

## BREAK OUT THE BROOM

The Texas A&M baseball team uses strong pitching to sweep Dallas Baptist.

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## WHOOPESTOCK UNITY FEST '95

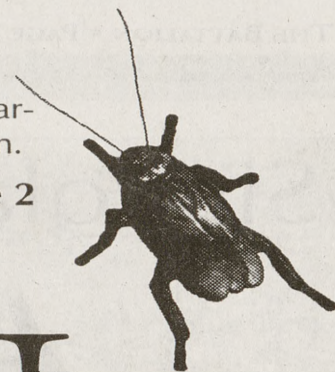
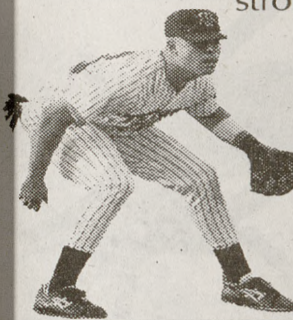
Over 1,000 people came out to Simpson Drill Field Saturday to celebrate the different cultures at A&M.

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Austin-based band draws comparisons to the Pixies on new album.

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## A&M strives for diversity through equality plan

**The Access and Equity 2000 Plan will increase minority graduation rates and the number of minority faculty members.**

By Lisa Messer  
THE BATTALION

The Board of Regents voted Friday to support the Access and Equity 2000 Plan.

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The plan will provide equal access, opportunity, education and employment to qualified

people and celebrate diversity in the A&M System, according to the System's resolution to support the plan.

The institutional six-year plan began in September 1994 and will continue through August 2000.

According to the State Administrative and General Office's plan, Access and Equity 2000 will increase the undergraduate, graduate and professional graduation rates of African-American and Hispanic students to equal white students' rates.

The plan will increase the number of African-American and Hispanic faculty and administrators until the number equals their representation in the state,

according to SAGO's plan.

Daniel Hernandez, the Access and Equity coordinator for the System, said the plan is pro-active.

"In the past it's been very compliance-based oriented," Hernandez said. "In my opinion, that means do what the law says. You lose a lot of creativity that way.

"We need to go away from the quotas and numbers and represent our community. We need to minimize our idea of activity and go toward results. We want to spend time measuring results and not counting how many letters you sent out that never went anywhere."

The Federal Office of Civil

Rights notified the state of Texas in 1981 that African-Americans were segregated and Hispanics were under-represented in enrollment and staff at Texas colleges and universities.

The Texas Educational Opportunity Plan for Higher Education, which was referred to as The Texas Plan and covered 1983-1988, was instituted as a response to OCR's notification.

Texas voluntarily adopted a second Texas Plan for 1989 through 1994 and the Access and Equity 2000 Plan for 1994 through 2000.

Guadalupe Rangel, a member of the Board of Regents, said the Access and Equity Plan goes beyond what the law demands.

"I see too many agencies meeting only the minimum standards in hiring women and minorities, and that scares me," Rangel said. "This would not be for our benefit alone but for the benefit of the whole state."

Hernandez said the System wants to start community advocacy groups throughout the state.

"We'd like to put groups at every campus," Hernandez said. "There are folks throughout Texas who would like to support our efforts."

Barry Thompson, chancellor of the A&M System, said that through Access and Equity 2000, the System has discovered resources it did not know existed before.

"We're finding centers of excellence all over this state in numbers that, quite frankly, I didn't know existed," Thompson said. "We think in five years we'll see a significant improvement and in 10 years it won't be that big of a deal anymore."

Charles Hines, president of Prairie View A&M University, said each universities' efforts will help improve higher education in people's eyes.

"The relevance of higher education is being called into question more and more recently," Hines said. "What have you done for my need? Universities and higher education are being questioned so it is essential we continue."

## Regents re-elect Mary Nan West chairman, approve fee increases

**Regent Michael O'Connor was elected vice-chairman.**

By Lisa Messer  
THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M University Board of Regents re-elected Mary Nan West as chairman and elected a new vice-chairman to the Board Friday.

Regent T. Michael O'Connor was elected vice-chairman, beating out Regent John Lindsey.

The election of officers takes place at the Board's first regular meeting after new regents are appointed and confirmed every two years.

Gov. George Bush appointed Robert Allen, Frederick McClure and Donald Powell to the Board in March. O'Connor nominated West for chairman, and the Board re-elected her unanimously.

West said that being chairman makes her no more important than any other regent.

"It's a big responsibility," West said. "We've got all these members on the Board, and we've all got to vote. We're all equal."

"I'll do the best I can. I'm a good listener if anybody at all wants to talk to me, but I don't know what's going on unless I'm told. Sometimes I wish I had a crystal ball, but I don't."

O'Connor and Lindsey were nominated for vice-chairman. Lindsey received three votes.

After Allen recommended voting by acclamation, O'Connor was elected unanimously.

West said the Board would work to serve the entire System.

"I know Texas A&M University is the flagship," West said, "but like someone told me last night, the big battleship would be very vulnerable unless it had all the little ships around it to protect it."

In other business, the Board added a \$60 architec-

ture equipment access fee and a \$50 geosciences access fee and increased the application fee to \$35.

The Board increased parking fees to \$75 for day permits; \$200 for faculty permits; \$35 for night permits; \$55 for summer permits; \$180 for rooftop garage permits; \$270 for priority garage permits; \$270 for Zachry basement permits; \$240 for inside garage permits; and 60 cents for visitor spaces.

These fee increases will take effect Fall 1995.

The Board increased the late registration fee for students registering after the first day of class from \$10 to \$100.

Students who register after the 12th day of class will pay \$200.



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Dr. Jerry Gaston, interim vice president for Finance and Administration, said the fee increase is necessary because the University loses money on students who register late.

"They're both designed to encourage everyone to register on time," Gaston said. "It's in the interest of the University not to be losing millions of dollars."

The late registration fee increases will take effect Spring 1996.



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## Learning to fly

Kevin Shiffer, a junior mechanical engineering major from Houston, takes hang gliding in lessons on Saturday afternoon.

## The Battalion receives 20 college press awards

The Battalion won 20 awards at the 1995 Texas Intercollegiate Press Association and Southwestern Journalism Congress Conventions. The contests ranked entries printed in 1994.

The awards were presented Friday and Saturday at the Hyatt Regency D/FW at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Battalion staff members took two first place, one second place, two third place and two honorable mention positions in the SWJC competition.

In TIPA competition, The Battalion won four first place, one second place, two third place and six honorable mention positions.

Battalion editor in chief Mark Smith said he was not surprised by the staff's success and thinks the future is even brighter.

"As hard as these people have worked throughout the year, they deserve to get a little praise," Smith said. "We have improved a great deal over the past year, and I think next year's entries will blow the competition out of the water."

The Daily Texan, from the University of Texas, won the SWJC overall competition, and The Shorthorn, from the University of Texas-Arlington, won the TIPA overall competition.

### Southwestern Journalism Congress

- 1st place Best Feature Headline — Rob Clark
- 1st place Best Sports Column — Nick Georgandis
- 2nd place Best Sports Photo — Stew Milne
- 3rd place Best Editorial Page Layout — Jay Robbins
- 3rd place Best Feature Photo — Blake Griggs
- Honorable Mention Best Non-sports Headline — Stacy Stanton
- Honorable Mention Best Page 1 Layout — Anas Ben-Musa

### Texas Intercollegiate Press Association

- 1st place Newspaper Critical Review — Rob Clark
- 1st place Newspaper Feature Photo — Stew Milne
- 1st place Newspaper General Column — Erin Hill
- 1st place Newspaper Sports Feature Story — David Winder
- 2nd place Newspaper Sports Column — Nick Georgandis
- 3rd place Newspaper Feature Story — Margaret Claughton
- 3rd place Newspaper Sports Action Photo — Stew Milne
- Honorable Mention Newspaper Cartoon — Gerardo Quezada
- Honorable Mention Newspaper Cartoon — George Nasr
- Honorable Mention Newspaper Feature Page Design — James Vineyard
- Honorable Mention Newspaper Headline — Rob Clark
- Honorable Mention Newspaper Picture Story — Stew Milne, William Harrison and Mark Smith
- Honorable Mention Newspaper Sports Feature Photo — Tim Moog

## Elders, Sullivan address values, social problems affecting families

**The former Surgeon General and former Secretary of Health say today's youth need values and education.**

By Lynn Cook  
THE BATTALION

Former Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders and former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. Louis Sullivan gave a crowd their "Prescriptions for an Ailing Society" Friday night.

Elders, who has returned to teaching at the University of Arkansas, and Sullivan, who is president of the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga., told Americans what they can do to improve the problems plaguing society.

Sullivan said a strong set of values is crucial to a society that is free from many of the social ills America is troubled with today.

"In the last three years, there has been much discussion about health care as well as the need for a strong set of values," Sullivan said. "Value formation is missing in action."

"There is a growing recognition that personal responsibility, perseverance, honesty and respect for others, as well as non-violent resolution of conflict and community service, are the key components to an economically productive and caring society."

Elders agreed that values are important, but she said they are individual principles that cannot, and should not, be regulated by the government.

"When hope is gone, moral decay follows immediately thereafter," she said. "A value is a principle which we live by. Values change as we grow and learn."

"Our values come from our mentors, parents, education, religion and society. You can't teach values, it's something inside of you."

Elders said prevention, not treatment or incarceration, is the best way to help society and save money. She said that if society focused on preventative measures, treatment and incarceration would not be necessary.

"Our children are in an ocean surrounded by the sharks of alcohol, homicide, suicide and teen pregnancy," she said. "We've been sitting on the beach sipping from our fountains of what's morally right and whose values we're going to teach."

Every child must be planned and wanted, Elders said. Less than \$2 million is spent every year on family planning, while more than \$34 billion is spent on Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

She also believes students should be

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Dr. Louis Sullivan addresses a crowd at Rudder Auditorium Friday night, and Dr. Joycelyn Elders answers questions at a press conference as part of "Prescriptions for an Ailing Society."

## Christians unite to celebrate Resurrection Week, focus on 'Life'

**Christians at A&M will celebrate their faith this week with planned activities and performances.**

By Gretchen Perrenot  
THE BATTALION

The third annual Resurrection Week began Sunday with a kickoff barbecue at The Grove.

The Grove was filled with 4,000 people who showed up to eat the 1,000 pounds of barbecue the Resurrection Week committee prepared and to listen to contemporary Christian music.

Ross King, Toni Ruffino and Karol Ann Taylor are all A&M students who performed Sunday along with Jeffrey Alan Wade, a Christian singer from Houston.

Ruffino said she wanted to reach out to her fellow A&M students.

"It's important to me that we reach out and show God's love to those who may not receive it otherwise," Ruffino said.

Wade said he came to A&M to perform because of the positive things his friends on the staff told him about Resurrection Week.

"It's great to see people reaching out to their peers instead of waiting for someone else to do it," Wade said.

Resurrection Week will offer events this Monday through Thursday. The theme for this year's Resurrection Week is "Life."

Todd Blackmon, president of the Resurrection Week committee, said the group wanted a name that represented sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"We don't want to force religion on people," Blackmon said. "We just want to share what's important to us."

Resurrection Week was initiated two years ago by Bobby Dean, a former Corps of Cadets chaplain.

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