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To bring an end to the run-off issue, Howard said it was important for this bill to be passed in the spring.

"We need to clarify this so there won't be discrepancies year in and year out," he said.

Tim Duffy, head yell leader and junior marketing major, said although the yell leader constitution states there will be no run-off elections, he is rewriting the constitution to include run-off elections.

The changes in the constitution differ from the Senate bill. The constitution states that if one junior yell leader candidate receives the majority of the vote, then the next three candidates will proceed to a run-off. If two senior yell leader candidates are elected by a majority of the vote, then the next three candidates will proceed to a run-off.

Duffy said the constitution was written this way because the candidates in the general election run for a plurality of positions, not one position.

"When people go into a run-off, they need to run as if they are running for a plurality of positions," he said.

Duffy said he has been working with Curtis Childers, the student body president, and the yell leaders want to work with the Student Senate on this issue.

Since this was the first reading of the bill, only questions were allowed on the floor.

In other business, the Senate elected new committee chairs.

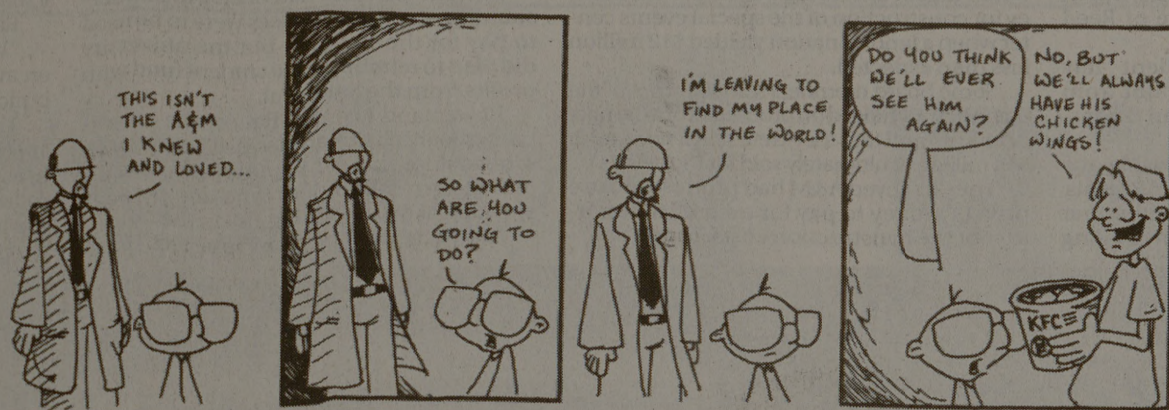
Josh Hennessey, a business senator and a sophomore accounting and finance major, was elected as the Academic Affairs chair.

Mandy Gomez, an off-campus senator and a sophomore political science major, was elected as the External Affairs chair.

Cass Burton, an off-campus senator and a freshman political science major, was elected as the Student Services chair.

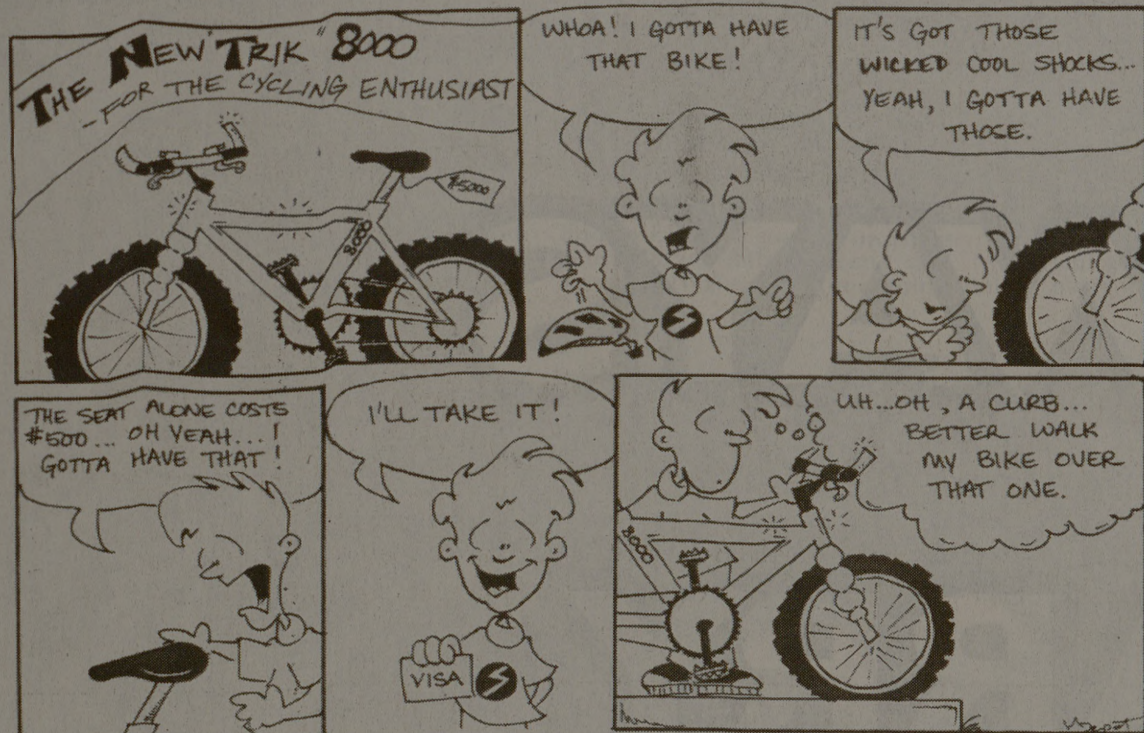
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Parent's Weekend
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday

- Aggie Mom's Boutique, Duncan Dining Hall, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- RHA Casino Night, Second floor MSC, 7 p.m. - 12 a.m. (\$)
- MSC Variety Show, Rudder Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. (\$)
- OI Army Yell Practice, Kyle Field, Midnight

Saturday

- 7th Annual OCA Golf Tournament, Texas A&M Golf Course, 7 a.m. (\$)
- Aggie Mom's Boutique, Duncan Dining Hall, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Bevo Burn Barbecue, Deware Field, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- All-U Open House, Dr. J. Malon Southerland's House, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- MSC Awards Ceremony, Rudder Theatre, 2 p.m.
- Singing Cadets Spring Concert, Rudder Auditorium, 8 p.m. (\$)
- Family Night Out, Texas Hall of Fame, 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. (\$)

Sunday

- All-U Awards Ceremony, Rudder Auditorium, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Ross Volunteer Performance, Kyle Field, 1 p.m.
- Corps of Cadets Review and Awards Ceremony, Fish Drill Team Performance, Kyle Field, 2:30 p.m.

(\$) denotes there is a charge for the event

North Dakotans hope dikes hold back floods

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Earthen dikes meant to protect North Dakota's largest city from the worst flood imaginable weren't high enough Thursday as the Red River climbed to its highest level ever.

Water poured into streets and at least six homes when portions of a temporary clay dike surrounding a school gave way in the evening.

There were no reports of injuries. Elsewhere, crews topped off the walls of the city's permanent dikes with sandbags in hopes of holding back the water.

To the north, 1,000 people in Grand Forks were told to evacuate their homes after cracks were found

in a Red River dike.

In Fargo, an entire neighborhood of 40 homes was evacuated when another dike started to look weak. After awhile, it seemed that the sandbagging effort had paid off.

Fargo operations manager Dennis Walaker expressed optimism.

The Red River at Fargo hit 39.12 feet early Thursday, its highest level ever. By noon, the river had risen to 39.39 feet, and was still expected to crest at 39.5 feet. Flood stage is 17 feet.

In Grand Forks, about 90 miles north of Fargo, the question was how much higher the water would go and when it would finally slow down.

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Gilbert said face-to-face interaction is sometimes better than on-line communication.

"If you do all of the work on-line, you lose some of the richness," Gilbert said.

Dr. Colin Allen, a philosophy professor at A&M, maintains a Web site that provides grades, syllabi and problem checkers for his courses. Allen said the site also allows him to interact with his students through e-mail.

"It gives them a channel to ask questions in a way that's not as intimidating," Allen said.

He said the Web site is an additional tool students can use and not a substitute for anything done in the course. The A&M philosophy department is considering holding exams and courses on the Web, he said.

Tom Putnam, director of Computing and Information Services at A&M, said there are many ways to use a Web site for a course.

"How many ways are there to use a pencil and paper?" Putnam said. "Lots."

PARENTS

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Krisanits said she sympathizes with the parents and gives them alternative options.

"We ask is if they have trailers or tents," she said. "I know that a lot of parents camp out at Lake Somerville. Some people even sleep in their cars."

Joe Sanchez, a senior business major, has eight family members coming to town. He said he is making last-minute preparations and is excited they are coming because some of them have never seen the campus.

"I am cleaning up my apartment because I do not want them to think I am always dirty," he said.

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5. \$ 60 for fifth place
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Contest problems will cover topics up through Math 152 (Engineering Calculus II) for Freshmen, and through Math 308 (Differential Equations) for Sophomore contestants.
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