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Less than half of accepted minorities enroll

By COURTNEY WALKER
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Despite recruitment efforts by Texas A&M, fall enrollment for minority students remains low this year. University president Ray Bowen said the difficulty attracting minorities can be attributed to the University's past. "A&M is a product of its history, and against the grain of that history we weren't always open to minorities," Bowen said. Douglas, executive vice president for provost, said A&M now diligently notes minority recruiting efforts. He said they continually recruit minorities and work with former Black Student Association members. The University received applications from 3,782 minority students. Of the 2,518

accepted for this semester, 1,144 enrolled. The acceptance to enrollment ratio for minorities is lower than the ratio for white students. The University received 11,499 applications from white students, and of the 8,279 that were accepted, 5,136 enrolled. The minority figures included African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Hispanics and American Indians. Laura Huerta, vice chair of programs for the Committee for the Awareness of Mexican American Culture and a junior Spanish major, came to A&M from San Antonio. She said attending a predominantly white university is a difficult transition. "This campus is a huge culture shock," she said. "The numbers are very different and minorities feel kind of isolated."

Dessiree Ewing, director of community affairs for the Black Awareness Committee and a sophomore biomedical major, said the lack of a strong minority student community in Bryan-College Station makes recruitment difficult. Having a sense of community is important, Ewing said, because it helps students feel at home. "Predominately white universities do not always appeal to minority students because they feel out of place and face issues like racism that they wouldn't at a university that wasn't predominately white," Ewing said. "They just have to realize that's the real world, not just A&M or any other school."

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Minority Enrollment at A&M

	African-American	Hispanic	White
Applicants for fall, freshman admittance	876	2038	11499
Number Accepted	528	1432	8279
Number Enrolled	230	713	5136

Battalion named Pacemaker finalist

By BRANDON HAUSENFLUCK
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The Battalion was named a 1995-1996 Pacemaker finalist by the Associated Collegiate Press and the Newspaper Association of America Foundation. The annual Pacemaker award is presented to college newspapers that best serve their readers. Bob Wegener, The Battalion adviser, said the Pacemaker award is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a student newspaper. "This award is the Pulitzer Prize of college newspapers," Wegener said. The Battalion is one of 10 university dailies nationwide to earn finalist honors. Rob Clark, Fall 1995 editor in chief, said the honor is well-deserved. "The Batt gets a lot of flak because of the stances the Opinion page takes on issues," Clark said. "It's refreshing to know that other people will now know we're doing the right thing. Now everyone can see The Battalion

is not a bunch of college students, but journalists. We did not just do a good job, but we're one of the top 10." The Battalion, the University Daily Kansas of the University of Kansas and the Daily Nebraskan of the University of Nebraska were the only finalists from the Big 12 to be chosen. The Daily Campus from Southern Methodist University is the only other Pacemaker finalist from Texas within the daily category. Sterling Hayman, Spring 1996 editor in chief, said the honor is reflective of the staff. "There was more talent on our staff last year than most professional dailies have," Hayman said. Wegener said the judges do not specify which issues they will critique. "The judges take two papers from the fall and two from the spring," Wegener said. "You can't do a newspaper specifically for the contest."

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Study Break Courtney Clinton, a freshman general studies major, takes time out before class to study in the Commons Lobby on Thursday.

MSC exhibit to honor Cushing Ticket scalping part of home football games

By CHRISTIE HUMPHRIES
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Texas A&M alumnus, Edward B. Cushing, Class of 1880, will be remembered at an exhibit Saturday in the Memorial Student Center. The possessions of Edward B. Cushing, for whom the Cushing Library was named in 1930, will be on display in the MSC before the A&M football game. Donald Dyal, Cushing Library director, said the exhibit aims to build awareness of Cushing's contributions to the University. "A lot of people do not even know Cushing is, and yet we have this library named for him," Dyal said. Dyal said the invitation-only exhibit is off the Cushing Renovation fundraising campaign.

"We are hoping to receive funds for the renovation of the 66-year-old library," Dyal said. The exhibit will include some of Cushing's belongings and various items from collections in the library. The University will host a gala in conjunction with the President's office. Cushing's only living descendants, his granddaughter and great grandson, will attend the exhibit. Dyal said the library shows respect and gratitude to Cushing. "The Cushing Library pays homage to one of Texas A&M's most loyal, selfless and generous supporters," Dyal said. Cushing was president of the Texas A&M Board of Directors in 1912. After fires destroyed \$87,000 worth of campus property, state legislators suggested A&M be absorbed by the University

of Texas. Dyal said Cushing used his own money to save A&M from extinction. "Buying time, Cushing guaranteed notes of credit for the school out of his own pocket," Dyal said. "Students know about Ross and Rudder, but no one recognizes the name E.B. Cushing. Isn't it ironic that if it weren't for Cushing, neither of these men would ever have even come to A&M?" Once restored, the library will house University Archives and showcase collections of rare books, manuscripts and special research collections from A&M. Dyal said the building is much more than a library. "It is, in fact, the monument to the man — the great E.B. Cushing, to whom all Texas A&M students owe great thanks."

By MELISSA NUNNERY
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A drive down Wellborn Road on any home football game day will afford a view of ticket scalpers waving handfuls of seats for sale — a legal practice in Texas. There is no Texas law or College Station city ordinance prohibiting the transactions. However, a University rule is aimed at keeping scalpers from working near Kyle Field. Bob Wiatt, director of the University Police Department, said ticket scalpers in the vicinity of Kyle Field are asked to leave. Most comply, Wiatt said, but if they return they can be arrested for criminal trespassing. "Because of complaints, if we see a person standing in the immediate vicinity of Kyle Field with a handful of tickets, we approach him and ask him to move away from Kyle Field, to go across the street to Wellborn," Wiatt said. There have been two instances, Wiatt said, in which the scalpers were arrested. C.J. Jones of Houston, a self-described "professional ticket scalper," sold tickets on Wellborn Road to last Saturday's Colorado game. Jones said prices for his tickets vary. "Both of these teams (A&M and Colorado) have been losing," Jones said. "If they were winning, it would be a hot ticket. The price depends on the market and the market is better if the teams are winning." Jim Kotch, athletic ticket manager, said ticket scalping on campus was a problem before the University prohibited it near Kyle Field. "They (scalpers) used to come up in lines to the (ticket) window," Kotch said. "They tried to get people out of line before they bought a ticket from us." Jones said the police bother him so much now, he won't come back to College Station to scalp tickets. "It's beginning to be a headache here," Jones said. "I'm not coming back here. It used to not be like this." UPD Detective Sgt. Jim Lindholm patrols Kyle Field during home football games. He said fans should not have to put up with ticket scalpers. "People coming to the games don't need to be bullied," Lindholm said. "We want people to be able to come and enjoy the game." Wiatt called ticket scalping a "victimless



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People gather outside to sell tickets. crime," but said people become victims if they purchase counterfeit tickets. Lindholm said there was a problem with counterfeit tickets at last year's game against the University of Texas. "[It was] the biggest thing as far as a ticket scalping scam," Lindholm said. "People duplicated tickets and sold them to the public." He said the problem was discovered when people with identical tickets tried to sit in the same seat. Counterfeit ticket holders were kicked out of the stadium. Kotch mentioned Alpha Phi Omega's "Ticket Mart" as an alternative to doing business with ticket scalpers. The service fraternity hosts its "Ticket Mart" on Saturdays of home football games in the Flagroom of the Memorial Student Center. "If anybody has tickets they can't use, we try to sell them for them," said Elaine Ybarra, Ticket Mart co-chair and APO treasurer. "It's a non-profit service. We sell them for face value or less and mail them the money, or the people come back and get it."

Program gives parents alternatives

Learn and Play offers day care services for game-going parents

By ERICA ROY
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Parents attending Texas A&M football games no longer have to search for a babysitter or a parking space because the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History provides both. The new program, Game Day Learn and Play, offers educational activities for children while parents attend A&M football games. Elisabeth Pursley, director of community relations for the museum, said the program was designed to accommodate parents whose small children do not want to attend games. "Not all children find football enjoyable," Pursley said. "This way the children are having a good time while they are learning and the parents are enjoying the game." Parents can park their cars at the Brazos Valley

Museum of Natural History and ride a bus to the game using the Park and Ride

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program that has a station at the museum. The children are divided into three age groups: 3- to 4-year-olds, 5- to 8-year-olds and 9- to 12-year-olds. Jessica Townsend, a teacher for the 5- to 8-

years-old group, said children are shown the fun side of science through hands-on activities. "With the hands-on activities, they're taking it in more instead of just reading about it or hearing about it," Townsend said. "They're actually learning it." Townsend said Game Day offers parents an alternative. "The kids aren't being dragged to the game," Townsend said. "They are with kids their own ages." The first Game Day's session was called "Rocking the Planet," and it taught the children about geology and rocks. The second Game Day topic, "Tornado Tailspin," concentrated on weather. This weekend's Game Day will focus on animal habitats. Pam Anderson, a College Station resident, took her three children to the second Game Day.

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