

# Quake shakes California

The magnitude-5.5 earthquake was felt in Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernadino and Orange counties.

RIDGECREST, Calif. (AP) — A powerful earthquake centered beneath this Southern California desert town on Wednesday rocked an area from the Pacific Ocean to Nevada. There were no immediate reports of injury or damage. "The earth bucked. That's what it felt like," said Scott Farwell, managing editor of the Ridgecrest Daily Independent. "It shook for a good long while, maybe as long as 30 to 40 seconds." He said he was at a bowling

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policy on soliciting funds and a related concern about the accuracy of several statements included in the letter in question." The letter, written by former College Republicans President Lydia Percival, was mailed out as part of a fund-raising campaign. The letter gave examples of a "liberal agenda" at A&M and asked for money to help fight it. Percival was contacted by Dr. Carolyn Adair, student activities director, who stated concerns that the letter contained misinformation. A meeting was held between Adair, Faculty Senate Speaker

# SENATE

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Silloway said. "I think it's important that the Senate understands everything about the culture classes." The proposed multiculturalism requirement was brought under scrutiny when College Republicans were charged with violating University regulations by mailing former students a fund-raising letter that criticized the multiculturalism proposal. Reed and Miller's motion was intended to in-

# Fossils of new dinosaur found

NEW YORK (AP) — New-found fossils reveal a beast that may be the biggest meat-eating dinosaur known, scientists reported today. The dinosaur, which resembled T. rex, was 41 to 43 feet long and weighed 6 to 8 tons when it roamed the plains in what is now Argentina looking for food to chomp with its huge serrated teeth, scientists said. It lived about 100 million years ago, which is about 30 million years before T. rex appeared, said paleontologist Rodolfo Coria of the Carmen Funes Museum in Neuquen, Argentina. A bone-by-bone comparison with remains of the largest known specimen of T. rex suggests that the newfound creature was slightly longer and maybe 3 tons heavier, Coria said.

Council to the Faculty Senate. However, Brown said the contents of the letter are still true. "We'll stand by them," he said. Brown said the policy in the A&M student organizations 1995-96 Policies and Procedures Manual that restricts what organizations can say in their fund-raising letters is a violation of the Constitution. "The allegations that we violated the University funding policy may be true," he said. "However, that policy is illegal in the first place." Brown said College Republicans will challenge the policy, which he said restricts all organizations that are not eligible for University funds, such as political and religious groups.

Dr. Pierce Cantrel, Dr. Jan Winiford, associate vice president for student affairs, and representatives of the organization. Brown said the charges against College Republicans, which include violations of regulations, are not the real issue, but rather the positions stated in the letter. "They would very much like to focus on content," he said. "A lot of the things they're complaining about are the examples used. These examples are hypothetical." Brown said some mistakes were made by College Republicans in the letter, like falsely identifying a Faculty Senate committee and attributing a decision by the Liberal Arts Student

form the senators and their constituents of what the proposal entails. Silloway said this action should not be perceived as an attack on the College Republicans' letter or their views on multiculturalism. "This shouldn't be seen as us debating the content of the College Republicans' letter," she said. Toby Boenig, student body president, agreed with Silloway, saying the multiculturalism requirement should not be confused with the charges levied against the College Republicans. "These are two totally separate issues," Boenig said. "What the College Republicans did is an issue of violating the rules. This is an issue of multiculturalism."

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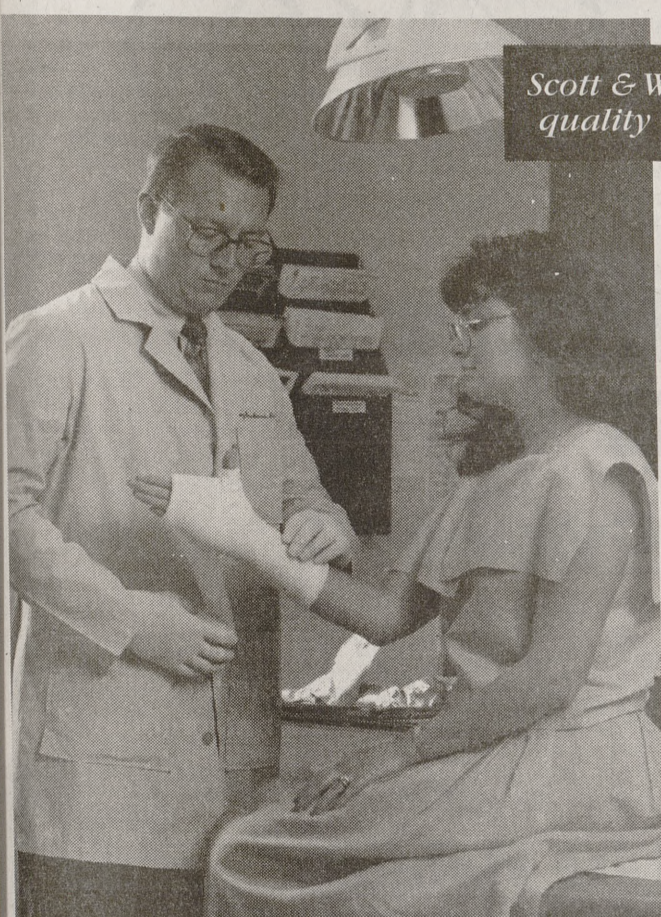
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