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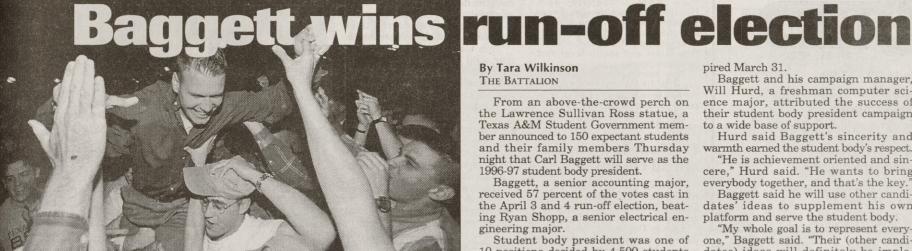
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Carl Baggett is lifted and congratulated on his win in the run-off elections for student body

By Tara Wilkinson THE BATTALION

From an above-the-crowd perch on the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue, a Texas A&M Student Government mem-ber announced to 150 expectant students and their family members Thursday night that Carl Baggett will serve as the 1906 OT student below meridents 1996-97 student body president.

Baggett, a senior accounting major, received 57 percent of the votes cast in the April 3 and 4 run-off election, beating Ryan Shopp, a senior electrical en-

Student body president was one of 10 positions decided by 4,500 students who voted in the run-off elections.

By 73.6 percent, the student body also approved renewal of the Student Government constitution, which expired March 31.

Baggett and his campaign manager, Will Hurd, a freshman computer science major, attributed the success of their student body president campaign

to a wide base of support. Hurd said Baggett's sincerity and warmth earned the student body's respect. "He is achievement oriented and sin-

cere," Hurd said. "He wants to bring everybody together, and that's the key. Baggett said he will use other candi-

dates' ideas to supplement his own platform and serve the student body.

"My whole goal is to represent every-one," Baggett said. "Their (other candidates) ideas will definitely be implemented and so will some of their people Along similar lines, Baggett said his

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Student Election Run-off Results Student Body President

Residence Hall Association President

Class of 1999 President

Class of 1999 Social Secretary

Class of 1998 Vice President

Class of 1998 Treasurer

Class of 1998 Secretary

Class of 1998 Historian

Class of 1997 President

Class of 1997 Vice President

Awareness week addresses gay issues

By Marissa Alanis THE BATTALION

Texas A&M's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Aggies will educate the community and promote its causes today through Friday during Gay Awareness Week. KEOS 89.1, a Brazos Valley

community radio station, will start the week's activities by airing the first broadcast in the Brazos Valley addressing gay and lesian issues. The program will run

today from noon to 3 p.m. Daniel Bontempo, an A&M co-ordinator of the GLBA Speaker's breau, and Tammy Bradley, CLBA's public relations chair and junior math major, will host the show, which will spotlight famous gay and lesbian artists.

To dispel some of the myths regarding aspects of gay life, such as dating, Mary Ann Moore, an A&M Student Counseling Center staff psychologist, will be the featured speaker to-

day at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder in a presentation titled "Dating and we choose homosexuality as a behavioral choice instead of an inner orientation," Bradley said.

ganization of supportive staff and faculty members, on Wednesday at noon by Rudder Fountain.

pants will march across campus holding hands in recognition of their unity.

Bradley said a good turnout would send a strong message in support of Gay Awareness Week. "If a lot of faculty and staff

show up, then maybe that would be the strongest message of all," Bradley said. "Then maybe the

members will think the University is there for them after all." Some A&M students believe

homosexuality is wrong. Brad Bauerschlag, a fresh-

entation and continue to think man business administration major, said that though he is not homophobic, his Christian beliefs lead him to believe that homosexuality is wrong.

"Regardless of how or why ho-mosexuals have their tenden-cies," Bauerschlag said, "they have the choice to not act on it." Gays, lesbians and bisexuals

will be able to discuss their concerns and feelings at a special rap group Thursday at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

"It's an informal, relaxed at-mosphere," May said. "At the rap group, it's a chance for you to speak what's on your mind." Bradley said the best thing

GLBA members can do for the A&M community is to continue to participate in activities such as Bonfire and Replant until they are accepted. "I say that because we are Ag-

gies too, and we're just as involved as everyone else," Bradley said. "We'll never be accepted if we continue to meet in a room every Thursday night.

Trading Places Bowen, student exchange roles for United Way





Intimacy vs. Sex." Bradley said that to the best of her knowledge, the presenta-tion will draw a more definitive line between sexual behavior and romantic intimacy

"The biggest myth for people against homosexuality is that they confuse behavior with ori-

Krista May, an English grad-uate student and GLBA mem-ber, said Gay Awareness Week will stress campus visibility. The gay community will dis-play its pride at a march and rally sponsored by Allies, an A&M or ganization of supportive staff and

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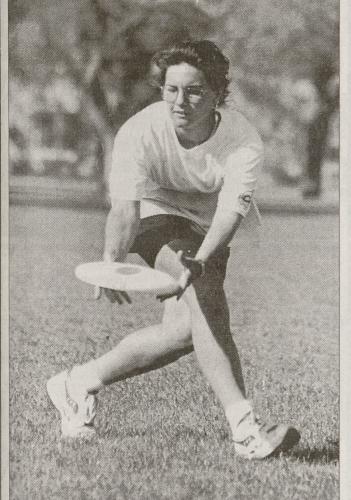
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Shane Elkins, THE BATTALION

FRIZBEE FANATIC

Brandee Eastlack, a senior chemical engineering major, practices Frisbee Sunday at Simpson Drill Field. Eastlack plays ultimate Frizbee for a Texas A&M club team. The team competes in various tournaments, and this coming weekend they have a college sectional meet that will be at A&M.

drive begins today

Week-long blood

By Lily Aguilar THE BATTALION

Texas A&M and BloodCare will give away T-shirts and coupons for free Chick-Fil-A sandwiches this week during the annual Spring Blood Drive.

Beginning today, students, faculty and staff who are 17 years of age or older and who weigh at least 110 pounds are invited to donate blood.

Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., donors can give blood at Sbisa Dining Hall, Rudder Fountain, the Commons, the Zachry Building, Lounge E on the Quad and be-

hind the Kleberg Building. Donations will be accepted Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at any of the six campus sites

A&M has sponsored the an-nual blood drive since 1959.

Jennifer Tally, Texas A&M Blood Drive coordinator, said said each unit of blood donated at the drive will be sent to Dallas and will earn A&M a credit with the blood bank. These credits can be used by campus organizations to sponsor someone in need of blood.

"Last semester, the Corps of Cadets chose to sponsor a man

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Suspect's trail leads from Montana to California

Police search for connection between Kaczynski, Unabomber

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HELENA, Mont. (AP) - As federal agents searched for proof that Theodore Kaczynski left Montana to mail bombs, two people said Sunday they had seen the hermit in Sacra-mento, Calif. — in the area where the Unabomber mailed his last four bombs.

Frank Hensley, a desk clerk at the Royal Hotel, next door to the bus depot in downtown Sacramento, told The Associated Press he saw Kaczynski in the neighborhood or staying at the hotel almost annually during the last five years. He stayed at the hotel two or three times, usually in the late spring or summer, Hensley said. "If it wasn't for all this, I'd

be expecting to see him about now," Hensley said, referring to Kaczynski's recent arrest.

At a Burger King restaurant next to the bus depot, manager Mike Singh said he saw Kaczynski a few times in recent years. On one occasion, Kaczynski was carrying an armload of books. "He said he

was doing research. Singh said. "He looked like one of those bums who come in in the morning and have sandwich and cup of

walk out." Unabomber

FBI spokesman George See Unabomber, Page 10

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Dr. Ray Bowen, Texas A&M president, used the campus shuttle bus to get to and from classes during his day as a student.

By Lisa Johnson THE BATTALION

Will Matthews, a Texas A&M senior history major, took over for Dr. Ray Bowen, A&M president, on March 4, while Bowen attended classes, rode the bus and lugged a backpack around campus all day. This activity was not a

bizarre demotion for Bowen; nor was it a dream.

It was the result of an A&M United Way Pack project to raise awareness and money for the Brazos County United Way.

Matthews was chosen to be Bowen for a day when his name was drawn and announced on radio station KORA on April 1. Tickets were sold the week prior to the drawing for \$1 each. All proceeds benefit the Brazos County United Way. As part of the bargain,

Bowen agreed to wear student attire, attend Matthews' classes and take notes. However, Bowen failed to honor the final part of the agreement.

"He's in for a real big surprise," Bowen said. "Will does-

n't know it yet, but I didn't take any notes. I just sat back and enjoyed the lectures."

Although Matthews knew he would be attending an awards banquet for graduate students in Bowen's place, he said he did not expect to speak at the event.

"At the graduate student awards, I gave a speech that I didn't know I was going to," Matthews said. "When I got there, they asked me if I would mind saying a few words, and I just felt this huge lump come up in my throat.

Matthews spent most of the day with the University vice presidents and Dr. Pierce Cantrell, Faculty Senate speaker, as Bowen walked to and from classes, taking a bus back to his office at the day's end.

Bowen said some students were surprised to see him strolling around campus.

"I think that a lot of students really didn't know who I was; they just saw some old guy walking around campus,"

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