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Please look for our schedule in the Battalion on Thursday, & Monday.

Aggies, Longhorns pool research on genes through shared facilities

Rivalries between A&M and UT will be set aside during a health science center agreement joining the Institute of Biosciences and Technology and the Institute of Molecular Medicine.

By Lisa Johnson
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M University and the University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center have entered into an agreement in which the UT-Houston will occupy space in A&M's Institute of Biosciences and Technology (IBT) at the Texas Medical Center.

The two floors that UT-Houston will occupy in the building will serve as the location of their Institute of Molecular Medicine (IMM) for the Prevention of Human Diseases.

Dr. Fuller W. Bazer, IBT interim director, said the use of the facilities will benefit both A&M and UT-Houston because the universities are conducting research in similar areas and pooling their resources and information will help to further their work.

"Much of the research that will be done in the area of genetics will involve the study of people who are genetically predisposed to disease," Bazer said. "We will be conducting

studies to determine the predisposition to diseases like cancer and diabetes in order to give those genetically predisposed an opportunity to change their lifestyles.

"In addition to the fact that our research is mutually beneficial, the sharing of the expensive facilities and equipment necessary to conduct such research should help to leverage out funding between the two schools."

This first interaction between these two institutions will establish a link between A&M's outstanding agricultural, biological and veterinary science programs, Bazer said, with the with the "world-class" biomedical research of the Texas Medical Center.

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Bazer said he is hopeful that the relationships formed between the IBT and the IMM will form a basis for increased cooperativity in the future, a sentiment shared by Thomas F. Burks, UT-Houston's executive vice-president for research and academic affairs.

Burks said the agreement brings together the best of both schools' science programs. The agreement between the two institu-

tions begins with a 10-year lease agreement during which UT-Houston will pay for renovations and additions to the center, well as for the use of the facilities. At the end of the 10-year lease, two optional current five-year agreements will be available for UT-Houston.

When the agreement ends, the ownership of all facilities and equipment revert to the IBT.

Construction on the two floors is 90 percent complete, Bazer said. Work on the prior of the facilities is scheduled to begin in mid-January, and the facility should be ready for scientific occupation and use by July 1996.

Bazer said he is about the idea of a 20-year commitment between the two schools hopes to eventually link the College of Medicine to the agreement. The IBT already employs the institute for the biomedical policy and ethical aspects of scientific research, he said.

"The mission of the IBT's agreement is to link the largest land-grant Universities in the world with the largest medical school," he said. "The liaison between the two help to demonstrate to everyone an eagerness to interact in order to help the moral and ethical aspects of scientific research, he said."

Southerland provides opportunity for students to express views

A&M's vice president for student affairs will address student concerns on pressing campus issues.

By Michelle Lyons
THE BATTALION

Students will have the opportunity to express any concerns or suggestions in an open forum hosted by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs today from 3-5 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, will be available for students to discuss their concerns or opinions about student life at Texas A&M.

Southerland said the forum is intended to increase communication between himself and the students.

"It is important to have a communication vehicle," he said. "I try to be accessible to the students."

Southerland said he wants students to express any opinions — good or bad, as well as any thoughts or announcements.

"If you have something to say or ask, come on," he said.

In addition to the forum, Southerland also sponsors Chat and Chew, where students are invited to different locations around campus to have refreshments and talk with him over any concerns.

Southerland said the main difference between the forum and the Chat and Chew is that the forum is in a more formal location, while the Chat and Chews are held in a variety of places including the Commons and the Recreational Sports Facility.

Felicia James, assistant to the vice president for student affairs, said these programs are excellent opportunities for students to become better acquainted with Southerland.

"I know sometimes students may feel a bit intimidated going to the vice president's office," James said. "We try to use it as an opportunity to let students speak with him in a more informal setting."

"This is one of several things we're putting together to get Dr. Southerland closer to the students. We've had quite a few students stop by."

Leslie Briers, a student assistant in Southerland's office and a junior accounting major, said these programs have been successful in the past.

"It's very casual," she said. "Dr. Southerland is very down-to-earth, and he loves to get into a good conversation."

"He's really interested in how the students are feeling so he can represent them better."

Briers said the topics students bring up usually relate to current campus issues, and she expects students will ask about the Kyle Field expansion and the new Student Government Fee Allocation Committee.

In addition to the opportunity to speak with Southerland, there will be refreshments and door prizes for attendees.

BRIEFS

A&M hosts Stanford University professor

Texas A&M's Department of Philosophy and Humanities is presenting "What Good is Consciousness?" by Fred Dretske, a Stanford University philosophy professor.

The colloquium begins at 7:00 p.m. in 506A Blocker Building. Admission is free.

Punishment decision on Selena trial continues

HOUSTON (AP) — Jurors today for a second day of deliberations on punishment for Yolanda Sotillo who was convicted earlier this week of killing Tejano music star Selena.

The jury received the penalty of the case Wednesday and decided on punishment for nearly 5 1/2 hours before recessing for the night.

Jurors who convicted the former na fan club president and businesswoman Monday must decide on one of two punishment options, ranging from a term of life in prison and a fine of \$10,000 to a minimum of probation.

Sweeney elected as AFL-CIO president

NEW YORK (AP) — John Sweeney, who led a dissident campaign to reinvestigate the labor movement, was elected president of AFL-CIO Wednesday in the first contested election in the federation's 100-year history.

Sweeney, president of the Service Employees International Union, defeated longtime friend Thomas Donohue, had been president since Lane Kiffin was forced to resign in August.

Taking the gavel and control of the federation, Sweeney said the next would bring "massive efforts" in training of organizers, changing the face of our leadership and working together with our activists.

WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. High near 84. SE winds 8-16 mph.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Low near 65. SE winds 8-16 mph.

Friday: Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy by afternoon with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms ending by sunset. High near 86. SW winds 8-16 mph becoming northerly 5-10 mph late.

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