people will be living in countries with inadequate fresh water supplies, said the report "Sustaining Water: Population and the Future of Renewable Water Supplies." The current ratio is about one out of 15. The report is based on projections of population growth for 149 countries, combined with known data on renewable fresh water supplies. The country with the biggest supply is Iceland, with 666,667 cubic meters of water available per person per year. The lowest is in Djibouti, with 23 cubic meters. Djibouti and 19 other countries are listed as "water-scarce," with fewer than 1,000 cubic meters per person. That's not enough to sustain human health or economic development, scientists say. Eight more countries have what scientists call "water-stressed" conditions, with fewer than 1,700 cubic meters per person.

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