

PARK

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Dr. Scott Shafer, associate professor of recreation, park and tourism sciences, was the professor for the class.

"We wanted to create something that had a feature so some sort of emotional attachment would form from students and an uprising would occur if the area was threatened for destruction," Shafer said.

A possibility exists that the Law-Puryear lot may later be used for the building of new residence halls to replace the 400 beds lost with the destruction of the halls.

Student reactions to the proposed use of the lot vary across campus. Some students feel a park would be a good addition to campus.

"I think it would be neat," Becky Hoyle, a junior biology major, said. "I think there needs to be more places to sit outside."

But, Unique Mickens, a senior psychology major, said a park area is not a good use of the lot.

"I think [a park] is a good idea, but with the way parking is, we need more parking spaces, especially that close to the MSC."

A drawing of the proposed image for the Law-Puryear lot will be produced and presented to the Department of Residence Life and Dr. Janet C. Winniford, the associate vice president of Student Affairs. After being reviewed by Winniford, the proposal would be passed on to Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president of student affairs. The proposal would require approval of the Board of Regents.

CLONING

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The difference between the cloning that produced Dolly and what A&M does is the cells used. Dolly was formed from the combination of adult cells from udder tissue and the nucleus of an unfertilized egg. A&M clones animals using embryo cells and the nucleus of an egg.

The genetics department at A&M offers classes teaching primarily the idea of DNA and its involvement with physical traits. Genetics 431 — 'Molecular Genetics' includes the study of the replication and repair of DNA and genetic manipulation. Genetics 450 — 'Recombinant DNA and Biotechnology' covers cloning.

A moral controversy also exists with the topic of cloning. Some A&M students feel cloning humans is wrong and would hurt society.

Rea McQueen, a junior journalism major, said society should not change nature.

"I don't think this research should be applied to human beings," McQueen said. "I don't believe we have the right to play God."

McQueen added that the movie *Jurassic Park* stressed the moral that man should not try to control nature.

Heather Robert, a junior journalism major, said she feels strongly about the natural process of reproduction.

"(The cloning process) is not natural," Robert said, "and something could mess up our natural order."

FRESHMEN

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Both freshmen said they came to A&M because they were ready for something new.

"I'm excited and ready for something different, but I'm a little bit nervous that I won't know what to do," Peterson said.

Renee Davis, a staff member of Student Life Orientation, said the conferences give incoming freshmen an overview of what new students need to know about the Honors program, financial aid, on- and off-campus housing, the Corps of Cadets and advising and registration.

Davis said the conferences are an "entirely student-led venture."

Teresa Williams, program coordinator of check-in and a senior marketing major, said approximately 200 orientation leaders, advisors, staff and executive committee members help with the conferences.

Student executive committee members train the orientation leaders who guide freshmen through their introduction to Aggieland.

Monica Reza, an orientation leader and a senior elementary education major, said she had to attend three training sessions to become an orientation leader: a morning training session at the end of the spring semester, an all-day session the last weekend before summer school and a training session last Saturday for tour leaders.

Reza said she did not think about being an orientation leader when she attended the conference as a transfer student.

"Then I wanted new students to get to know and love A&M as much as I do," Reza said.

Karin Huffman, a sophomore agribusiness major, said her love of A&M also had a lot to do with her decision to become an orientation leader.

"I want them (new students) to love A&M as much as I do," Huffman said. "More freshmen go through this conference than Fish Camp. This is the best way to reach the most people."

Lueckemeyer said she is looking forward to "everything" at A&M, including meeting new people, learning the traditions, living in the A&M environment and "getting out of Corpus Christi."

Davis said the conference offers information to parents as well as students. Parents can attend all programs with their children, as well as a separate Parent's Social at the Letterman's Lounge tomorrow night where The Aggie Mom Federation, orientation leaders, faculty and staff will be available to answer parents' questions.

Janie Lueckemeyer, Leslie's mother, said she is excited about her daughter attending A&M. She has many family members, including her brother, attend Texas A&M. Although she could not attend A&M because it did not admit women at that time, Janie Lueckemeyer spent many weekends visiting her brother and attending military balls and football games. She believes "the other education" is an important part of the college experience.

"Students need to experience campus life," Lueckemeyer said.

"She [Leslie] could have lived at home and attended classes, but then she would just be attending classes."

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