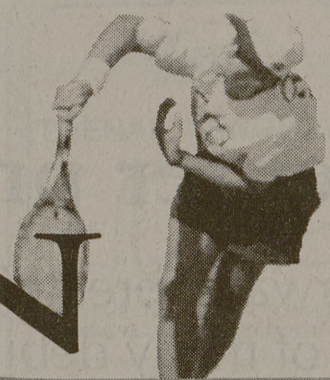


A&M's Hyperbaric Laboratory is one of the few university research facilities in the nation.

ELIZABETH PRESTON: Henry Cisneros has proven to the American people that politicians are unable to keep their word in either public or private spheres.

The Aggie men's tennis team waltzes through the 5-Way International.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Motive in NAACP leader's death questioned

DAWSON, Ga. (AP) — As president of the local NAACP chapter, James Lofton Barnes helped blacks overcome racism and paved the way for them to become elected officials and community leaders.

So when he was killed in what investigators said was a robbery, some residents were dissatisfied and called on the U.S. Justice Department to determine if his death was racially motivated.

Michael Simmons, 23, who works across the street from the Dawson NAACP office, is one of those who refuse to accept robbery as a motive.

"The majority of youth around here don't believe that," he said. "It needs to be looked at a lot deeper than just a robbery."

Barnes' body was found Sept. 10 in a pool of blood, lying by a desk in his NAACP office in this southwest Georgia farming town of 6,200. His wallet, empty of cash, was found in the trash a block away.

U.T. recruitment not affected by lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — A lawsuit alleging the University of Texas School of Law's affirmative action policy discriminates against white applicants has had little impact on student recruitment.

Still, some minority students admit the notion that they aren't as qualified as white students lingers. Others say it's not a problem.

Last month, U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks upheld the university's right to use affirmative action but found that the white applicants were denied equal protection.

In his ruling, Sparks noted that for the 1992 entering class, the grade point average for non-minorities was 3.56 on a 4.0 scale, compared with 3.3 for blacks and 3.24 for Hispanics.

The differences are greater on the Law School Admissions Test, where the average score on a 120- to 180-point scale was 164 for whites, 158 for blacks and 157 for Hispanics.

Cutting trees could help Texas aquifer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Chopping down cedar trees in the right places could boost the Edwards Aquifer by millions of gallons of water annually, according to two studies under way in Uvalde County.

The water could make its way into the aquifer if ranchland upstream were cleared of dense, scrubby cedar trees. Water runoff increased by up to 85,000 gallons a year per acre where cedar was replaced by range grasses, the studies by agricultural agencies on sites two miles apart show.

"The point is, there is the potential here to harvest a great amount of water," said William Dugas, a professor with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at the Blackland Research Center in Temple.

Ranchers and researchers have long suspected that certain types of trees soak up water.

Compromise on mining law looks dark

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mining industry remains dug in on Capitol Hill, despite months of lawmakers' trying to change a 122-year-old law that has allowed companies to reap billions of dollars from mining on federal land while paying almost nothing to the government.

With only a few weeks left before adjournment, the prospect of a compromise bill passing Congress appears dimmer each day.

"There are three or four or more factions each threatening to kill any package that does not meet with their views," said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., who has led the House negotiating team. He has said privately that he expects any compromise — if one is ever reached — to be opposed in the Senate, probably by a filibuster from Western mining-state senators.

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Haitian dictators agree to leave power

Near invasion called off after troops are airborne

WASHINGTON (AP) — An American invasion of Haiti was barely averted late Sunday night in dramatic fashion as President Clinton announced an 11th-hour agreement with strong man Raoul Cedras to leave power by Oct. 15.

Clinton announced the accord in a televised address and said it came only after 61 planes with Army paratroopers had been airborne to begin an invasion to restore democracy to the Caribbean nation.

Thousands of U.S. troops were to enter the country peacefully beginning Monday to guarantee that the terms of the agreement are carried out.

"This mission still has its risks," Clinton said. In an Oval Office address to the nation, Clinton declared: "From the beginning, I have said the Haitian dictators must go. And tonight I can say that they will go."



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The diplomatic breakthrough, negotiated in part by former President Jimmy Carter, paves the way for the eventual return to power of Haiti's democratically elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Clinton said Aristide would return "when the dictators depart."

Under the agreement, the dictators agreed to leave power as soon as the Haitian parliament passes an amnesty law to protect the coup leaders and their supporters from retribution. In any event, that would have to happen no later than Oct. 15, under the pact.

The White House had said that Carter was only negotiating the departure of the Haitian leaders, but the agreement contained compromises from the administration's insistence that the leaders leave immediately and unconditionally.

Clinton said Cedras and two other military leaders only agreed to step down when they realized that U.S. warplanes were literally on the way.

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Bowen examines campus day care

\$600,000 yearly cost concerns A&M president

By Constance Parten
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M President Ray Bowen is reviewing preliminary proposals for on-campus day care centers although no date has been set for a final decision on the matter.

Bowen is reviewing proposals from the Faculty Senate, Student Senate and Personnel and Welfare Committees which have been involved in the push to implement the day care system which has been on the table for almost three years.

"I think it's a good idea," Bowen said, "but our big problem is money. On-campus day care would cost the University somewhere between \$600,000 and \$700,000 per year."

"There's no question it's a desirable service," Bowen said. "More and more students, faculty and staff are having to deal with this [day care] on a daily basis."

"We want to do what is best for everyone, but I couldn't speculate when we'd be able to implement such a program."

Brooke Leslie, student body president, said the Student Senate was looking into the possibility of on-campus day care when she was a member three years ago.

She said the issue is an important one with many benefits for students and faculty alike.

University supplied Day care

The following universities provide on-campus day care:

- University of Texas
- Ohio State University
- University of California-Los Angeles
- University of Houston
- University of Michigan
- Pennsylvania State University
- Tulane University
- Texas Tech University
- University of Kansas
- Purdue University
- University of Missouri
- University of Wisconsin
- Michigan State University
- University of California-Berkeley
- University of Minnesota

"Any issue we (Student Government) tackle that helps out one student is worth it," Leslie said. "And this one helps out thousands."

On-campus day care is also high on the agenda of the Graduate Student Council.

Amy Kardell, council president, said the graduate community is very supportive of the day care proposals.

"We've tried to get the community day care centers to come up with a sliding pay scale which would really help out grad students," Kardell said, "But they just aren't interested."

Dr. Jim Mazzullo, co-chairman of the Status of Women Committee and on the Faculty

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Tye-dye will never die

Senior environmental science major Clifton Buckley (front), makes tye-dye shirts for a soccer team in the Bryan city league. Rob Bergeron (left), a sophomore wildlife and fisheries major, and Troy Frazee, a sophomore environmental design major, look on.

"Where do you want to eat?"

Restaurant competition to benefit students

By Tracy Smith
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M students may find deciding where to eat more difficult as Bryan-College Station experiences a surge of new restaurants around the area.

Mark Willis, director of business development for the Bryan-College Station Chamber Commerce, said Applebees and El Chico will be opening in the next few months, and there are rumors that Pappadeaux, Pappasitos and Ninfa's may make College Station their home in the near future.

"Also there are smaller restaurant establishments that open everyday," Willis said. "The turnover rate for restaurants is high, making it difficult to keep up with what is opening and closing."

"I am afraid that our community may be heading toward a restaurant saturation point,"



Amy Browning/THE BATTALION

Applebee's is just one of the new restaurants that will be hitting B-CS in the next few months.

he said. Dr. Dennis Jansen, an associate professor of economics at A&M, said while more new restaurants are bad for current establishments in the area, consumers may find the situation prosperous as restaurants lower their prices.

"More restaurants mean more competition between businesses and this competition will be beneficial for the customers," Jansen said. "Restaurants will be lowering

their prices to draw people in. "However, this could prove detrimental to restaurants that are barely making it," he said. "Smaller establishments may not be able to lower their prices and still make a profit. They may eventually be a victim of the high restaurant turnover rate."

Jansen said the turnover rate could become a problem for the area's family restaurant establishments.

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Building dedication honors former governor

By Amanda Fowle
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M officials dedicated the System Headquarters building on Friday to former Texas Gov. John Connally.

Connally, who served as governor from 1962 to 1968 and died in 1993, was an advocate for higher education.

Joe Kilgore, a former U.S. Congressman, said that great improvements were made in higher education when Connally was governor.

"No Texan has ever done more for higher education than John Connally did in his six years as governor," Kilgore said.

He said that Connally worked to make Texas A&M University and the University of Texas strong research institutions.

"He wanted to guide Texas to the economic development that would come from research institutions," he said.

Connally and his wife, Nellie, both attended the University of Texas, where Connally was student body president.

Kilgore said even though Connally attended A&M's rival school Kilgore, he loved Texas A&M University.

"He admired this university for its glorious past and its shining

future," Kilgore said.

Nellie Connally said that Connally's accomplishments for higher education prove that rivals can work together to achieve common goals.

"An Aggie and a t-tip who fight it out on the football field," she said, "can work together for education."

John Sharpe, Texas comptroller of public accounts, said Connally had the Aggie spirit.

"He would have been a great Aggie," he said. "That is the highest compliment I could give."

Barry Thompson, Texas A&M chancellor, said he considers John Connally to be a great leader and his personal hero.

"John Connally had the quality of leadership that many aspire to, but few achieve," he said.

The John B. Connally State Headquarters for the Texas A&M University System is located at 301 Tarrow Dr. in College Station.

Nellie Connally thanked the Board of Regents for naming the building after her husband.

"How wonderful of you to name the Texas A&M University System Headquarters Building the John B. Connally Building," she said. "He believed that education at all levels was so important. He would have been pleased to know that you recognized him for that."