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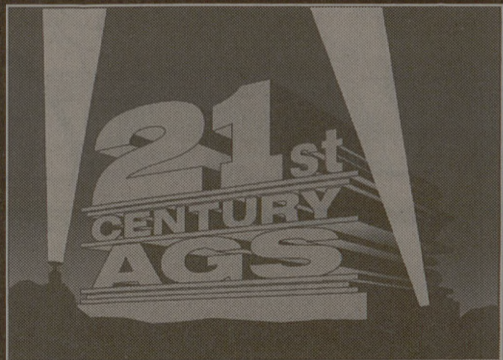
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SUMMER JOB!

Are you looking for a fun and exciting job this summer that is both challenging and rewarding? Do you have experience working with children ages 5-12? The College Station Summer Day Camp is now accepting applications until Feb. 17. The camp is 10 weeks long and offers a variety of games, art, and field trips. There are two all day camps ages (5-8) and (9-12) and a half-day camp. Applications may be picked up at 103 Timber Street #4. If you have any questions call 764-5430.

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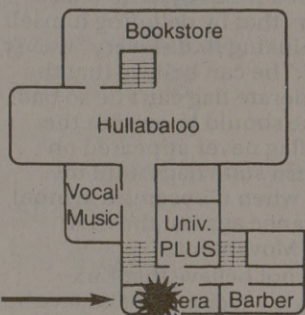
It's not too late to get in the '97 Aggiland



Pictures being taken
ON CAMPUS
in MSC basement

Don't miss out on this final opportunity to be in Texas A&M's Aggiland yearbook.

Class pictures will be taken 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday until February 21.



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Yearbook class portraits by AR Photography

Call 693-8183 for more details

THE BATTALION NEWS

Government approves new drug

Diabetes sufferers may be able to reduce insulin shots

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration approved a drug Thursday that offers a million diabetics the hope of reducing their insulin shots.

Hitting pharmacy shelves by the end of March, Parke Davis' troglitazone is the first drug to attack the underlying trigger of Type II diabetes, the disease's most common form.

It somehow resensitizes the body to insulin, a hormone that converts blood sugar into energy.

Some patients — about 15 percent of those who tested the drug — no longer needed insulin shots because the amount their bodies manufactured became sufficient again. Most patients still needed insulin but required fewer injections each day.

"It's an exciting new drug," said Dr. Philip Cryer, president of the American Diabetes Association.

He issued a caution: "Nobody ought to abruptly stop their insulin. They have to work with the doctor to see if troglitazone has an effect and then reduce insulin gradually." Troglitazone will be sold under the brand name Rezulin, but Parke Davis said a price has not yet been set.

About 16 million Americans have diabetes. Type I diabetes typically strikes children who cannot produce insulin and need daily shots of the hormone to survive. Rezulin should never be used by them.

Type II diabetes, also known as

the noninsulin-dependent type, usually hits in adulthood. The body's natural insulin gradually loses its ability to work, letting blood sugar, or glucose, rise. Unchecked, that can cause kidney damage, blindness, heart disease and other complications.

About 90 percent of American diabetics have this type. Diet, exercise and pills to boost insulin production and decrease glucose production can help. But as they age, most of these diabetics will need insulin shots — and a million of them still cannot adequately control the disease.

These are the patients Rezulin is expected to help.

Researchers believe the drug stimulates a gene to produce more insulin-controlled proteins that in turn remove glucose from the bloodstream — essentially giving insulin more opportunity to work. As a bonus, it decreases the body's glucose production.

In clinical trials of Rezulin, some patients "did show a very considerable and significant effect," said FDA's Dr. Solomon Sobel, who said the drug is the first in a unique class of medicines.

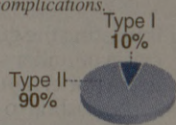
In a study of 222 patients, those taking 400 milligrams of Rezulin a day for six months slashed their daily insulin dose by 58 percent. Fifteen percent stopped taking insulin.

Parke Davis expects Thursday's FDA approval to be just the first

Diabetes drug

A new drug that resensitizes the body to insulin may allow up to a million Type II diabetics to reduce or stop their insulin shots. About 16 million Americans have diabetes.

Diabetics can suffer from kidney damage, blindness, heart disease and other complications.



Type I diabetes

- Typically strikes children who cannot produce insulin
- Requires daily insulin shots

Type II diabetes

- Usually hits in adulthood.
- Diet, exercise and pills to boost insulin production can help in early stages. Ultimately, many will need insulin shots.
- About a million of these diabetics still can't adequately control the disease. Rezulin is aimed at these patients.

1 Insulin, manufactured by the islets of Langerhans in the pancreas, gradually loses its ability to work, letting blood sugar, or glucose, rise.



Islets of Langerhans

2 Type II patients, usually adults, take Rezulin orally. In clinical trials, 400 milligrams were taken daily.

3 The drug stimulates a gene to produce more insulin-controlled proteins, giving insulin more opportunity to work.

use of Rezulin. The National Institutes of Health is studying whether people at high risk of developing Type II diabetes could actually avoid contracting the disease by taking the drug.

The drug's side effects are rare and mild, the FDA said: some infections, pain and headache. It also can cause an increase in cholesterol levels, but the FDA said

the rise is not alarming.

Sobel warned that the drug should be prescribed with caution in patients with advanced heart liver disease, because animal studies found signals the drug might hurt those organs. It caused fluctuations that increased heart size in rodents, but the FDA said those effects have not been observed in people who have tried the drug.

Police Beat

Burglary

Hensel Terrace Apartments - The driver side window was shattered and a stereo, a speaker box and two speakers were stolen from the victim's vehicle.

Parking Area 88 - The driver side window was broken and a stereo/compact disc player and a speaker were stolen from the victim's vehicle.

Military Property Warehouse Laundry Room - Several items of clothing left in the laundry room overnight were stolen.

Read Building - A video cassette recorder was stolen from a first floor room.

Misdemeanor Theft

Aston Hall - A white Diamond Back mountain bicycle was stolen.

Dormitory 12 - A purple Trek mountain bicycle was stolen from the third floor bathroom.

Student Recreation Center - The victim's unattended brown leather backpack, containing a wallet, TAMU ID, Texas drivers license and \$25 cash, was stolen from the women's locker room.

Appelt Hall - A dry-erasable marker board and two markers were stolen from the door of the victim's first floor room.

Harmful Access/Terroristic Threat

Schumacher Hall - The victim's e-mail account was entered without authorization and used to send a threatening message to another subject.

Driving While Intoxicated

South Bizzell Street - An intoxicated motorist was arrested and transported to the Brazos County Jail.

Alcohol Overdose

Mosher Hall - An officer was summoned to assist TAMU Emergency Medical Services personnel with an extremely intoxicated individual. The subject was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

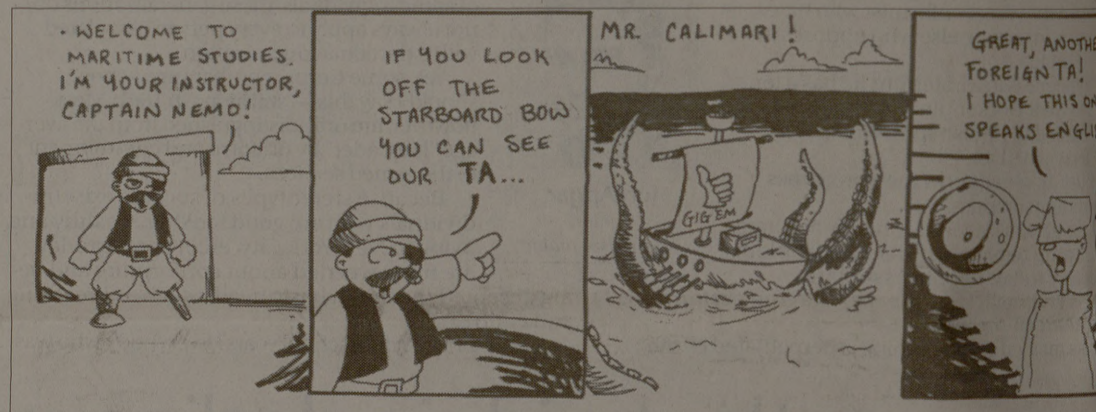
False Identification

A traffic stop led to the arrest of a motorist who attempted to conceal his identity. The subject was also operating a motor vehicle with an expired drivers license and was wanted on outstanding warrants held by the College Station and Bryan Police Departments. The subject was transported to the Brazos County Jail and incarcerated.

Unauthorized Solicitation/Criminal Trespass Warning

Sbisa Underground Market - A subject was detected soliciting magazine subscriptions without authorization. He was issued a Criminal Trespass Warning and escorted from campus.

Ewe Hall



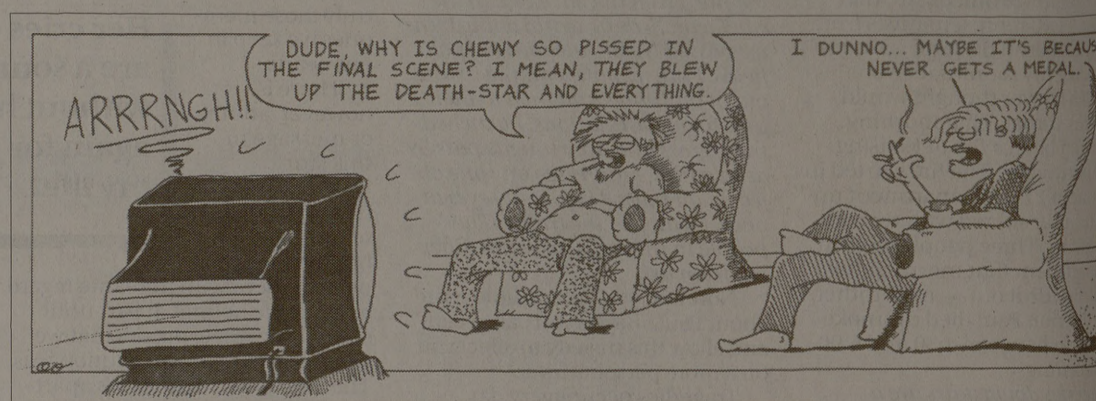
Peeps

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What's Up?

Friday

Career Center: There will be a placement orientation at 12 p.m. in 292A MSC.

MGMT 481-Distinguished Visiting Executive Series: Marilyn Auvermann, the Vice President of Nations Bank in Dallas and Charlotte will be speaking from 10:20 to 11:10 in 144 Koldus.

Texas Student Education Association (TEAS): There will be a membership drive from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the MSC main hallway. This is for everyone interested in education. For more information contact Carolyn at 847-2136, Cathy at 696-1252 or Amy at 694-2676.

Rho Delta Chi: There will be a mixer at 6 p.m. in the bowling alley and Hullabaloo of the MSC. For more information contact Kim Phan at 847-8461.

A&M Baha'i Club: Everyone is invited to join us for an informational dinner and discussion at 6:30 p.m. For the location or additional information, call Kipper at 847-6100.

What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit student and faculty events and activities. Items should be submitted no later than three days in advance of the desired run date. Application deadlines and notices are not events and will not be run in What's Up. If you have any questions, please call the newsroom at 845-3313.

CHAIRMAN

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"I would never have been able to give those six years to A&M and my system had it not been for my parents and friends," she said.

West's term will not end, she is replaced by the new chairman, but she already has plans to keep busy as chairman of the Antonio Livestock Exposition.

She said the purpose of the position is to provide scholarships for students seeking a degree in agricultural education. West also plans to establish a professorial chair at the College of Agriculture.

She said she hopes to help students pay for their education. "I've spent the past 30 years working with the young people, trying to get them educated," she said.

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