

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Former Drill Team Advisers Suspended**

Former Texas A&M Fish Drill advisers pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges Friday, and four of the nine advisers accused of assault and hazing were suspended from the University. James A. Torres and Grayson Hoff, who just finished their junior year at A&M, were each charged with one count of assault and one count of hazing. Torres was fined \$1,000 and ordered to perform 100 hours of community service. He also was suspended for two years with deferred prosecution. Hoff was fined \$100, ordered to perform 40 hours of community service and received six months of deferred adjudication. The University began notifying the advisers Thursday of the findings of the two-panel disciplinary hearing board concerning the University hearings held in May and June. James Boyd, who finished his junior year in May, was suspended and will not be allowed to reapply in Fall 1999. Chris Monk, who finished his sophomore year in May, also was suspended and can not reapply in Spring 1999. Kyle Jud and Michael Poskey, who finished their sophomore years in May, were suspended and can not reapply until Fall 1999.

**Davis, Sr. to begin sentence Friday**

Don Davis, Sr., father of Don Davis Jr., began his six-month jail sentence at the Brazos County Jail Friday. Davis, Sr., was convicted of hindering the prosecution of a felon for his son. \$6,000 and a car in 1996. The younger Davis then pleaded guilty before he was to stand trial on rape charges.

**University honors propane Vehicle Team**

Celebration on Saturday honored the Texas A&M University propane conversion team, which placed second in the month's 1997 International Propane Vehicle Challenge. Over 300 students from 17 schools in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico competed in the May 14-19 contest. The school received a gas-powered vehicle to convert to propane. The team, made up of 26 mechanical engineering students and management students, also won the best propane conversion award for their pick-up truck.

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**Fans flock to festival despite traffic, crowd**

By HELEN CLANCY  
 THE BATTALION

FORT WORTH — A sweaty crowd nearly ten times the size of Texas A&M's student population gathered for Blockbuster's RockFest '97 at the Texas Motor Speedway Saturday.

Some fans flocked to the main stage to mosh while others kicked back in the grandstand bleachers, taking in a panoramic view of the event. In contrast to last weekend's CountryFest '97 at the Speedway, concertgoers were not afflicted by unbearable heat but enjoyed mild weather under moderate cloud cover.

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During the day, Matchbox 20, Jewel, Sister Seven and Jackopierce took the stage, with Counting Crows, No Doubt and Bush playing later in the evening.

But even the bands could not steal the show from what fans will remember most about RockFest '97 — the traffic.

Congestion on roadways leading to the Speedway prompted spontaneous tailgate parties with concertgoers lounging on car roofs and opening hatchbacks for ventilation.

Jarrett Jecmenek, a senior industrial distribution major, camped out with a group of friends to avoid most of the traffic congestion.

"We camped out last night until 5 a.m. this morning, and then it was an hour-and-a-half to get here from the interstate," he said. "I slept with a couple of Aggies who had an open space in their tent — everybody's friendly here."

Sandra Singler, a visualization sciences graduate student, said even RockFest performers were not

immune from the endless lines of vehicles.

"The traffic was pretty bad," she said. "The bass player from Jackopierce is late because he's stuck in it."

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Fans arrived at different intervals throughout the day, creating a constant influx of people entering the Speedway.

Keith Klohn, a visualization sciences graduate student, said some concertgoers grew restless and rowdy as the day progressed.

"We saw a lot of people passing out — a few fights. Even a lady beating up her husband," he said. "When you have this many people, it's hard to control that kind of stuff."

Although some complained about the crowd, Chris Rehagan, Class of '93, said he felt that the sponsors had done their best to accommodate the masses.

"For 300,000 people, it's been managed well," he said. "I really can't complain. It really wasn't as bad as I thought it would be."

But Raven Dusek, a sophomore political science major, said the concert's setup was poorly planned and haphazard.

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Top: Over 400,000 crowded into Texas Motor Speedway to see the Blockbuster RockFest on Saturday. PHOTOGRAPH: Pat James

Gwen Stefani of No Doubt climbs a scaffold to lead the crowd in singing "Just a Girl" during their performance at RockFest. PHOTOGRAPH: Stew Milne

**HERO program dedicates van for education, outreach**

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The Texas A&M University Health Science Center is taking its health-related professionals, volunteers and the latest medical equipment on the road in a new 40-foot van.

The van, which was dedicated Friday, will be used to educate and treat people living in rural Texas counties as part of the Health Education and Rural Outreach (HERO) program at A&M.

Dr. Bill Roman, state representative for Brazos County, an A&M graduate and a member of the A&M faculty for over 24 years, said this outreach program is different from the rural outreach program of 1955, when doctors carried black instrument bags and made house calls.

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PHOTOGRAPH: Derek Demere

Dr. Michael Friedland, Dean of the College of Medicine, Barbara J. Quiram, Director of Administrative Services, Charlie Kutic, a senior biomedical science major, and Mary Wolf, HERO director, dedicate the new medical van.

**University plans to create new Liberal Arts degree**

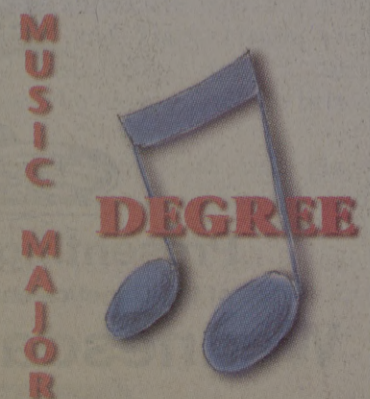
By JENARA KOCKS  
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The faculty and staff of Texas A&M's College of Liberal Arts are in the planning stages of establishing a bachelor of arts degree in music.

Dr. Paul A. Parrish, College of Liberal Arts developing coordinator and a professor of English, said students at the University should be able to declare music as their major by Fall 1999.

According to an April press release from the College of Liberal Arts, The Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board gave A&M President Ray M. Bowen approval to establish a degree in music about a year ago.

Parrish said that until a year ago, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board put restrictions on A&M's arts de-



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 department because the board felt the school's strengths were not arts related. He said the board also was worried about offering a degree already available at other universities in the state.

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