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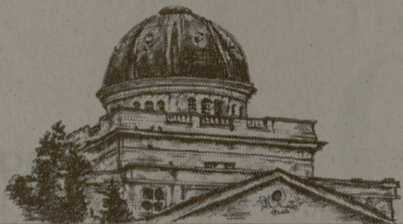
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Diverse universities gather for forum

By LAURA OLIVEIRA
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Administrators and staff from several Texas universities converged on the Texas A&M campus for the Drive-in for Diversity Conference.

The conference was sponsored by the Department for Student Affairs and the Department of Residence Life and Housing. It focused primarily on informing administrators and higher education professionals about current issues on diversity.

Blake Clampffer, a residence hall director and a graduate student of agricultural economics,

said the conference was an opportunity for staff and administrators concerned with diversifying campuses to share ideas.

"I think talking about problems and using conferences such as these as an avenue to come together with people interested in solving those problems is very beneficial," he said.

The conference included sessions that addressed affirmative action, administrative involvement in diversity initiatives and establishment of a strategic plan for continuing diversity.

Gwendolyn Webb-Johnson, a professor of curriculum and instruction, led the affirmative ac-

tion lecture. She said it is the teacher's responsibility to expose

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students to different perspectives.

"It is so important to share with

students a variety of perspectives," she said. "Then students can choose their own perspective."

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, said the conference achieved its goal.

"This type of conference is great," he said. "It puts staff and administrators in a better situation to gain knowledge about how to work with different types of individuals."

The University of Texas, Prairie View A&M, and University of Texas-San Antonio were among those represented at the conference.

Clampffer said the coordinators of the event succeeded in drawing

attendees from surrounding universities to the conference.

"I was very impressed to see such a wide scope of people attend from different universities," he said.

Sunny Nash, award-winning writer and author of *Big Mama Didn't Shop at Woolworth's*, gave the keynote address to commence the conference.

She shared the story of a young boy who had taken the wrong road in life as a result of feeling abandoned.

Nash worked with the boy in a community program where he revealed his feelings to her saying, "I am tired of feeling like a germ."

Nash articulated the importance of inclusiveness and stressed this year's theme of diversity.

Elizabeth Green, a clerk at the student counseling service, said Nash's speech was inspiring.

"I thought it was wonderful," she said. "Her philosophy about including people and life in general is parallel to what I want to believe."

Southerland said Nash's outlook on life should be a guide as to how others should live.

"Sunny Nash's speech at the beginning [of the conference] was wonderful," he said. "It is good for all of us to have that reflection."

Bonfire

Students warned against drinking

By ERICA ROY
THE BATTALION

The Bonfire Alcohol Awareness Committee continues to stress the importance of not drinking alcohol before and during Bonfire to preserve the tradition.

Mark Eddings, BAAC chair and a junior marketing major, said Bonfire is the most visible Texas A&M tradition. When students refrain from drinking at Bonfire, it presents a positive image to visitors.

"It might be their (visitors) first impression of what A&M is all about," he said. "Don't let anybody have anything negative to say about our tradition."

Lanita Hanson, assistant di-

rector of student activities and BAAC adviser, said the community watches students' actions during Bonfire, which is why they are asking students not to drink.

"I think the primary [reason] is that the eyes of the community and the region ... are really focused at Texas A&M," she said. "The behavior of our students is in full public view and we can't forget that we need to project a positive public image."

BAAC will have tables set up in the Wehner Building, the MSC, Sbis and in front of the Quadangle today through Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The tables will close at 1 p.m. on Nov. 25 because of Elephant Walk.

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The last dance



Stew Milne, THE BATTALION

Melanie Wilson, freshman goalkeeper, sits in disbelief after A&M's loss to the University of San Diego in the first round of the NCAA Championships Sunday afternoon.

A&M soccer team falls to USD in first round

By NICKI SMITH
THE BATTALION

The scene at the Aggie Soccer Complex on Sunday can only be described with one word — shocking.

Despite owning the treasured home-field advantage and a high-scoring starting line-up boasting seven seniors, the heavily-favored, seventh-ranked Texas A&M Soccer Team was stunned by unranked University of San Diego at home in the first round of the NCAA Championships, losing 5-3 to the Lady Toreros.

The loss ended all hopes of an A&M final four appearance in soccer's version of the "big dance," and shattered A&M's 17-game home-field winning streak.

It also marked the end of the road for nine A&M seniors who have played on the team since its inaugural season, and the end of what many thought was the Aggies' dream season.

A&M Head Coach G. Guerrieri, who coached his 200th game at the collegiate level Sunday, said the Aggies

could not overcome their mistakes.

"Our last three days of training went great, but San Diego was very opportunistic and really came out to play," Guerrieri said. "For them to score five goals in eight shots definitely shows the strengths we knew they had. We just couldn't make mistakes like this and expect to consider ourselves for the national championships."

Only 15 minutes into the game, San Diego sophomore forward Meghan Suddes sparked the USD offense by scoring a six-yard goal past freshman goalkeeper Melanie Wilson.

Although A&M junior forward Bryn Blalack would even the score two minutes later off of a penalty kick, the USD offense dominated the next 60 minutes of playing time.

Suddes was the main factor in San Diego's offensive attack as she scored her second goal 10 minutes before the end of the first half to put the Lady Toreros up 2-1 at halftime.

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Dave House, THE BATTALION

Clayton Vader, a sophomore agricultural development major and A-Batt bass player, does a class set across from freshmen bass players after Saturday's win against OU 33-16. This is a change from the tradition of freshmen and sophomores pushing on the field after midnight yell before the last home game. See related game stories Page 7.

Splendor in the Grass

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Pipe Dreams

Freshman Mike Outtree bagpipes his way through his first year at A&M.
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The A&M Football Team made Oklahoma coach John Blake eat his words in a 33-16 A&M victory.
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Face: A new policy for liver transplants should make people quit abusing their bodies.
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Students propose state bill

Aston Hall tries to reduce truckbed accidents

By CARLA RENE MARSH
THE BATTALION

Residents of Aston Hall will propose the Greg White Bill to the Texas Legislature in hopes of passing a state law that would make it illegal to ride in the bed of a pick-up truck traveling faster than 45 mph.

Texas A&M student Greg White was killed in a traffic accident Sept. 22 when the pick-up truck he was riding in the bed of overturned on the way back to College Station from the Bonfire cut site.

Peter Schulte, an Aston Hall delegate and a freshman electrical engineer major, said the bill will be proposed to the state congressional candidate elected in December.

"This project will require a large amount of

time to accomplish," Schulte said. "It will save the lives of others."

Schulte said Aston Hall is considering recruiting the help of the Residence Hall Association (RHA) in working toward having the bill passed.

Texas law currently states that it is illegal for a passenger under the age of 12 to ride in the bed of a pick-up truck traveling more than 35 mph. No law, however, prevents anyone over the age of 12 from riding in the bed of a pick-up truck traveling at any speed.

Matthew Trainum, director of Aston Hall and a graduate student of student affairs administration, said the idea behind the bill is to limit and moderate the speed of pick-up trucks with passengers in the bed.

Schulte said Aston Hall is making concerted efforts to push the bill.

"Traveling faster than 45 mph in the back of a pick-up truck is entirely too fast," Schulte said. "Forty-five mph is faster than city street limits."

Redspots implemented provisions discouraging students from riding in the back of pick-up trucks shortly after the accident.

Trainum said right now people are primarily investing money and energy into the Greg White Scholarship Fund.

"Aston Hall is waiting to see what happens in the political arena," Trainum said. "Some people from Aston Hall have asked people such as Rick Powell, students' attorney of campus legal services, for legal advice."

A&M may lose minority students to states with affirmative action

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University and the University of Texas are fierce foes on the gridiron. But when it comes to addressing an anti-affirmative action ruling, they're on the same team.

Their common adversary: Out-of-state schools that may be more attractive to Texas' top minority students because they can consider race as a factor in admissions and financial aid — something Texas schools can no longer do under a federal court decision.

"It is long-term," Texas A&M President Ray Bowen said of the fallout from the lawsuit known as the *Hopwood* case, after lead plaintiff Cheryl Hopwood. "The recruitment of out-of-state universities in Texas has gone up. ... They know we're at a distinct disadvantage."

Max Sherman, dean of UT's Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs in Austin, added, "I think for very competitive students, they're going to be aggressively recruited. And if someone offers them a financial package because they are a member of an ethnic minority, then they probably will be tempted to take that."

"If the state of Texas cannot make that offer

to them because they are an ethnic minority, then you probably are at a considerable competitive disadvantage."

Both spoke in interviews at a recent Texas A&M conference that drew officials from a number of state universities to discuss dealing with the *Hopwood* decision.

In that case, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans struck down the UT School of Law's admissions policy, which was meant to boost enrollment of blacks and Hispanics. *Hopwood* was among four whites who challenged the policy.

The appeals court said the policy discriminated against whites, and the U.S. Supreme Court allowed the ruling to stand.

The decision has resulted in Texas universities' halting the consideration of race as a factor in admissions and financial aid, following advice by state Attorney General Dan Morales.

While the 5th Circuit's jurisdiction also includes Louisiana and Mississippi, officials said those states aren't reacting the same way as Texas because of a separate court case.

And outside the 5th Circuit, universities are under a previous U.S. Supreme Court ruling allowing race to be considered as a factor.