

Ryan Rogers, THE BATTALION

**Jammin'** Jon Deming (right), a sophomore construction science major, and Ryan Sile (left), a sophomore business major, jam at MSC Townhall's open mic event Wednesday.

#### ► This day in history

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(AP) — Today is Thursday, Sept. 26, the 270th day of 1996. There are 96 days left in the year. On this date:

In 1789, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's first Secretary of State; and John Jay the first chief justice of the United States.

In 1892, John Philip Sousa and his newly formed band performed publicly for the first time, at the Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, N.J.

In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was es-In 1960, the first televised debate between presiden-

tial candidates Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy took place in Chicago. In 1981, the twin-engine Boeing 767 made its maiden

flight at Everett, Wash.

In 1990, the Motion Picture Association of America announced it had created a new rating, "NC-

17," designed to bar moviegoers under the age of

17 from certain films without the commercial stig-

ma of the old "X" rating. Ten years ago: William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of the United States, while Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member.

Five years ago: Four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure in Oracle, Ariz., called Biosphere 2. (They emerged on this date in 1993.)

One year ago: The prosecution began its closing argument in the murder trial of O.J. Simpson.

#### ► Today's birthdays

Singer Bryan Ferry is 51. Singer Olivia Newton-John is 48. Actress Linda Hamilton is 40. Country singer Doug Supernaw is 36. Actress Melissa Sue Anderson is 34. Singer Tracy Thorn (Everything But The Girl) is 34. Singer Shawn Stockman (Boyz II Men) is 24.

#### **►** Campus

## **Professor** named to head economics

The Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts has announced a new head of the Department of Economics.

Dr. Dennis Jansen, professor of economics, took over the position

Jansen, who earned his doctorate at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, has taught at A&M since 1983.

#### Colloquy to explore soft libertarianism

Texas A&M's Department of Philosophy and Humanities will host a colloquy at 3:45 p.m. this afternoon in Blocker Room 506A.

Alfred Mele, professor of philosophy at Davidson College, will speak on "Soft Libertarianism and Frankfurt-Style Scenarios.

Admission is free. More information is available by contacting Gary Varner at 845-8499.

## Civil engineering gains endowment

The White Rock Rotary Club of Dallas has announced an endowment of \$20,000 to the civil engineering fund at Texas A&M.

**►** Weather

**Today** 

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slight chance of showers

or thunderstorms.

The endowment was made in the memory of the club's late president, Billy L. Stephenson, Class of '51

The fund will provide civil engineering scholarships based on financial need to high school graduates from Grayson, Denton, Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties.

#### ► State

## New claim by Lucas renews 'Adam' case

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - Ottis Elwood Toole killed 6-year-old Adam Walsh in 1981 and then showed his traveling companion — convicted murderer Henry Lee Lucas — the remains of the boy that have never been found, Lucas said Wednesday.

"It wasn't completely decomposed," Lucas, awaiting execution for a Texas killing, said of the headless remains Toole exposed for him in a shallow grave. "He kicked it uncovered and showed it to me. I got sick about it. I said, 'Let's get the hell out of here.' I left. I never heard no more about it until '83.

"What I heard is he (Toole) showed police where the head was at. That's what a police officer told me. Whether that was true, I don't know. I said I didn't know. I didn't want to be involved. I let it go."

The Walsh case, which set off a nationwide manhunt, has gained re-

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newed interest with wo from Florida prison of Toole, 49, died last wee there of cirrhosis of the buried on prison groun body claimed his body.

Police believe Tool in 1981 after about from a Hollywood, Fla said Toole confessed boy, whose severe found two weeks after tion, but he later recan er was charged.

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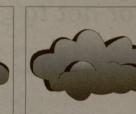
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