

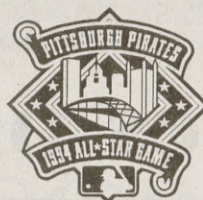
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National League breaks six-year slump with 8-7 win.

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NEWS BRIEFS

DuPont gives A&M \$200,000 donation

DuPont and its Conoco subsidiary continued its support of Texas A&M this year by presenting University officials with \$199,000. This latest gift brings the company's cumulative contributions to A&M to more than \$9.5 million and will be used toward the "Capturing the Spirit" campaign, a university-wide, multi-year drive to increase private support. The money will be used to support science and engineering programs and provide faculty support and funds for other areas including business, computer and information science and minority education.

Activists forced out of Haiti by army

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — International human rights observers, forced out of Haiti by the army-backed government, pledged Tuesday to return and predicted their departure signals "a turning point in the Haitian crisis." "With a heavy heart we are leaving the country," announced Colin Granderson, chief of the U.N.-Organization of American States mission, as his bosses bowed to the expulsion order by Haiti's de facto leaders. The departure of the estimated 100 observers was expected Wednesday. "We expect to be back here soon," the Trinidadian diplomat told journalists in an emotional address outside the mission's hillside headquarters. The government's expulsion order Monday provoked a firestorm of international criticism. All sides, even officials from the de facto Haitian administration, steeled themselves for the prospect of a U.S. invasion.

Investigators expose food stamp scheme

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal investigators have unraveled lucrative schemes to illegally convert food stamps into cash in Maryland, the only state that uses electronic banking technology to deliver welfare benefits. The Clinton administration, seeking to reduce welfare fraud and abuse, wants to expand the paper-to-electronic benefits transfer, or EBT, to recipients nationwide by the end of the decade. But federal court records from four laundering cases in Maryland suggest the switch from paper food stamps to an electronic card has not deterred some recipients from selling their benefits to scrupulous retailers for cash. Department officials who oversee the program say stores involved in trafficking tend to be small grocers, not large supermarkets or major chain store outlets, and are a minority of the 207,000 retailers authorized to accept food stamps nationwide.

Strike against regime spreads in Nigeria

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Business ground to a halt and strikers threatened Nigeria's oil exports Tuesday in the most dramatic show of opposition yet to Gen. Sani Abacha's military regime. Almost all business stopped in Lagos, nerve center of the economy and home to 5 million people. Armed police patrolled the city streets. Workers were reported staying home in several other cities in southern Nigeria, where opposition to the dictatorship is strongest. The stay-at-home strikes cut across all sectors in Lagos and were even honored by federal employees, despite threats from Abacha. Banks closed, buses and ferries stopped running, and people walking to work found their offices empty. The strikes represent the biggest challenge to the military government since similar actions forced out Abacha's predecessor, Gen. Ibrahim Babangida, last August.

Indictees claim no wrongdoing

Accused suggest disguised alcohol purchasing is common

By Jan Higginbotham
THE BATTALION

Some of the eight Texas A&M officials charged June 28 with tampering with government documents say the practice of disguising alcohol purchases as food and beverages has been common at the University for years.

According to a Texas A&M System internal audit released in May, evidence shows that some employees within the Fiscal Department may have been aware that the terms "food and beverages" were being used in falsifying alcohol purchases on vouchers.

"This evidence further suggests that instructions were given verbally from the fiscal office voucher section indicating a



"There was no intended deception. These purchases came from a gift fund, not from fees, not from auxiliary funds. This was an institutional practice."

— Dr. J. Malon Southerland,
vice-president for student affairs

method of getting Faculty Club bills containing alcohol charges paid through the fiscal office," the report said. "The impact of these instructions contributed to widespread acceptance of the practice."

Dr. Don Hellriegel, a management professor and one of the eight individuals charged with tampering, said he knows the practice has been in place since the 1970s. And he has spoken with one for-

mer A&M fiscal employee who can date the practice back to the 1950s.

"We've got something going on here that has been carried on for five decades," Hellriegel said. "It was well-known that this was going on."

Hellriegel, a former head of the management department, said he and some of his predecessors and successors have tried to get the practice straightened out.

"There have been a lot of people who have asked for a policy," he said.

Hellriegel said each time a question was raised concerning a policy, the fiscal office would refer employees to other departments that had already figured out how to deal with the practice.

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Come and get it

Small coy, specially bred carp, rush to the surface to snatch some morsels of food. The coys are raised at the TAMU Aquaculture Center, located past the Brazos River.

State continues testing of emergency phone system

By Stacey Fehlis
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The Advisory Commission on State Emergency Communications (ACSEC) and the Texas Department of Transportation are testing the use of 100 motorist aid telephone call boxes that will affect emergency response along Texas highways. These solar-powered cellular telephones are located along highways in Fort Worth, Austin, Hale County and Cameron County.

The test, which began last summer, will help state, regional and local officials evaluate the need for a permanent program. Mary Boyd, ACSEC executive director, said the program was created out of concern for traveling motorists in emergency situations.

"Not everyone is fortunate enough to have a mobile telephone," she said. "We're concerned about Texans and drivers passing through our state who need a way to call for help when they get into emergency situations on the highway."

Janet Shannon, public education manager for ACSEC, said a

number of states already have this type of system.

"As big as Texas is, and as many miles as we have, it seems logical for us to have a similar system," she said.

Steve Babre, planner for ACSEC, said that in California, the boxes are used in isolated areas where a motorist may not be able to reach a phone. However they are also used urban areas as traffic control devices.

"There is a high volume of traffic in California, and if a vehicle is stalled, traffic can get backed up for miles," he said.

Babre said that because Texas does not have the high volume of traffic that California has, the phones would be used primarily for long stretches of isolated roads.

"The call boxes have had a positive effect on the rural counties," he said. "Many times there is not a phone for miles, and motorists traveling extended distances can get help or contact family members in case of an emergency (with the call boxes)."

Sgt. Dorma Neel, of Hale County, said she has used the phones. Please see **Phones**, Page 6

MINORITY DEGREES

A&M ranks in top 20 for awarding minorities Ph.Ds

By Ellie Hudson
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M is among the top 20 colleges nationwide in awarding doctoral degrees to minority students.

In its May issue, Black Issues in Higher Learning ranked the University 17th in total doctoral degrees awarded to minorities, based on U.S. Department of Education data for 1990-91.

Texas A&M was ranked 12th in doctoral degrees awarded to blacks and ninth in degrees awarded to Hispanics.

Dr. Robert Kennedy, vice president for research and associate provost for graduate studies, said in a press release that the rankings reflect A&M's "firm commitment to enrolling and graduating under-represented minorities."

A&M President Ray Bowen said the University actively recruits minority students through its departments and spends a lot of money to support minority graduate students.

"It's important for our statistics to reflect those of the world we live in," he said.

Bowen said the rankings are a result of a lot of hard work from many people.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, said he thinks the rank-

ings are a positive sign.

"People have been working hard for a long time to attract highly qualified minority students for graduate programs," he said.

Southerland said there are many opportunities for qualified minorities, and he hopes they stay at A&M to fill administrative positions once they have graduated.

Kevin Carreathers, director of multicultural services, said the credit should go to Kennedy; Dr. Dan H. Robertson, director of the Office of Graduate Studies; and his assistant, Jeri Salyer, for recruiting minorities for graduate programs.

Carreathers said that although the doctoral candidates are often recruited from other schools, he hopes they benefit from the work of his department.

"I would hope the Ph.D. candidates that come here feel this environment is safe and welcoming (to minorities)," he said.

Although the University does not seek out international students, 33 percent of all degrees awarded in 1990-91 were given to these minorities.

Bowen attributed this to the respect that American doctoral degrees receive in students' home countries, which motivates students to pursue further education.

1990-91 Ph.Ds awarded to minorities

Black	19 (11 M, 8 F)
Hispanic	15 (9 M, 6 F)
Asian	11 (9 M, 2 F)
International	153 (128 M, 25 F)

TOTAL: 198 out of possible 469 doctorate degrees

Key: M=male, F=female

KYLE-TV is coming to town

New television station begins broadcasting in B-CS area at end of July

By James Bernsen
THE BATTALION

A new television station will begin broadcasting throughout the Bryan-College Station area by the end of July.

KYLE-TV, Channel 28, will become the second commercial TV station in the Brazos Valley.

Ulman McMullen, vice president and general manager of KYLE, said the station was awarded its construction in the mid-1980s. "Shortly after the permit was issued was when the economy in Texas was so bad that we held off," he said.

KYLE will not be affiliated with any television network, but will show classic movies and syndicated programs such as Beverly Hills 90210.

McMullen said the station will stress local programming. A one-hour morning program will feature interviews and discussions of community affairs. A 30-minute program will run at 6:30 p.m., profiling people in the community.

The station will also produce half-hour specialty shows that will air on weekends.

"We have some other things on the drawing board that are not finalized as well," McMullen said.

Marvin Tate, mayor of Bryan, said the station will benefit the community.

"I think competition is healthy," he said. "I think it shows the growth and prosperity we have here."

Larry Lightfoot, executive director of the Brazos Valley Better Business Bureau, said he agrees.

"Competition brings success for everybody," he said.

Lightfoot said the new station is indicative of the economic advances of Bryan and College Station.

"It's a positive move," he said. "There is a tremendous amount of growth, and there may not be a better time to start than now."

McMullen said the market was analyzed carefully before the decision to go on the air was made.

"We really think the market has grown now so that it can support another station," he said.

Rodger Lewis, TV program director of KAMU, a public broadcasting station affiliated with Texas A&M, said it will be hard for KYLE to secure an audience without being affiliated with a network.

"Most of the independents (television stations) that have been financially successful have been in the larger markets," he said.

"I wish them the best, but I do not know what their plan is," he said. "I'm sure they have a plan, otherwise they wouldn't have started up."

McMullen said the station will try to focus on

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