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edge in basic and clinical exercise science or sports medicine, was awarded to Delp at the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in Cincinnati.

Delp came to Texas A&M in 1995 from the Medical College of

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He is the principal investigator on research projects with NASA and the Environmental Protection Agency.

A&M profs named ASAE department heads

Two Texas A&M professors have become heads of their respective departments for the American Soci-ety of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE). Stephen W. Searcy, a professor

in the agricultural engineering department, became the director of information and electrical technologies during the ASAE's annual meeting July 14-18. James R. Gilley, a professor and

agricultural engineering depart-ment head, became the director of the soil and water division at the

adviser to a NATO Science of Stability project in Portugal and also serves on the ASAE Foundation Board of Trustees.

ASAE is a professional society specializing in agricultural issues.

CSPD to host open house this week

The College Station Police Department will be holding an open house July 23 to 25 between 4:00

The exhibit will focus on the department's new communication system. The communication improvement expands the previous system, allowing for more radio traffic. It also provides clearer and faster

communication between patrol cars and police headquarters and is more easily upgraded. Tours of the police department building will also be given, and police officers will perform a SWAT team demonstration.

Early voting for City Council begins today

College Station residents unable to vote in the August 10 special City Council election have

several available options.
Early voting begins today and lasts through August 6. Registered voters can cast their ballots at the College Station City Hall Training Room Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mail-in ballots can be ordered by

calling Connie Hooks, early voting clerk, at 764-3541, and must be re-

ceived by August 2 at 5 p.m.
The special election will fill the seat vacated by recently elected Mayor Lynn McIlhaney.

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Plasma donors help others, selve

Heath Faulkner, the assistant manager of the Westgate Plasma Center, said donating plasma is simple

"It's really fun and easy to do," Faulkner said. "If more people would actually come and see what it's like, they would realize this.

Potential donors are put through a screening process involving a physical exam and questions about the donor's medical history

Faulkner said donors may be rejected for not meeting the weight requirement, receiving treatment for hepatitis, syphilis or gonorrhea within the last year or being HIV positive.

John Hernandez, a junior civil engineering major, has been donating plasma since his freshman year, mainly to benefit those in need.

"As a doctor, my mother recommended that I donate either plasma or blood," Hernandez said. "I donate plasma for the benefit of medicine

Faulkner said the procedure extracts blood from the body

"It's an easy way to earn \$35 and separates the pas week and save lives at the same time," Marcus said.

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"Everything is very cle it is a friendly atmospherenandez said. "The clinic cians are your age and h cellent bedside manners."

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Engineering profs win Presidential awar

The professors are converting biomass to animal feed, chemicals and ful the phase of figuring out how

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Some Texas A&M students

Josh Marcus, a junior bio-

medical science major, donates

plasma on a regular basis and

said the donation is relatively

are helping to save lives while they earn money donating their

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A team of Texas A&M chemical engineering professors and graduate students were selected from 80 applicants to receive the Presidential Green Chemistry

Amy Montgomery, a junior jour-

nalism major, donates plasma at

the Westgate Plasma Center.

Challenge Award.
Dr. Mark Holtzapple, an associate professor of chemical engineering, said the award will change some people's thinking on environmental issues.

The purpose of the award is to showcase technologies that are good for the environment and the economy," Holtzapple said. "Vice President Al Gore is a big initiator of this thinking. A lot of people think you can have either a healthy environment or a healthy economy, but not both.

Holtzapple and the team working on the project want to dispel the either/or thinking. Their project takes waste biomass and converts it into animal feed, chemicals and fuels.

Holtzapple started the project

"It was my idea and Richard Davison's (a chemical engineering professor) idea," Holtzapple said. "We have had many grad students working with us over the years. We have demonstrated all of the steps in the labora-

tory, so now we're ready to scale it up to industrial size.

William Kaar, a chemical engineering graduate student who worked on the project, said one of the reasons he decided to attend A&M was Dr. Holtzapple. "I came to A&M to work

with Holtzapple's group," Kaar said. "I've been doing this type of research for a while, and I knew about him from his articles in journals.

On July 11, the team traveled to Washington, D.C., to receive the award, which is also sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency, at the National Academy of Sciences.

Kyle Ross, a chemical engineering graduate student who worked on the project, said it was exciting to go to Washington and receive the award.

"It's quite an honor," Ross said. I guess taking biomass and fermenting it isn't the most glamorous thing. It's a recognition that it's something beneficial and we need to keep doing it.

"We have some industrial partners," Holtzapple said. "It

Holtzapple said his goal is to bring his technology into the

have quite a few tricks we ple to achieve cost targets."

The group did not get to chance to meet Gore because was in Russia with Preside Boris Yeltsin. Holtzapple sai hopes to eventually meet him
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meet with Gore in the near ture," Ross said. "He g around the country for the tional Performance Review gram and checks on govern tal initiatives. The project will take many millions of dolunder the program. When gets to Texas, I will be able lars to scale it up, and coming up with that won't be easy. We're in

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