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## Quayle visits campus

By MELISSA NUNNERY  
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Former Vice President Dan Quayle will speak today at the Rudder Fountain to encourage voter participation and support for local Republican candidates. Quayle last visited A&M in 1992, appearing with Congressman George Brown.

Republicans hope to give the former vice president a welcome similar to the one he received from A&M students during a speech in 1992.

"One of our officers saw Quayle at a book signing in Washington last summer and he still remembers A&M and his biggest rally and the welcome he got in '92," Johnston said.

Eric Sawyer, College Republicans executive director and a senior political science and economics major, said the College Republicans are looking

forward to Quayle's arrival. "Everyone I know is ready to give him a big Aggie-style welcome back," Sawyer said in a press release.

Johnston said the visit should prompt students to register to vote.

"We've only got two or three more weeks to get people registered," Johnston said. "It's impor-

tant to get registered and get out to vote. In the past, the number of student voters has been significant enough to offset elections. It's a significant block."

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry and Congressional candidate Pete Sessions will appear with Quayle.

Johnston speculated the two politicians will also promote voter participation and solicit support for Sessions.

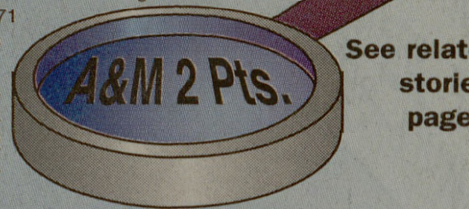
A voter registration drive will be held in conjunction with Quayle's speech.



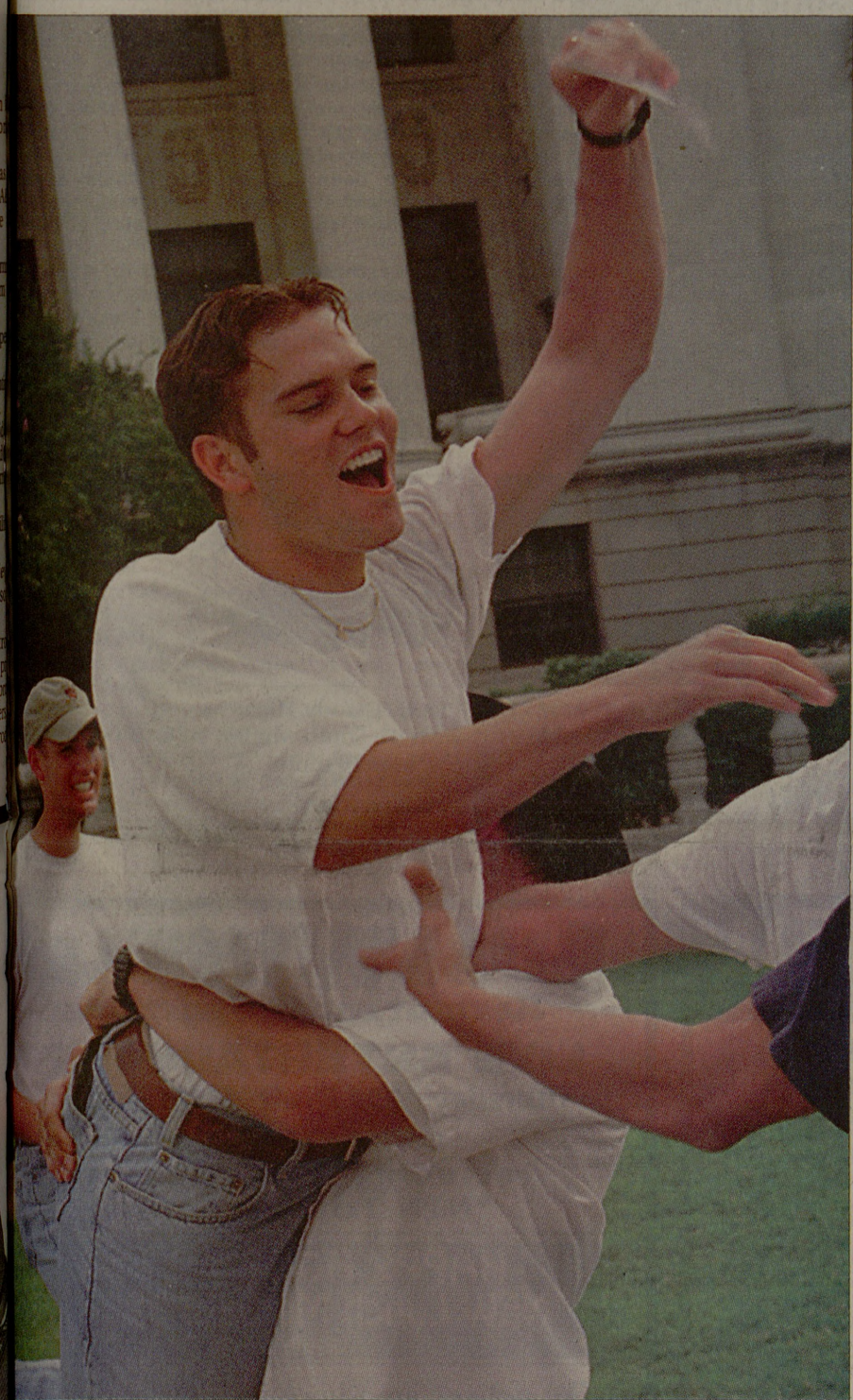
Quayle

## AP TOP 25 POLL

	Rec.	Pts.		Rec.	Pts.
1. Nebraska (58)	1-0-0	1,662	17. Arizona St.	2-0-0	587
2. Tennessee (5)	2-0-0	1,561	18. Virginia Tech	2-0-0	528
3. Florida St. (4)	1-0-0	1,536	19. Iowa	2-0-0	454
4. Florida	2-0-0	1,519	20. Virginia	2-0-0	528
5. Penn St.	3-0-0	1,369	21. LSU	1-0-0	381
6. Texas	2-0-0	1,232	22. Kansas	2-0-0	360
7. Ohio St.	1-0-0	1,225	23. Syracuse	0-1-0	214
8. Michigan	2-0-0	1,211	24. Washington	1-1-0	174
9. Notre Dame	2-0-0	1,099	25. Oregon	3-0-0	168
10. Miami	3-0-0	1,071			
11. North Carolina	2-0-0	926			
12. Colorado	2-1-0	911			
13. Alabama	3-0-0	764			
13. Auburn	3-0-0	764			
15. Southern Cal.	2-1-0	702			
16. Kansas St.	3-0-0	684			



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Pat James, THE BATTALION

Just the beginning

Patrick Collier, a sophomore industrial distribution major holds a bid to Beta Theta Pi. Texas A&M's 23 social fraternities extended a total of 310 bids to prospective members at Friday afternoon's Bid House to bring the 1996 Interfraternity Council fall rush to a close. More than 2,000 people gathered in front of the University Administration Building to watch the men run to their new fraternities.

## Davis' parents arrested

By WES SWIFT  
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The parents of alleged rapist Don Davis Jr. were arrested this weekend after a Brazos County grand jury indicted them on charges that they helped their son flee from the law.

Don Davis Sr. and his wife Linda, both of Houston, surrendered to Brazos County law enforcement officials Friday evening. Davis Sr., 54, remained jailed Sunday; his wife had been released on \$20,000 bond.

A grand jury indicted the couple Thursday on charges

of hindering the prosecution and apprehension of a felon. If convicted of the third-degree felony, the Davises could face two to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Brazos County prosecutors said the couple gave their son, Davis Jr., thousands of dollars and a car to help their son disappear Aug. 21, five days before his trial on charges of rape was scheduled to begin.

The couple told 272nd District Judge John Delaney Aug. 21 that they had not seen their son for several days. Davis Jr., a Texas A&M graduate, had been under a

court-imposed 10 p.m. curfew at his parents' home.

Davis Jr., 23, was indicted in March 1996 on two counts of aggravated sexual assault in connection with two rapes on the Texas A&M campus in 1995.

A&M, Bryan-College Station and Brazos County police officials had been investigating lead after lead last week when an off-duty police officer in Little Rock, Ark., provided them with the first big break in the case.

The officer, who was working as a security guard at a Little Rock motel, discovered Davis Jr.'s red Nissan

Sentra abandoned in the motel parking lot.

Police are now searching airline records to determine whether Davis Jr. may have boarded a plane from an airport next to the motel.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation also entered the investigation last week. Once police determined Davis Jr. had crossed state lines, FBI officials obtained a federal arrest warrant for the suspect.

Davis Jr. was free on \$150,000 bond when he disappeared. Friday, Delaney issued an additional \$500,000 bond for Davis Jr. failing to appear in court.

## Dunking changes go down easy

By KENDRA S. RASMUSSEN  
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State law gave an Aggie tradition a different flair this weekend, as Texas A&M seniors found ways to dunk their rings without putting the Dixie Chicken in jeopardy.

A recent incident sparked by the Texas Alcoholic Beverages Commission prompted Dixie Chicken owner Don Ganter to ban customers from dunking their rings in 60-ounce pitchers.

"Happy Hour" laws passed in 1990 prohibit the sale of a pitcher of beer to one person for individual consumption.

Instead of pitchers, the bar offered 32-ounce schooners or mason jars instead. Ganter said students adjusted well to the change.

The 32-ounce schooners, Ganter said, were popular with students.

"We sold flat out (of schooners)," he said. "We had to go to 32-ounce mason jars."

Matt Matthews, a senior industrial distribution major who dunked his ring in two mason jars, said although they do not have the same "macho" feel as a pitcher, he accepted the alternative.

"He (Ganter) does what he has got to do," he said.

Matthews said the mason jars are a good substitute.

"I think [dunking out of mason jars] is more like ol' army redneck style," he said.

Other students accepted the schooners and mason jars but said the tradition was not the same.

Rusty Liner, a senior industrial distribution major, said he was disap-

pointed about not being able to dunk his ring in a pitcher.

"I am definitely let down about it," he said. "I kind of feel like they are breaking tradition. Anyone 21 and over is responsible enough to dunk their ring any way they want."

"But I guess it is the second best way to do it if it is against state law."

Liner said he feels cheated but will comply for the sake of the Dixie Chicken.

"You wait for it and ... somebody takes

part of it away from you," he said. "It takes away from the whole experience. But I don't want to be the guy that gets the Dixie Chicken shut down."

Ganter said it is unfortunate that state law hinders the Aggie tradition. "The Dixie Chicken is not here to tell people how to enjoy themselves," he said. "It is the TABC that is looking over our shoulder."

Ganter said most students complied, but some insisted on trying to get around the law.

"There were a few that tried to dunk [their rings] in pitchers," he said. "We had to ask them to stop."

Joy Czerwinski, a senior management major, tried to dunk her ring in a pitcher but was stopped by a Dixie Chicken employee half way through.

Czerwinski said she complied by pouring the beer into cups, but then went back to drinking out of the pitcher. "I didn't get upset about it because even though I knew (it was against the law), I wasn't going to change my way because of the rules," she said.

Czerwinski said she put the Dixie Chicken at risk, but by making her stop half way through, they were not responsible.

"The Dixie Chicken fulfilled the law, I fulfilled the tradition," she said.

Ganter said his employees try to stop customers from dunking their rings in 60-ounce pitchers or two schooners or mason jars, but they cannot control the actions of all the customers.

"There is a limit to what we can do," he said.



Rony Angkriwan, THE BATTALION

Andria Ivers, a senior agricultural systems management major, dunks her ring in a schooner at the Dixie Chicken Saturday afternoon.

## A&M Thai students compete in event

By MELISSA NUNNERY  
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Thai students from the University of Texas and the University of Houston joined the



Rony Angkriwan, THE BATTALION  
Volleyball teams meet at the net after the Aggie victory over UT.

Texas A&M University Thai Students Association on campus Saturday for the annual Tri-city soccer, volleyball and basketball tournament.

Col. Buck Henderson, Corps of Cadets deputy assistant commandant, said the tournament sparks a friendly rivalry among the students.

"It's good to see the Aggie spirit involved with the international students," Henderson said. "I don't know of any other school that does that. There is a lot of good rivalry."

Vannapa Pimviriyakul, an architecture graduate student who participated in the tournament for the first time, said she looked forward to the day's events.

"We just want to group together all the Thai students who study in Texas," she said. "I'm really looking forward to the banquet and the dinner and dancing."

Thai students have met for the annual tournament for 10 years. The three schools take turns hosting the tournament, which was last

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## Festivities kick off with rally

By LAURA OLIVEIRA  
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An array of Hispanic cultures came together for a rally Friday to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs through Oct. 15.

The unity rally, which was sponsored by the Hispanic Presidents Council, brought together the diverse Hispanic cultures on campus to build awareness for the month ahead.

The rally was led by speakers who discussed the ongoing struggles faced by Hispanics, emphasizing the month's theme, a "Quest for Success."

Dr. Marco Portales, executive assistant to the Texas A&M President Ray Bowen and an English professor, said the rally should motivate the upcoming generation of Hispanics.

"This rally is important because the future of the next Hispanic generation is being molded here," he said. "We have to inspire these young men and women to capitalize on their many talents and skills."

The rally focused on recogniz-

ing the diversity within the Hispanic culture.

Adreana Araya, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers delegate and a sophomore industrial engineering major, said many people do not realize the broad range of the Hispanic culture.

"Hispanics are made up of very different people," she said. "I think there is a lot of ignorance out there, because many think only of Mexican-Americans when referring to Hispanics."

"This month we want to give more recognition to the other cultures on campus."

Campus organizations will sponsor activities celebrating the diversity of Hispanic cultures throughout the month.

The festivities will include a Latin festival, a Chicano film festival and an affirmative action discussion.

The events were planned to educate those unfamiliar with the Hispanic heritage.

Robert Rodriguez, Hispanic Journalists Association president and a senior journalism

major, said it is important to educate people about the Hispanic heritage.

"If people are aware of what our heritage is about, then they will have a better understanding of what our heritage is trying to accomplish," he said.

### Hispanic Heritage Month Festivities

Sept. 17 — "After Hopwood, what happens now?," Affirmative Action Discussion, 7 p.m. Rudder 401

Sept. 19 — Latin Festival, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rudder Fountain

Sept. 24 — Speeches: Gill Navaro "Justice knows no race or barriers" and Dr. Elsa Valdez "Haciendo la diferencia; Chicanos in higher education," 7 p.m. MSC 201

Oct. 2 — Chicano Civil Rights History Film Festival, 7 p.m. Rudder Theater

Oct. 6 — Freelance Artist, Richard Dominguez 1 to 3 p.m. Rudder

Oct. 12 — Caliente, The Grove