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### logg Foundation ves funding grant

e Texas A&M University System eived a \$790,000 grant from V.K. Kellogg Foundation to fund ship development programs the next three years.

he programs' aim is to improve ities' responsiveness to the s of their students and other

r. Edward A. Hiler, System vice ellor for agriculture and life sciwill oversee the project team out 40 System faculty and staff.

### buston employees spitalized by fumes

USTON (AP) - Twenty manung employees were taken to hospitals Tuesday after they overcome by carbon monoxide a fire official said.

t11:14 a.m., the Houston Fire ment was contacted after emes at Webb Tool and Manufac-Inc. reported a strange odor vas making employees ill, said rris, spokeswoman for the fire

rris said officials determined for was carbon monoxide that from a forklift.

dequate ventilation trapped mes inside the facility, Harris

th employees were taken to g Branch Hospital; 12 were tak-Hermann Hospital

of the ailing employees comned of dizziness and nausea. of them was thought to be sesly injured, Harris said.

### lalifornia strikes own consent law

SANFRANCISCO (AP) — After nearecade of legal battles and a cruhange in court membership, the Supreme Court Tuesday struck na parental consent law for miabortions, saying it violates women's right to privacy.

e law denies a pregnant minor ol over her own destiny," said of Justice Ronald George in the

he ruling reversed a 1996 deciby the court that never became The law was originally to take ct in 1988 but was blocked by

would have required an unmarminor to get consent from one ent for an abortion. As an altere, she could have sought to pereajudge, in a confidential hearthat she was mature enough to the decision or that an abortion in her best interests.

ast law, which remains in effect. hem make the decision on their if a doctor finds they are capafgiving "informed consent" afeing advised of the options.



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# BRIEFS A&M to disband Fish Drill Team

The Corps of Cadets Commandant Maj. Gen. M.T "Ted" Hopgood announced yesterday that the Texas A&M Fish Drill Team is disbanded for the 1997-98 school year.

The decision was made by Hopgood; Dr. J. Malon Southerland, the vice president of student affairs and Danny Feather, the Corps commander.

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'We were all in agreement the Fish Drill Team should stand down as a Corps unit," Hopgood said in a press release.

Hopgood said the drill team could be reactivated in the future.

"I think it is appropriate to have a military drill team to carry the banner of Texas A&M in competition with other schools," he said.

Hopgood said University officials and Corps leaders will study the composition of the team and whether freshmen cadets should participate in the rigorous training and competition of the team before the decision to reinstate the team is made.

Dr. Ray M. Bowen, the University president, said the decision to not have a Fish Drill Team this year will give the Corps an opportunity to evaluate recent hazing accusations.

"Hazing is a very serious kind of thing," he said. "The experience they had this year suggests that they need to break the sequence of events.

Bowen also said the absence of a drill team will not have a negative impact on the image of the University or the Corps. He said the Corps has made contributions to the University and the United States, and they will continue to do this.

Hopgood said the Fish Drill Team has represented A&M well since it began in the 1940s.

"It's unfortunate the actions of a few misguided individuals will now deprive others of that opportunity [to be on the drill teaml," he said.

The Commandant's office referred questions to University Relations, and Southerland was out of the office yesterday afternoon.

A University Relations press release said the future of the team had been in question since freshmen cadets on the team accused nine former advisers of hazing and assault.

The University suspended eight of the former advisers and expelled one for hazing after A&M judicial hearings in July. The nine former advisers also were indicted by a Brazos County grand jury in May.

Sixteen other A&M students are facing University hazing charges that arose during the hearings for the nine former advisers.



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Corps of Cadets Commandant Maj. Gen. M.T. "Ted" Hopgood has disbanded the Corps' Fish Drill Team for the 1997-1998 school year.

# Findings may hold water

### Research hopes to link intoxication and body water

By ROBERT SMITH THE BATTALION

The Texas Transportation Institute at Texas A&M is conducting a study that may suggest body water, not weight, most determines the effects of alcohol on a person. Becky Davies, an assistant research scientist at TTI, began the study in June.

"I was hoping that it would show that body water is the primary factor, and so far the study shows that it is," Davies said.

After studying 40 people in the 21-25 age group, Davies found that body water level can be used to determine the effects of alcohol 73 percent of the time.

Davies is studying three different age groups: ages 21-25, 38-48 and 60-70.

Davies said that varying body water level made

it necessary to observe different age groups. 'Younger people usually have less body water, and middle age people usually have the most," Davies said. "As people get older, they gen-

erally have less body water. Each study is done individually and lasts ap-

proximately four hours. Participants are required to abstain from alcohol 24 hours prior to the study session and are requested to not eat or drink anything after midnight the day before the session.

They consume an alcoholic beverage that is the equivalent to 2-3 beers.

After the alcohol is consumed, Davies measures the person's blood-alcohol level several times. The peak blood-alcohol level is also recorded.

Davies then uses bioelectrical impendence analysis (BIA) to measure tissue properties, including resistance and reactance. BIA measures body water, body fat and body lean.

During the study, two black electrodes are attached to the hand and foot and a current is run through the body's water. Two red detecting electrodes are attached to the wrist and ankle to measure the body's resistance and reactance to the current. The resistance is lowered when there is more water in the body.

Davies also measures other factors against blood-alcohol level. These are impedance (height squared divided by resistance), weight, body mass and percent body water.

Impedance was second in determining blood-alcohol level in with 70 percent. Weight was third with 66 percent, body mass was fourth at 28 percent and percent body mass was fifth with 9 percent

Davies said she wants people to know that weight may not be the primary factor in determining the effects of alcohol.

"It's not so much body weight as it is body water," Davies said. "That seems to explain more than anything else.'

Davies said she decided to do the study because she believes most publications dealing with alcohol effects have misleading results.

"A journal may say that the average blood-alcohol level is 6 percent, but it does not mention that

it may vary from 2 to 10 percent," Davies said. Davies aims to study 40 people from each age

Davies said it has been difficult finding older people for the study.

'In a town like this, it is hard to find older people," Davies said. Davies said she is still needs people in the el-

der age groups for the study.
Participants are given \$20 and receive a lunch

after the study is completed.

## Korean jet crashes in Guam

## Navy locates 32 survivors, search continues

AGANA, Guam (AP) — A Korean Air jet carrying 254 people crashed and burned in a rainstorm early Wednesday, and rescuers who trudged through the jungle with flashlights found at least 32 survivors. Navy crews were trying to crack open the fuselage to see if anyone else could be saved.

Flight 801, a Boeing 747 from Seoul, South Korea, was carrying mostly Korean tourists, including several couples on their honeymoon, when it went down in the lush green hills as it was coming in for a landing in the middle of the night. At least 13 Americans were on board.

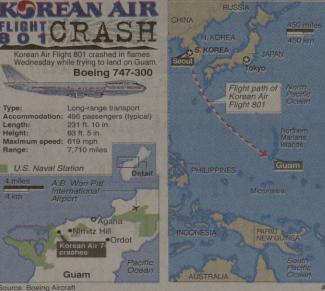
"There was a big ball of fire just before the crash," said Rudy Delos-Santos, reporter at radio station KOKU who lives near the crash site on Nimitz Hill, three miles from the airport on this U.S. island possession. "The plane plowed through the jungle for a minute or so before it came

He said he ran to the area through the darkness and got within about 80 or 90 yards before law enforcement officials stopped him.



"The fire was still going, and I could see the silhouettes of bodies in and around the plane," Delos-Santos said. "It was like a giant bonfire.

Rescue workers had to take breaks to get fresh air because the smell of burned fuel and flesh was unbearable, he said. The survivors came from the front of the plane, which was largely intact. The back was in



"It's flaming and smoking. There's quite a bit of smoke. There's a military helicopter hovering overhead providing light," said Edward Poppe, ownof radio station KSTO. "They're carrying them one at a time up the hill, those that survived - and there's only a few."

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### eat cake Center Tuesday evening. Strike leads to rising tensions

ATLANTA (AP) — Tensions rose Tuesday on United Parcel Service picket lines and at hospitals and small businesses that depend on UPS for on-time delivery of everything from surgical supplies to live lobsters.

Let them

There was no hint of a settlement in the second day of the Teamsters' walkout against UPS over pensions and the use of lower-paid part-time employees. No talks were scheduled.

UPS, the nation's largest package delivery service, normally moves the equivalent of 6 percent of the U.S. gross national product each day, and so the strike's effects were beginning to ripple through the economy.

Hospitals kept a close watch on medical supplies as deliveries dropped off sharply. A seafood company stopped shipping lobsters after some of them were dead on arrival.

Pickets were arrested at several UPS sites around the country, and there were angry confrontations at others as management employees and other non-union workers drove the big brown delivery trucks. The walkout by the 185,000 Teamster-

represented employees is the first nation-

wide strike in UPS' 90-year history.

Ben King builds a bridge that is part of the landscape of a

cake. The cake titled "Paradise Lost" won first prize in the "Largest cake" category of a cake contest held at the Rec

> UPS spokesperson Mark Dickens estimated the Atlanta-based company was running at less than 10 percent capacity.

PHOTOGRAPH: Derek Demere

'We've got a lot of management folks out there making every attempt to operate as best we can, but it's a fraction of what we've been doing," he said. He said UPS was focusing on critical shipments such as medical supplies.

UPS' competitors couldn't handle all of the overflow packages and put restrictions on customers and new business

In Des Moines, the Briggs Corp. usually ships about 3,200 packages of medical supplies each day to more than 40,000 hospitals, nursing homes and other customers across the country. On Monday, only 300 packages went out.

'The thing that's really scary is, our customers serve the people who are the most elderly and sick and frail in the country, project manager William Hipwell said. "It endangers their well-being and even their lives if they can't get certain items.'

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