

THE BATTALION

"Serving Texas A&M Since 1893"

Volume 103 • Issue 50 • 10 Pages

Friday, November 8, 1996

The Batt Online: <http://bat-web.tamu.edu>

Evaluations may go on line

Student Senate voted to put grade distributions on computer

By ERICA ROY
THE BATTALION

The Student Senate gave its approval to the Professor Evaluation Improvement bill and other legislation at its meeting Wednesday night.

The PEI bill, if adopted by the University, will provide students the opportunity to view professor evaluations and grade distributions through the Bonfire System during registration.

From the Student Senate, the bill will proceed as a recommendation to Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for Student Affairs and to the Faculty Senate.

The bill "strongly urges" professors to discuss the importance of the evaluation forms and the academic appeals process on the first day of class.

Chris Williams, a senator for the College of Liberal Arts and a senior political science major, said the Measurement and Research Department, which tabulates the evaluations, is willing to work

with the Senate to add professor evaluations to the Bonfire system.

"It's taking what's already in place and putting it on the Bonfire computers," he said.

Williams said professor evaluations

"It lets the students speak for themselves on what kind of professors they want here at Texas A&M."

Chris Williams
Senator for the College of Liberal Arts

give students an opportunity to voice what types of professors they like.

"It lets the students speak for themselves on what kind of professors they want here at Texas A&M," Williams said.

The evaluations and grade distributions could be available on the Bonfire system by Fall 1997 registration, he said.

An additional component of the bill may establish a panel of 15 students in the Center for Teaching Excellence. This panel would be a resource of student opinions and concerns to the Center.

David Chumbley, a senator from the College of Agriculture and a junior agricultural development major, said the Center for Teaching Excellence has agreed to work with the Student Senate in creating the student panel.

Williams said Dr. Steven Oberhelman, the speaker of the Faculty Senate, is in support of the PEI bill.

Williams said the computer access to teacher evaluations and grade distributions will be beneficial to students.

"I believe it will result in better grades," he said. "I believe it will give students a much stronger say."

See EVALUATIONS, Page 6

Residency policy not equal for all students

By MARIKA COOK
THE BATTALION

Children of military families who have been stationed around the world are required to pay out-of-state tuition at Texas A&M, sometimes even if they claim Texas residency.

Krista Johnson, a freshman general studies major, graduated in New Jersey in January, and since then my parents have been appealing the policy. They (A&M) say it all depends on the situation.

"I still don't know why I'm a non-resident," Johnson said. "I was accepted in January, and since then my parents have been appealing the policy. They (A&M) say it all depends on the situation."

Krista's father, Jay Johnson, a 26-year Army veteran, and his wife Pat, live in New Jersey, but they vote and hold driver's li-

censes in Texas. This is common of military servicepeople who must move frequently.

The Johnsons have sent packets of information concerning their daughter's residency to Texas A&M President Ray Bowen, the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents and politicians.

"We haven't heard anything from Bowen or the Board of Regents," Pat Johnson said. "However, Congressman (Ronald) Coleman and Gov. Bush's office have been very instrumental."

Krista's sister, Kara, is considered an in-state student by the University of North Texas, where she is a sophomore.

"We just assumed it would be the same for me," Krista Johnson said. "A&M said they have a higher standard."

See POLICY, Page 6



Pat James, THE BATTALION

Flying High | K-1 fish move logs away from centerpole as it is being raised Thursday afternoon. K-1 earned centerpole and their outfit flag will fly until Bonfire burns.

Ross grave to be rededicated in Waco

By MELISSA NUNNERY
THE BATTALION

Lawrence Sullivan Ross will be remembered Saturday when his grave is rededicated in Waco.

Ross became president of A&M College in 1891 and died in 1898. He was subsequently buried in his family's plot in Waco.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, an international heritage organization whose purpose is to

preserve the memory of Confederate soldiers, will sponsor the rededication. The group cleaned and restored grave markers, raised walls that had sunk into the ground, and planted grass on the Ross family plot.

Charles Oliver, a member of the Waco Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, said the purpose of the grave rededication is to inform people about all the phases of Ross' life.

"We want the whole state to realize and remember who this guy was," Oliver said. "Up in Waco, where he's from, there's a center and a street named after him. If you ask a hundred people who he is, most of them don't know."

Oliver said the rededication was planned to coincide with the day of the Baylor vs. Texas A&M football game.

"It's only been 98 years since he

died, but we decided to do it (the rededication) now while we have the time, the money and the enthusiasm," he said.

Oliver said they hope Aggies who are in Waco for the football game will attend the rededication.

There will be a Confederate reenactment at the grave site Saturday along with cannon fire and a rifle salute.

See ROSS, Page 6

Home-brewed beer takes cake

By WESLEY POSTON
THE BATTALION

Beer made at home is making a comeback.

Mike Lentz, an associate professor of biochemistry, has been brewing his own beer for about five and a half years and has won several awards in taste contests.

Lentz said he began brewing with friends in San Francisco and has now become a certified tasting judge.

"The process of making it is fun," he said. "The more you do it the better it gets."

The flavor of the final product is better than commercial beers, Lentz said, and is well worth the trouble.

"It's certainly better for the price than anything you can get in the store," he said. "It's for people who really enjoy good, quality beer."

Lentz said he usually makes about five to six gallons at a time.

"It takes a week or two to ferment, and then a week or two to mature in the bottle," he said. "That's for an ale. Lagers take longer, from one and a half to three months."

Some of them will deteriorate and become stale like any food and some, like wine, get better with age.

Although he usually buys his ingredients, Lentz has also tried growing his own hops.

"That was sort of as a novelty," he said. "Texas doesn't have a great climate for growing hops. I got enough this year for one batch of beer."

Gerald Smith, owner of Home Brewers Supply, has been brewing for about four years.

Smith said the home brewing industry is growing partially because of the Home Brew law passed by President Carter in 1978 and the recent Brew Pub Act signed in Texas.

Sgt. Leban Tescano of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission said the laws concerning the home

production of beer say "the head of a household or an unmarried adult may produce for his family or himself no more than 200 gallons of beer per year."

Tescano said the law allows for the prohibition of certain ingredients that may be detrimental to public health, but no such restrictions have been necessary.

All laws for the consumption and possession of alcohol apply to the final home brew product, he said.

"The same rules apply," Tescano said. "Just because it's in your house doesn't mean it's legal."

There are also laws preventing home brewed alcohol from being sold, Tescano said.

"You have to have permits in order to sell it," he said.



Tim Moog, THE BATTALION

Michael Lentz, biochemistry assistant professor, pours a mug of his Octoberfest home brew. It took two months to brew.

THE BATTALION TODAY

Making Music

Two student organizations tune in to make B-CS a fertile music scene.

Aggielife, Page 3

Battle of Brazos

Starting quarterback still a mystery as Aggie football team visits Baylor on Saturday.

Sports, Page 7

The Afterlife

Halbrook: After a political death, Dole will have to change his itinerary.

Opinion, Page 9

Northgate revitalization continues

By JOANNE WHITTEMORE
THE BATTALION

The sidewalk demolition pedestrians pass when strolling along Northgate is part of the city of College Station plan to revitalize the area.

Andrew Pavlinski, a member of the Northgate Revitalization Board and a junior environmental design major, said the plan revolves around two main issues.

"The first is to improve the infrastructure by beautification, through better streets, sidewalks, lights and a promenade," he said. "The second is trying to provide incentive — economically — so businesses can go there to make money, and to provide a place where the community will be able to spend quality time."

Andy Gillies, housing programs coordinator for College Station, said the current phase of revitalization includes the redevelopment of College Main, replacement of sidewalks, facade improvements and the renovation of Patricia Street.

The College Main redevelopment and facade renovations are complete. The sidewalk project and renovations to Patricia Street are still under way.

Gillies said the College Main rede-

velopment included resurfacing streets, adding sidewalks and improving the infrastructure of buildings.

Facade renovations included the replacement of old building canopies with more durable awnings and improvements to the University Bookstore and Campus Photo buildings.

The sidewalk replacement project will remove the concrete sidewalks from Lodge Street to Boyett Street, replacing them with individual brick pavers.

Pavlinski said vehicles will not be allowed on Patricia Street once renovations are complete. The new street will be a brick-paved promenade lined with trees. Patricia street entrances will have gateways with "Northgate" etched on them.

Pavlinski said a great deal of time is being invested in the revitalization.

"It's an open-ended time frame," he said. "It depends on how quickly outside businesses and developers take interest in the area. There's really no end to it."

Northgate was established in 1938 at the "north gate" of campus and now encompasses 145 square acres of land.

Todd McDaniel, Northgate Projects coordinator, said streets establish Northgate boundaries.

"Northgate is defined as the area be-

tween South College Avenue, the College Station city limits, Wellborn Road, and University Drive," he said.

Businesses, churches, the University and the city own property in Northgate, but the majority is privately owned.

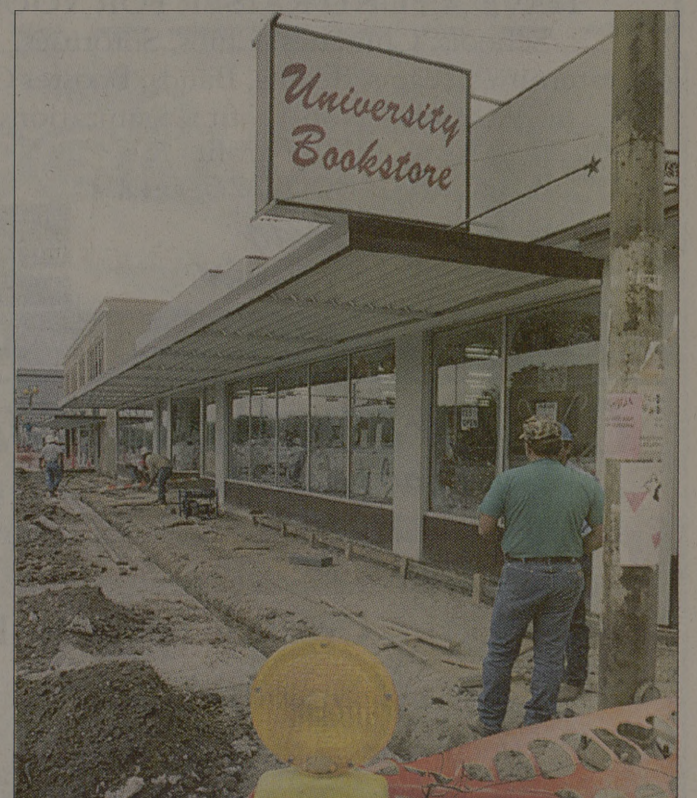
McDaniel said he hopes the renovations will increase business in Northgate, for both new and old establishments.

"It's a two-way street," McDaniel said. "On the one hand, you want to make sure you preserve and protect the existing businesses and you want to make sure you enhance their ability to be successful. At the same time, in order to make Northgate more of a draw to people and to create a larger market, you have to enhance and diversify the businesses that are there."

A design charrette is planned for Nov. 14 and 15 at the A&M Methodist Family Center. The charrette will be open to students, faculty, and the public.

"A charrette is a marathon design process where people get together and look at problems in a specific area," Gillies said. "They come up with solutions and apply those solutions to paper. Students and faculty are encouraged to come and bring their input."

More information may be obtained by contacting Gillies at 764-3758.



Rony Angkriwan, THE BATTALION

Sidewalk improvements are just one part of Northgate's revitalization.