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## **MOB** patron prevails of Professi nd various at and Thibder Battle of the Bands contest ends in disappointment for A&M

#### By MARIKA COOK THE BATTALION

The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band ool helped himost to the Stanford University &M studentsh /arching Band in the quarterfinal ortunities than ound of ESPNET's Battle of the ortant to get lands, thanks in part to a letter das early asposted on the Internet by a suprter of the Rice University ier you doit, harching Owl Band.

Bev Blackwood, systems analyst for e University, sent an e-mail to the nghorn Band of the University of as and its newspaper, The Daily an, in hopes of garnering support inst the Aggie Band.

Clearly, someone was going to ve to do something because of previous numbers the Aggie nd received," Blackwood said. ou (Aggie Band) were going to ash everybody. Your student body one is more than all of Rice's imni put together. We had to get port from the outside to get the ies out of the competition.

The Aggie Band received 74.4

the Dartmouth University Marching Band. Before that match-up, no battle had received more than

5,000 votes. A record 34,664 votes were cast in the quarterfinal match between A&M and Stanford University. Stanford received 53.7 percent to A&M's 47.7 percent.

'I'm gratified and surprised it worked out," Blackwood said. "But it's unfortunate that so many Aggies feel like it was cheating. I truly believe A&M is an excellent band, unique in all of college football, but it's intimidating to see all those votes.

Stanford will meet Grambling State in the semifinal round.

Votes may be cast in Rice's semifinal competition against Princeton until 6 p.m. today.

The winners of each semifinal match-up will battle for the championship.

Joel Neuenschwander, B Company commander and a senior finance ma-jor, said the MOB voted for Stanford

percent of 13,897 votes to defeat because they wanted to oust A&M, not because they are a better band.

"We didn't need to win this competition to know we're good, Neuenschwander said. "We know because we get standing ovations and pats on the back. That's the way we look at it.

Robert Garcia, a B Company band member and a senior psychology and Spanish major, spoke in regards to a retaliation against Rice in their competition with Princeton.

"It was an act of poor sportsmanship on their part and I don't think we should stoop to their level," Garcia said.

Mark Spede, a doctoral student who is a teaching assistant with the Longhorn band, said he knew about the competition but did not know about the letter from Blackwood against the Aggie Band.

"In my opinion, the whole concept is silly because the spirit of a college band is more of cooperation than competition. Let's leave that to the football teams," Spede said.

# **GUF** increase go to salaries

A&M aims to be more competitive to attract faculty, staff

#### By MARIKA COOK THE BATTALION

Administrators and udents at Texas A&M waiting to learn the rdict on the raise of the eneral Use Fee from \$24 \$34 per semester credhour. This increase in e revenue will be used olely for salary increases or faculty and staff.

Dr. Bill Kibler, associe vice president for stuient affairs, said the GUF ngeland ecologiat A&M is consistently ess than its peer institu-

> There are a number institutions in the ate that are at the peak, hich is currently \$32 d will increase to \$34 ext fall," he said. Other state schools

M have higher GUFs. *NOW* Students at the Universi-



Ray M. Bowen said he supports an increase so competitive salaries can be offered, which will attract high-quality employees.

"Regrettably, money relates to quality," Bowen said. "We need to pay good salaries for valuable people. Hopefully, by in-troducing the fee early, we can minimize the effect on students' budgets. It will require peomparable in size to ple to make some adjustments."

A public hearing will of Texas pay \$32 per be held at 7 p.m. Monday to clarify the motivations for the \$10 increase. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and voice their opinions.

The increase will affor financial assistance fect students who use will increase. Brian McNichols, a

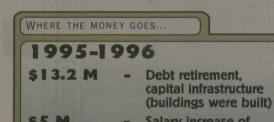
financial aid because the eligibility for aid mechanical engineering graduate student, rewill be increased. ceived his undergraduate Don Engelage, director of financial aid, said degree from Trinity Unithe GUF increase will versity in San Antonio, make financial need where tuition and fees

higher for students. "By state regulation, we develop a student budget for each individual based on a ninemonth need for tuition and fees," he said. "If the

bution is less than the

are much higher. "I think it's a worthwhile increase," McNichols said. "If you pay professors more, they're likely to pay more attention to how they're expected family contriteaching. A&M's expens-

es, in general, are pretty

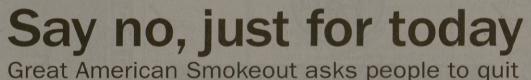


student budget, the need inexpensive.'



**Back in** Time

Becky Hoskisson, a freshman landscape architecture major, and Matt Edwards, a junior construction science major, reillustrate the details at the Administration Building Wednesday for ENDS 115 class. The building was constructed during the Depression era and the detailing provided jobs for people who needed them.



BY COURTNEY WALKER THE BATTALION .

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cigarettes to a high school

and launched anti-smoking

campaigns in their home

states. In 1977, the American

Cancer Society hosted what

is now known as the nation-

Others followed Mullaney

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nation. University President the long run."

Debbie Howard, a secrease will make A&M nior English and history major, said the hearing is a good idea.

"I think it's good that they're giving students the opportunity to be informed," she said. "The increase is OK, but we should see some data on the effects. I'd like to know how it matters in

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	\$4.85 M	-	General Budget
	\$800,000	-	Financial Aid
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	\$150,000	-	Financial Aid
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In 1971, Arthur Mullaney Gail Boone, district secreasked people in Randolph, tary for the American Cancer Mass., to give up smoking for a day and donate the money



everyone may be able to quit after one try, it is a step closer wide Great American to quitting.

A majority of smokers quit six or seven times before The Society will continue the annual event Thursday, are completely they encouraging smokers to quit through," she said. "But if

According to the American Cancer Society, the na-Society, said although not tion's smoking rate has decreased from 36 percent to 25 percent. The Texas rate has decreased from 36 percent to 23 percent.

Boone said the goal for the Bryan-College Station area is for one out of five smokers to quit for the day.

Not only does the Great American Smokeout focus on getting smokers to quit for the day, but the campaign also targets younger generations.

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## **KA** members face sanctions

By BRANDON HAUSENFLUCK THE BATTALION

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enough for jail time.

Brian Bancroft, a Robert-

son County Sheriff's De-

partment deputy, said the

offense is not serious

arrested," Bancroft said. "Over a stupid incident like

"Nobody's going to be

Bancroft said the case Officials of the Robertson could go to a grand jury by County Sheriff's Department early December.

make their lives hell."

this, we're not going to

say the criminal investigation "This is a strange offense," of the Texas A&M chapter of he said. "We're done with the interview process so now all the Kappa Alpha Order is in we have to do is compile At least 30 fraternity memeverything and get it ready for presentation. bers have been questioned

regarding a hazing incident The chapter had its charthat occurred at a KA "rally" ter revoked Nov. 6 for three in Robertson County Oct. 14, years for violating national at which a pledge sustained fraternity risk management an injury to his groin. The inpolicies, University rules and jury resulted in the pledge Interfraternity Council hazhaving one of his testicles ing regulations.

Bancroft said the fraternity faces sanctions that can range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and twice the amount of the pledge's medical expenses. "They're looking at a pret-

ty hefty fine," he said. See KA, Page 6

## **Cop inspired student to excel**

#### By JOANNE WHITTEMORE THE BATTALION

A student at Texas A&M has a story about how he changed from bully to Boy Scout, literally.

Uriel Rudy Gonzalez, a sophomore business major, said he was not always a good student. Growing up in Houston without a father figure made him a troublemaker, he

"My dad had passed away when I was six, so I didn't have a male role model," he said. "I didn't listen to my mom, I was failing all my classes, I was beating up kids, I was getting in fights with the teachers, and I just didn't care.

Gonzalez met John A. Treviño, a Houston police officer, at a park near his home in the summer of 1989.

Treviño was working with the Police Activity League, an inner-city program for children, and invited him to join.

Treviño said as he and Gonzalez became closer, he became a father figure to him.

"I was one of the only officers that would take the kids home at night," he said.

"Rudy lived the farthest away, so I dropped him off last. I got to spend time with him. He always had an ear to learn, so I became his mentor.'

Gonzalez said he became involved in the Boy Scouts of America's urban scouting program for disadvantaged vouth.

In this program, he received a public service award for saving a younger boy's life and became the first Hispanic to give the Report to the Nation, the Boy Scouts' annual summary of events and activities.

The report was presented to former President Bush, Army and Navy Chiefs of Staff, the Director of the FBI and selected members of Con-

Gonzalez had the opportunity to meet these dignitaries and President Clinton.

Treviño said he used scouting to teach Gonzalez about life.



Rony Angkriwan, THE BATTALION Uriel Gonzalez was awarded the Eagle See STUDENT, Page 5 Scout Court of Honor Badge in high school.