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**OUT IN LEFT FIELD Heather Hayden has** finally found a home. SPORTS, PAGE 7

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A Family Legacy Chris Torn is the third head yell leader in his family. AGGIELIFE, PAGE 3

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**Basic Criteria for** 

Admissions

Completed application

· High school transcript

in high school class for

non-residents, top 25

percent for residents

· Completed honors,

baccalaureate courses

Texas residency

exceptional talents

Major university

academic and athletic

Under-represented

Interest in participation

Individual differences or

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· Leadership or

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advance placement and

SAT scores

Top 10 percent ranking

**Other Considerations** 

# **Redefining Reading Days**

# Officials clear up class schedules

**By Courtney Walker** THE BATTALION

As the end of the semester raws near, Texas A&M stuents might be relieved to renember that administrators nave scheduled an extra readng day for students to prepare or their May 3-8 final exams.

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This is the second semester A&M students will have two reading days to prepare for finals instead of one. In addition, dead day and a redefined day nave also been scheduled.

Next week begins with dead ay on April 29, followed by a edefined day on April 30 and eading days on May 1 and 2. Don Carter, Admissions and

Records registrar, defined dead lays as regular class days durng which no examinations are lowed except in labs and one-

The redefined day has been heduled to make up for Friay classes that were missed Good Friday, April 5, which was scheduled into the acade nic calendar as a reading day to avoid last-minute decisions rom A&M System administrators about whether to desig-

No classes will be held during the May 1 and 2 reading days. Establishment of an extra

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) —

Firefighters went from house to demolished house Monday,

searching for more victims of

tornadoes that killed four peo-

ple, including two children, and

"I just started praying," said

Leisa Didway, who rode out

the storm Sunday night in her

closet with a friend and the

friend's 1-year-old son. "I held

her and the baby. I was just

praying to God because I didn't

The twisters ripped through

Fort Smith's historic district

and the suburb of Van Buren,

sweeping some houses off their

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Arkansas tornadoes

kill four, ruin homes

At least 50 people were injured and more than 330 left homeless during Monday's storms

Toby Boenig, 1995-96 student body president, said that after researching peer institutions where students have a week to study for exams, Student Government recommended that Bowen approve the extra day of study.

"The more time students have to study and comprehend, the better they'll do," Boenig said. "But if they only have a day, they have to cram.

For students looking for a quiet place to study, the Ster-ling C. Evans Library will be open 24 hours from April 28 through May 7. On May 8, the library will close at 7 p.m.

Although the library will be open 24 hours, the circulation desk and services will close at midnight.

The West Campus Library will have extended hours of 7:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. April 28 through May 1 and May 3. On May 4, it will be open 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.

The West Campus Library will be open 24 hours May 2 and 5-7. Julia Rholes, head of the Evans Library reference department, said that students

typically take advantage of the

extended library hours. "We know there is an extraordinary demand during finals for people who study all night and need a secluded place," Rholes said. "You can definitely see an increase of students during finals."

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Fort Smith

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ARKANSAS

Smith to guard against looters

after five people who police

said were about to start looting

were arrested and charged

with prowling. The National Guard ordered 45 members to

report for duty.

The Red Cross said 636

houses, 30 apartment units and

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Dave House, THE BATTALION

#### THROWING FOR PAR

Robert Prewitt, a fifth year senior bio-medical science major, "putts" for par at Research Park's new 18-hole par three Frisbee golf course. Frisbee golf is played the same as regular golf, only Frisbees are used instead of clubs.

# A&M upholds standards of admissions

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Texas A&M administrators said many students have a false perception that A&M admission standards are lowered for minorities and that students do not understand the admissions

process in general.

With the controversy surrounding the recent 5th Circuit Court of Appeals decision in Hopwood vs. State of Texas that made race as an admission criterion illegal, and last week's stay which allowed universities to resume admissions as usual, administrators said there is a need to clarify how the A&M admissions process works.

Kevin Carreathers, director of multicultural services, said the Hopwood decision affects A&M more than other state institutions because this Universi ty has more students applying for each available space

"In order to create a diverse campus environment, one of the challenges that this institution has because it is such a popular place for many of our high school se-

is what criteria should be used when we have 16,000 students applying for 6,100 spaces," Carreathers said.

Ruth Prescott, special assistant to the executive vice president and provost, said students who do not meet minimum requirements are admitted to the University only if they are a part of A&M's provisional program or are recruited for athletics under NCAA guidelines

The provisional program allows a set number of students who fall below minimum standards to take courses at the University each semester. If students do well in the program, they are then admitted to the University.

### New council promotes MSC bookstore's services

By Lisa Johnson THE BATTALION

The newly formed Texas A&M Bookstore Advisory Council is promoting little-known services provided by the MSC Bookstore and working to improve the store's quality and accessibility.

Formed in January, the council is composed of students, administrators, faculty members and the bookstore general and regional managers. It operates through the Faculty Senate, meeting once a month.

Gary Spearow, an advisory council member and general manager of the MSC Bookstore, said few people are aware of some of the services provided by the bookstore, particularly the scholarships it funds.

The bookstore gives \$125,000, in the form of four full scholarships, each year. Approximately \$40,000 in additional scholarship money, obtained from a percentage of sales, is given out in book scholarships to 20 students each fall and spring semester.

"There is a tremendous amount of money generated through the bookstore both by contract and percentage of sales," he said. "But nobody really knows much about how the money is given out.

MSC Bookstore Web Page http://Bookstore.tamu.edu/

The amount of the scholarships is subject to change as the bookstore's revenue changes. Dr. David A. Bessler, a professor of agri-

cultural economics, said he was unaware of the scholarships given by the bookstore before he joined the advisory council. He said part of the council's purpose is to increase campus awareness of the bookstore's contri-

butions to students.

"It's important for the bookstore to tell its story to the campus," he said, "and part of its story is these scholarships."

Besides promoting awareness, the advisory council is devising a way for students to reserve books on the Internet, a service that, Spearow said, should be available soon.

The bookstore home page can be accessed at http://Bookstore.tamu.edu/.

Ed Marotta, chairman of the advisory council and a mechanical engineering graduate student, said he is developing other means for students to interact with the bookstore via computer.

"Hopefully, once the home page for the bookstore is completely operational, I would like to be able to have an interactive aspect where students could leave their questions or comments and have someone from the bookstore get back

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# A&M students aid hospital expansi

**By Eleanor Colvin** THE BATTALION

Nineteen Texas A&M architecture students will present innovative designs for the expansion of Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas today.

The students will show nine projects that maximize space, minimize cost and emphasize advances in day care and health to the Scottish Rite Board of Directors and officials of HKS Architects Inc.

Hospital administrators did not specify the type of building they wanted the students, members of George Mann's ARCH 306, Architectural De-

sign III class, to design.
Instead, they asked the students to design a variety of expansion options for the Scottish Rite facilities. The were asked to maximize space for a day-care center, counseling center, doctors' offices, and research and development labs.

Mann said he tries to make the

eight-week project, which incorporates basic architectural and client-relation skills, real for the students by changing

the project each semester. The projects are realistic in that they are completed for an actual client.

The key thing is training the way you fight — helping the students find out what architecture is all about," he said. "After being here for over 30 years, I have former students all over the world. So it's easy to find projects that do that."

This semester, the students worked with HKS, which is the fourth-largest architectural firm in the United States and the largest employer of A&M College of Architecture graduates.

HKS designed the original Scottish Rite complex and will design the new addition. Alex Tacey, a senior environmental

design major, said that working with HKS exposed him and his classmates to the world of architecture. "One of the most important lessons

was learning how hard it is to actually work with firms and clients," he said "Most of our classes deal with 'fantasy projects, but working through HKS, we had real clients, a real site and it gave

us a real good experience."

Daniel Turner, a senior environmental design major, agreed that working with HKS offered students invaluable experience

"I really enjoyed the project, and I hope that it's indicative of the architecture profession," he said. "Interpreting clients' wants and needs and balancing them in a cost-efficient way was an important lesson to be learned.

The students prepared for the proect by researching the designs of other health facilities, talking with hospital administrators and asking children what they would like to see in a children's facility.

Erin Miller, a fourth-grade student at College Hills Elementary School in

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Gwendolyn Struve, THE BATTALION

Senior Daniel Turner and junior Kristy Walvoord, environmental design majors, explain the design of their model of an addition to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas for their Architecture 306 class Monday.