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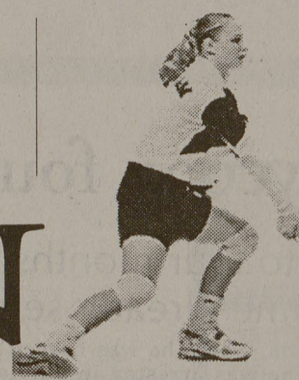
Opinion

ERIN HILL: Broadway shows, expensive dinners, limousine rides and yacht rides are business? The last time I checked, that stuff was fun. Business, my foot.

Sports

Lady Aggies volleyball team tries to extend winning streak to three games in match against S.W. Texas tonight.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Tropical storm kills 67 in Haiti, Jamaica

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Heavy rains and flooding from Tropical Storm Gordon swept across Haiti on Monday, triggering landslides and washing away makeshift homes in the slums of the capital. At least 65 people were killed.

Two deaths were reported in Jamaica, where the storm caused widespread flooding and mudslides.

In Port-au-Prince, hundreds of terrified people fled rickety homes in darkness early Monday as floodwaters poured in. Some spent the night huddled on their rooftops in the downpour.

A mudslide collapsed a wall in one neighborhood, killing a woman and three children, the Haitian Red Cross said.

U.S. Army helicopters flew overhead to assess the damage. "Obviously we will do what we can to help the Haitian government," said Col. Barry Willey, a U.S. military spokesman.

Aviation group says avoid small aircraft

WASHINGTON (AP) — An airline passenger group says small commuter airplanes should be avoided for safety reasons, but the airline industry, defending the small aircraft, said the warning issued Monday "needlessly frightens the public."

And Federal Aviation Administrator David R. Hinson said commuter airlines "have achieved and have sustained a high level of safety."

The International Airline Passengers Association urged its members not to fly in planes with fewer than 31 seats, which it said have an accident rate "significantly higher" than larger craft.

But the Air Transport Association, which represents airlines, responded that its members "continue to have confidence in the safety and operations procedures of their regional airlines partners."

The association said the warning "needlessly frightens the public."

Two die in San Francisco gun battle

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A driver who died in a fierce, 25-minute gun battle that also claimed the life of a police officer had warned his family in the days before the rampage: "You're going to be surprised at what I'm going to do."

Wearing fatigues and a bulletproof vest, 37-year-old Vic Lee Boutwell backed three cars and sprayed a quiet neighborhood with more than 100 rounds from four weapons Sunday night. Holding off scores of officers, he shot out restaurant windows, pierced a gas line and hit a seventh-floor window of a hotel blocks away.

Boutwell was eventually shot to death by police. A police officer was killed, and a paramedic and a bystander were wounded.

"One of the family members said he was possibly suicidal," police inspector Tom Walsh said Monday. Boutwell had called relatives at least twice in the week before, telling them first that he was going to a hospital, and later saying he was in Mexico and needed money, police said.

Group sings woes of Proposition 187

HARLINGEN (AP) — Like many unhappy episodes in Mexican history, California's Proposition 187 already has a song about it.

"What fault does the illegal have that times are tough in California if he's saving the people a lot of money?" the Houston-based Los Solidados de Levita sing in Spanish over an accordion weaving in and out of a bouncy norteña beat.

"What fault does the illegal have for unemployment if he's doing the work that a citizen looks down on?"

Proposition 187, which California voters approved one week ago, cuts off state services such as education and non-emergency medical care to illegal immigrants and requires teachers and doctors to turn them in.

Courts will review claims that Proposition 187 is unconstitutional before it can be implemented.

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Prairie View A&M to work for reforms

By Amanda Fowle
THE BATTALION

Though still disappointed about the process used to choose their new president, the Prairie View A&M Alumni Association has decided to put their outrage aside and work with state officials for the good of the school, alumni association officials said.

William Batts, National Alumni Association president, said the group wants the selection process improved.

The Alumni Association was disappointed with the process used in September to select Prairie View's new president, Dr. Charles Hines to replace Gen. Julius Becton, saying the regents had a "plantation-type mentality."

"We have determined generally we will do nothing that may harm our beloved alma mater, and that while we are still outraged with the regents' actions in violating the integrity of the

selection process, our efforts will continue to focus on ensuring the process is corrected rather than battling against any particular selectee," Batts said. "We have committed ourselves to working with the president for the best interests of Prairie View, regardless of who the president is."

The Alumni Association has compiled a 10-point plan of action to improve communication with the Texas A&M System Board of Regents so that Prairie View A&M is better represented.

The association wants to meet with the governor and the Board of Regents to discuss the future of Prairie View.

Dr. R.E. Carreathers, executive director of the National Alumni Association, said the alumni want to have an ongoing dialogue with these officials.

"We don't want to wait until there is a crisis," he said.

The alumni would like a position on the Board of Regents

designated for a Prairie View A&M graduate.

The Board of Regents currently has regents designated for each school in the A&M System, but these regents are appointed by the governor and do not necessarily have to be graduates of any school in the System.

Alison Brisco, the regent who acts as the liaison between Prairie View and the A&M System, said that Gov. Ann Richards worked hard to diversify the Board of Regents during her term.

Of the six regents Richards appointed, three were minorities.

Brisco said many of the regents are graduates from the College Station campus and she thinks having graduates from different schools in the A&M System is a good idea.

"I think it is important for the new governor to consider ap

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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M's 10 POINT PLAN OF ACTION

• Meet with full A&M System Board of Regents

• Meet with Governor

• Meet with Texas Legislature Black Caucus and all elected officials impacting Prairie View.

• Have designated a minimum of one position on the A&M Board of Regents for a Prairie View graduate.

• Act on the proposition of creating a separate Board of Regents for Prairie View.

• Establish a schedule for the National Alumni Associa-

tion to meet with the Governor, the Board of Regents and appropriate legislatures on an annual basis.

• Pass bill ensuring the name Prairie View A&M University is not changed.

• Establish a watchdog committee to formally sit in on all Board of Regent meetings.

• Activate and energize the Prairie View alumni to more actively participate on the political process.

• Significantly increase alumni membership and alumni giving.



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Puppy love

Chris Jakubczak, a senior history major from Arlington, and Deborah Hellman, a sophomore psychology major from Houston, play with Jakubczak's seven-week-old puppy Jackson on the Quad on Monday afternoon.

Oilers fire Pardee, Gilbride; defensive coach to take reins

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers went from the playoffs to the pits and Monday they went for a new coach, firing Jack Pardee and hiring defensive coordinator Jeff Fisher.

The Oilers, 1-9 after a 34-31 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals, also fired assistant coach Kevin Gilbride, who was in charge of the Oilers' feeble offense that averages 14.7 points per game.

"We've got a clean slate starting this week," said Oilers owner Bud Adams, adding that Fisher would retain control of the defense. "It will give him an opportunity to have command of the troops for the remaining six games."

Under Fisher, the Oilers' defense ranks eighth in the league and third in the AFC.

"Jeff had done a fantastic job keeping our defense going," Adams said. "We felt we had the man on board to be the head coach for the Houston Oilers for some years to come."

The 36-year-old Fisher is in his first year at Houston. He was given what Adams termed a 3 1/2-year deal to take charge of the team.

"I would never have thought we would have fallen so fast and so far," Fisher said. "It goes to show you how volatile the NFL is. It also shows you the head coach is obviously responsible for that. The weight falls on his shoulders and now the weight is on my shoulders."

Fisher said the Oilers are starting over. "The season starts over. We are 0-0," he said.



Pardee

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Faculty Senate policy to help prevent off campus tutoring services from distributing unauthorized materials

By Amanda Fowle
THE BATTALION

The Faculty Senate created a policy Monday to prevent tutoring services from distributing unauthorized copies of exams to students after a student was caught last spring with a copy of a freshman math exam.

Dr. Mark Weichold, speaker of the Faculty Senate, said the student said an off-campus tutoring service had given him the exam.

"There is no evidence that on-campus tutorial services have been doing this," Weichold said. "The problem is primarily with off-campus tutoring."

Dr. William Perry, dean of faculties, said the University has a policy forbidding on-campus tutoring services from distributing unauthorized materials, but the policy does not cover off-campus services.

"The current policy does not extend beyond the boundaries of the University," he said.

"That is why this is such an important proposal."

Dr. Stan Carpenter, a senator for educational administration, said the incident in the spring was not pursued.

"There was some concern about how difficult it would be to enforce a

policy, so the idea was dropped," he said. "That was not a good idea."

The student who had the exam could have been prosecuted for theft, or the tutoring service could have been prosecuted for violating copyright laws.

Exams are automatically copyrighted and are not subject to open records laws.

Some members of the Faculty Senate agreed the student should not be faulted for having the exam.

They said that tutoring services should contact the academic department if they find themselves with questionable materials.

Carpenter said they are not trying to close down the tutoring services. He said that future problems could be eliminated if the tutoring services would get permission before distributing materials.

"This is not meant to be adversarial," he said.

Dr. Philip Yasskin, a senator for the department of mathematics, said the University needs to crack down on the tutoring services.

"This is analogous to deciding if you prosecute the drug user or the drug pusher," he said. "We need to go after the pushers — the tutoring services."

Taking steps to prevent crime

Police officials say awareness woman's first line of defense

By Lisa Messer
THE BATTALION

Law enforcement officials urged women to use awareness as their first line of defense at a safety awareness and self-defense class Monday night.

Representatives from the University, College Station and Bryan Police Departments described assailants, weapons and basic rape prevention techniques to 75 women at the seminar sponsored by the Brazos County Rape Crisis Center.

Bob Wiatt, director of UPD, said women must not let themselves become vulnerable to sex offenders.

"There are three areas where a criminal can do something," Wiatt said. "First, he has the desire to commit an offense. Second, he has the ability to commit the offense. There's nothing you can do about either of those. Third, though, he needs the opportunity to make you his victim. You have the control over that."

Wiatt said people do not

realize there are many types of sex offenders in Bryan-College Station. He said voyeurs, or "peepers," and exhibitionists are common in this college community.

"I'll guarantee that most of you have been victimized by a voyeur because you don't close your shades all the way," Wiatt said. "Don't think voyeurs are not harmless, though. Through 44 years of wearing a badge, I know that they start out by

said. "I like to go to the mall just to watch how careless people are."

Fife-Kemp said women should have their keys ready before they enter the parking lot, not be overburdened with packages and check under the car before walking up to it.

She said women should remain in their cars at all times if not in a high traffic area, even when pulled over by a police officer.

"Don't get out of the car,"

"What makes you safe is avoidance of circumstances that put you at risk and using your brain."

— Chris Kirk, investigator with Brazos County Sheriff's Department

looking and remain to climb through the window and rape and kill.

"Exhibitionists are common in this community, too. Two exhibitionists have been arrested in College Station in the last year and a half, and they were both employees of Texas A&M."

Janice Fife-Kemp, a crime prevention officer for College Station, said crime happens because someone has given another person an opportunity to commit a crime.

"You have to be aware of what is going on," Fife-Kemp

Fife-Kemp said. "Say 'I'm alone and I'd rather not get out.'

"If they want to hurt us, they're going to have to work for it."

Chris Kirk, an investigator with the Sheriff's Department, said women should not place too much confidence in weapons.

"Everybody would agree with me that if you carried a 12-gauge shotgun over your shoulder, your chances of be

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