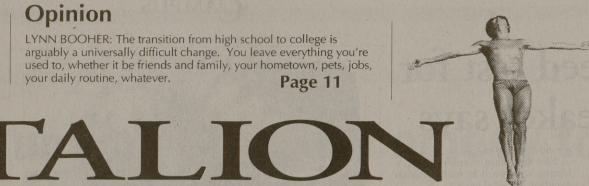
Opinion

LYNN BOOHER: The transition from high school to college is arguably a universally difficult change. You leave everything you're used to, whether it be friends and family, your hometown, pets, jobs, your daily routine, whatever.



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The A&M swimming and diving team travels to Nebraska.

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niversity of Texas Student ociation President John Black be in College Station tonight ng the maroon and white of

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ooke Leslie, A&M student body dent, said Black will be at the Chicken tonight to keep up his of a bet made between the dents of the rival schools.

defore the A&M-UT game Nov. 5, ck and Leslie bet that the sident of the losing school would to wear the winning school's for one full day.

eslie said she was planning to a 12th Man jersey for Black to r during his appearance at A&M. lack said before the game that bet was made to foster dship and camaraderie between

oup wants excess utonium destroyed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United es should take its excess plutonium ile and bake it into glass logs to re that the fissile material can't be to make new weapons, a

rch group said Wednesday. e government may have as much 00 tons of plutonium in its tory either in weapons, waste weapons plants or from nuclear ads dismantled at Texas' Pantex

ty near Amarillo. e plutonium, which has a half-life 4,000 years, can be stored — h poses some risks. Or, it can be manently disposed of through ication or being used to fuel

r power reactors. The Institute for Energy and ronmental Research contends in a report that the United States must sleps quickly to vitrify its excess anium as a way of encouraging a countries — especially Russia — the same.

ludge orders new trial r death row resident

ordered a new trial for a 12-year th row resident convicted of killing a see officer, saying prosecutors and see on the case "became merchants"

icardo Aldape Guerra, 32, was victed in the July 1982 death of ston officer James Harris, who was after he stopped a car carrying lexican citizen and a companion, rto Carrasco Flores.

olice and prosecutors, U.S. District ge Kenneth Hoyt on Tuesday gave state 30 days to retry Aldape

Aldape Guerra has steadfastly named the fatal shots were fired by sco, who was killed in a shootout police. His incarceration has ked protests on both sides of the

overnment reports mall rise in CPI

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer ces rose just 0.1 percent last onth, the best inflation performance ce spring, the government reported y a day after the Federal Reserve ed interest rates to dampen

Fed critics quickly seized on dnesday's benign inflation report and clothing prices actually fell as proof the central bank had essly increased the threat of ession by voting the biggest ase in interest rates in 13 years. Inflation is not a threat,' Jasinowski, president of the

onal Association of ufacturers and a leading Fed "The Federal Reserve's essive increase in interest rates rday was unnecessary.

largest rate boost this year, raised key rates by three-fourths of a entage point. Major banks followed y, raising their prime lending to 8.5 percent, meaning that wing costs will go up for millions

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A&M president selects search Legett target of Puryear, committee for V.P.-Provost

By Michele Brinkmann

Texas A&M President Ray Bowen selected a 23member committee to help in the nationwide search to find A&M's next executive vice president

and provost, the second-ranking administrator and chief academic officer of A&M.

Bowen chose Dr. Patricia Alexander as chairwoman of the committee, which includes faculty, staff and students. Alexander is interim head of the Educational Psychology Department and a former speaker of the Faculty Senate.

Alexander said the search committee is looking

for a person with vision to take the job.
"Otherwise they can't lead this University,"

Alexander said.

Alexander said women and minorities are being

encouraged to apply.

"We are being careful about trying to reach out to the University, the System and to the nation to get the best pool of candidates," Alexander said.

Texas A&M University has never had a woman or a minority to hold the provest position.

Bowen said although he will choose a person who meets all of the written criteria, he also wants

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Law resident take-over

By Amanda Fowle THE BATTALION

Some on-campus residents who will lose their homes this summer when Law and Puryear Halls are destroyed will be moving into Legett Hall if Texas A&M administrators support a decision made by the Residence Hall Association Wednesday night.

The RHA approved a proposal to convert Legett Hall, which currently houses women, into a

Law and Puryear residents said there are not equal housing spaces available for men and women on campus now, and that when Law and Puryear are destroyed, there will be an even greater discrepancy

When these halls are destroyed, 402 spaces for residents will be lost. Legett Hall has 188 spaces.

The Board of Regents decided

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A TIME TO WALK...

By Amy Lee THE BATTALION

The Class of '95 will die today, but seniors are hoping that their death will be a clean and solemn occasion.

After months of trying to return Elephant Walk to the Old Army style of making the tradition a peaceful event, the senior class will begin its walk of memories today at 1:35 p.m., 95 minutes after noon.

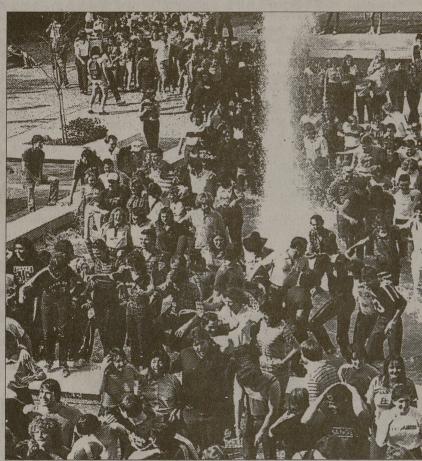
"I am hoping that the juniors respect the tradition," Tracy Kennedy, Class of '95 vice president, said. "I hope they let the seniors walk in peace."

Pat Patterson, a member of the Class of '26 who was involved with the first plant Well, will help kink off the event as he talks about her the senior walk in the senior walk in peace."

Elephant Walk, will help kick off the event as he talks about how the tradition

"I don't think that any other school could have this kind of tradition," Cody Burke, Class of '95 president, said. "But at A&M it can. A&M is such a special place. Elephant walk is a time for us to reflect."

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benefits may be overstated

some sobering news for those who think a little alcohol is good for their health: Anything more than a drink a day may be too much of a good thing.

Men who had two to four drinks a week had the lowest rate of death from all causes during an 11-year study, the re-searchers said Wednesday.

Many studies over the past 20 years have shown that cancer and accidents. people who drink moderately re-

DALLAS (AP) - Doctors have duce their risk of dying from heart disease by about 40 percent. The evidence has become so convincing that some heart specialists have cautiously rec

> ing for good health. But while heart disease is the nation's No. 1 killer, it is not the only one. Some fear that alcohol's benefits for the heart could be offset by its other hazards, such as

ommended moderate drink-

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Doctors warn alcohol's health Affirmative action not to be feared, M.L. King Center director says

By Stephanie Dube

Certain segments of society are not allowed access to the same opportunities as others in society, the director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center

for Nonviolent Social Change said. "Affirmative action means it's somebody else's turn now," Gerri Allen said Wednesday night. 'The errors of the past have to be corrected. Affirmative action will be over when the power structure looks like America looks.'

Allen said people should not be scared of affirmative action, and should not assume affirmative action involves simply hiring any minority.

"The assumption that the minorities and women hired just can't be qualified, but are hired solely on the basis of race or gender, is ridiculous, Allen said. "Industry and commerce want qualified people; they want their companies to thrive.

Anyone who does not receive a promotion, job or scholarship because of affirmative action should simply look for another opportunity, she said.

Those who feel they have been affected negatively by affirmative action should not just sit and pout and sulk," she said. "They should look for new opportunities.'

Allen said students should work for what they See Affirmative Action/Page 2