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# THE BATTALION

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### Students rally for affirmative action

By Pamela Benson  
THE BATTALION

Three hundred Texas A&M students marched and rallied on campus yesterday in response to the idea that affirmative action at the University is being threatened.

Student concern is based on a recent 5th Circuit Court of Appeals decision which states that race can no longer be taken into consideration when

making decisions in the admissions process.

Students gathered at the corner of George Bush Drive and Texas Avenue at 2 p.m. to march in protest of the decision.

A bull horn sounded, and students eagerly awaited instructions on the specifics of the path that would lead them to their campus destination, Rudder Fountain.

Students of all racial backgrounds formed a semicircle and practiced chants that rang the message of equality, justice and urgency.

"Brown, tan, black, white — affirmative action is everyone's fight," students sang in unison.

Upon arrival at the fountain, students listened to perspectives on affirmative action and the Hopwood case from student leaders, faculty

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Sterling Hayman, THE BATTALION

More than 150 students marched from the corner of Texas Avenue and George Bush Drive to Rudder Fountain Wednesday afternoon to protest the Hopwood vs. State of Texas ruling on race and university admis-

### Bowen addresses Hopwood's affect on A&M

By Pamela Benson  
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Dr. Ray Bowen, Texas A&M president, fielded questions from students concerning affirmative action Wednesday afternoon at an open forum in 301 Rudder.

protest march, was held to address student concerns about the Hopwood vs. State of Texas ruling that the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals handed down last month.

The court ruled that ethnicity can no longer be a criterion for admission to a public institution.

Ruth Prescott, special assistant to the executive vice president and provost, opened the meeting by explaining to the audience the legal implications of the decision.

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The question-and-answer session, which was held immediately following a student

## Fatal Flight 32 die in Croatia plane crash

U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown was one of the victims.

DUBROVNIK, Croatia (AP) — All bodies have been found from the crash of a plane that carried U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and 32 others, the Croatian interior minister told the state news agency Thursday.

"We have found the last victim," minister Ivan Jarnjak was quoted as telling the HINA agency.

He said this meant that no one survived the crash of the U.S. Air Force T-43 craft when it plowed into a hillside south of Dubrovnik on Wednesday while approaching the airport.

Jarnjak said not all bodies had yet been identified.

Dubrovnik's chief pathologist, Igor Boric, said earlier that a temporary morgue had been set up at the airport.

Minutes before Jarnjak's announcement, a French major whose battalion helped rescue efforts said 29 bodies had been recovered from the crash site.

Reporters were able to get close enough to the crash site Wednesday to see the plane resting on its belly on the top of a small hill, known locally as Sveti Ivan, or St. John.

The plane's middle was burned.

The Pentagon said Army Brig. Gen. Michael Canavan and search and rescue team members arrived at the crash site at 5:50 a.m.

Thursday. They joined three U.S. search and rescue people who had been lowered in by helicopter earlier and more than 100 special Croatian police.

The rescue effort was complicated by the heavy lacing of land mines in the area from the 1991 war.

"Only a crazy man would go there," Miomir Zuzul, Croatia's ambassador to the United States, told Associated Press Television in Dubrovnik.

A woman found alive at the scene died as a NATO helicopter carried her to a Dubrovnik hospital, flying through heavy rains and high winds.

Brown, 54, had been traveling with about

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Brown



Shane Elkins, THE BATTALION

### HOWDY HIPPO

Jeff King, a member of Company E-2, holds Reville VI as she bites a stuffed hippo named ORPHEUS that has traveled all over the world, including Israel, Mexico and Jamaica. ORPHEUS is the gimmick of a Houston sports bar that lets

people borrow the hippo as long as they take pictures of his trip and have fun with him.

Jennifer Rutherford, a senior marketing major, brought ORPHEUS to Texas A&M and he visited Northgate Wednesday night.

### Unabomber suspect taken into custody

LINCOLN, Mont. (AP) — A former Berkeley math professor suspected by relatives of being the Unabomber was taken to a jail Wednesday night after federal agents searched his cabin near a mountain pass on the Continental Divide.

A member of the Unabomber task force, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of



Unabomber

anonymity, identified the man as Ted John Kaczynski and said he had been using many aliases. Federal agents were said to have been following him for several weeks.

Kaczynski was taken into custody so that he would not interfere with the search of his home, but he was not immediately placed under arrest, a federal law enforcement official said.

Chuck O'Reilly, sheriff of Lewis and Clark County, said 20 FBI agents searched the home on the west side of Stemple Pass, between

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### Senate elects top leaders for Fall '96

By Wes Swift  
THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M Student Senate began its 49th session Wednesday by electing its top three officials.

The Senate elected Chris Reed, a junior finance major and 1995-1996 speaker pro tempore, speaker of the Senate.

Reed will preside over Senate meetings, dictating debate and acting as the leader of the student legislative body.

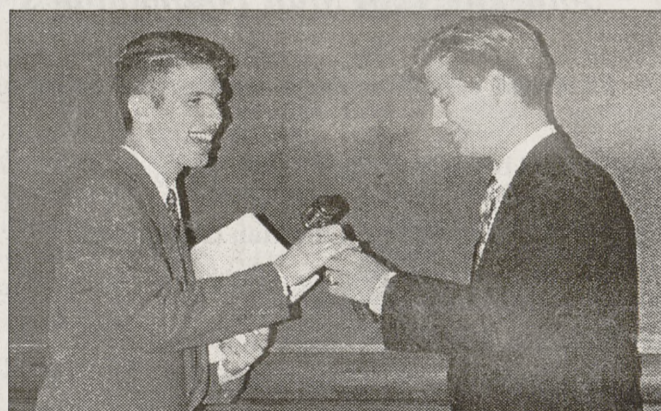
During his address to the

senators, Reed said the Senate will focus on giving students a more vocal role in Student Government.

"My goal ... is to ensure that it is the voice and opinion of the students that resonate in the Senate chamber," he said. "The students we serve deserve no less than the best."

Reed has served on the Chancellor's Advisory Board and as the Student Government liaison to the College Station City Council.

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Chris Reed, the new Student Senate speaker, is handed the gavel by Toby Boenig, student body president.

### Run-off elections continue

Run-off elections for several Texas A&M student body offices will continue today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at six campus locations. Students can vote at Sbis Underground Market, Sterling C. Evans Library, the MSC, the Commons and Zachry, Kleburg and Wehner Buildings.

Ryan Shopp and Carl Baggett are the two remaining candidates for student body president.

Other offices to be voted on are Class of '97 president and vice president; Class of '98 vice president, treasurer, secretary and historian; Class of '99 president and social secretary; and Residence Hall Association president.

A student referendum to approve or disapprove renewal of the Student Government constitution will be included on the ballot.

Election results will be announced at 10 p.m. in front of the academic Building.

### A&M, GTE open distance learning center in Bryan

By Eleanor Colvin  
THE BATTALION

The Center for Distance Learning Research opened yesterday in Bryan, commemorating a unique partnership between Texas A&M University and GTE.

The partnership is the first in the nation between a public institution and a private organization to advance technological education and expand the use of distance learning applications.

The mission of the center is to help public schools, public agen-

cies and private businesses educate and train people through the use of technology.

The center will provide demonstrations, training programs and technical assistance to those interested in developing specialized curriculums that use tools like the Internet, video and audio productions and multimedia software.

Pat Klingelhoffer, GTE site manager, said the partnership resulted from the lifting of some telecommunications restrictions

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