

BRIEFS

Granger attains university honors

Harris J. Granger has been designated by Texas A&M as a distinguished professor, one of the University's highest distinctions. Granger, who is head of the medical physiology department and director of the Microcirculation Research Institute at A&M's College of Medicine, is the first full professor of the College of Medicine to receive the honor and the third A&M professor to receive the recognition this year.

Bush speaks at Junior League

Laura Bush, wife of Gov. George W. Bush, will speak today during the general membership meeting of the Junior League of Bryan-College Station at the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center in College Station. She will talk about the President's Summit for America's Future and how local groups can improve the lives of children in the Bryan-College Station area.

Battery audit

Shows lax control

DALLAS (AP) — Lax control and supervision by state lottery officials of private contractors hired to run the games has left the appearance of impropriety, state auditors say. The conclusions are part of a 63-page state auditor's report obtained by The Dallas Morning News. State Auditor Lawrence F. Alwin planned to release the report this week, but the newspaper said in a story for Monday's editions.

TECH Holdings Corp., the state's primary lottery contractor, has agreed to foster the perception of propriety by awarding lucrative contracts to close friends of lottery members, the report said.

5 contract loss good for Kelly AFB

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Local economic development promoters are cheering for a bright side to reports that Kelly Air Force Base may be losing a multimillion-dollar Air Force maintenance contract to a Georgia base. They told the San Antonio Express-News for a story in Monday's edition that the loss actually could give Kelly's chances of winning a more lucrative deal later. The Express-News reported Sunday that a \$160 million-a-year contract for maintenance of the giant Galaxy cargo plane apparently awarded to the Warner Air Logistics Center at Kelly AFB. The contract would have kept at least 1,200 civilian workers at Kelly where privatization efforts are underway as the Air Force prepares to draw. The Air Force is set to award the Kelly by 2001.

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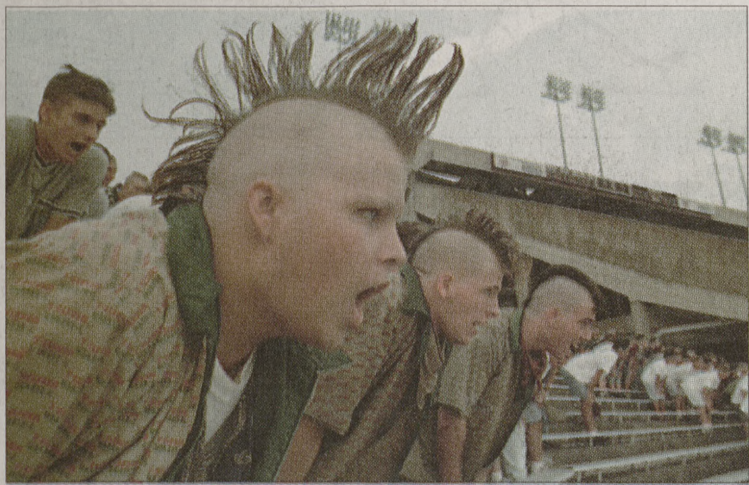
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Students celebrate All-U Night



Caleb Lee Carter, a freshman general studies major, "humps it" at All-U Night.

BY RACHEL DAWLEY
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The spirit of Aggieland could be seen and heard on Kyle Field last night. All-University Night, held annually on the first night of fall classes, was a chance for A&M student groups to meet campus leaders.

The A&M football, cross-country, volleyball and soccer teams were introduced by Head Football Coach R.C. Slocum and Senior Associate Athletic Director Lynn Hickey.

Campus organizations, including the Corps of Cadets, RHA groups and Greek organizations, attended the event.

Tim Duffy, head yell leader and a senior marketing major, said All-U Night is one of the first opportunities for the Class of '01 to experience A&M traditions.

"All-U is a great way to get the freshman class excited about A&M," Duffy said. "This atmosphere gets people excited about being Aggies and gives students a tiny

taste before Saturday's big game."

Curtis Childers, student body president and a senior agricultural development major, said All-U Night helped motivate A&M students for the '97-98 school year.

"All-U Night is for the Class of 2001," said Childers. "It is a chance for upperclassmen to welcome freshmen and get them excited about being Aggies. It serves as a kickoff for the football season and the year."

Rivalries between residence halls and Corps outfits added to the night's festivities.

Some residence hall residents shaved letters of their halls' names into their hair.

Residents also shouted residence hall chants across the stands of Kyle Field.

Todd Cox, a senior accounting major from Appelt Hall, attended All-U Night for the first time last night. He said it was a tradition all A&M students should experience.

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Ranking challenges Aggie stereotypes

Fortune magazine names B-CS fourth smartest

BY JENARA KOCKS
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How many Aggies does it take to screw in a light bulb?

The answer may be fewer than some people think.

In the Aug. 18 issue of Fortune magazine, Moran Stahl & Boyer, a consulting

firm specializing in business location selection, ranked Bryan as the fourth best-educated city in the United States by percent of population with college degrees.

Bryan tied with Bloomington, Ind., with 17.2 percent of its population having four-year college degrees.

Joe Brown, public information officer for the City of Bryan, said the ranking will help dispel unintelligent stereotypes people have of Bryan residents and A&M students and may even make people think twice before they tell Aggie jokes.

"They think we're not very sophisticated," Brown said. "But when they see that this is done by a national publication and not the city, this will challenge their perception of Bryan. People are highly educated in this town."

Dr. Ray M. Bowen, president of Texas A&M, said A&M definitely contributed to Bryan's high ranking. "The presence of the University cer-

tainly helped if you look at the composition of graduate students and faculty here," Bowen said. "It's quite an honor."

In the article, many of the cities with high numbers of college graduates are close to universities in the Midwest.

The article also said many graduates stay in the cities because of low costs of living and large numbers of available jobs.

Brown said the fact that many retired A&M graduates choose to live in Bryan also contributes to the city's ranking.

"Many retirees come back to stay because they start to miss the quality of life they had here," Brown said.

"They miss the hospitality and friendly people," Brown said. "Bryan was the only city in Texas to receive a ranking."

Gary Basinger, Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce business development manager, said the percentage of college graduates in Bryan probably was higher than in other Texas cities with universities because Bryan is less populous than those cities.

"Bryan-College Station is not a metropolitan area," he said. "It doesn't take a big percentage change to make a difference in Bryan-College Station because we have a smaller population base than Austin, Houston or Dallas."

Basinger said the ranking will help attract companies to Bryan. "The ranking shows that we have a pretty educated work force," Basinger said. "They will in turn look to moving here and creating jobs so we can keep some of these A&M graduates."

The No. 1-ranked city in the United States was Iowa City, Iowa, with 20 percent of its population college graduates.

TOP FIVE SMARTEST COMMUNITIES		
1	20%	IOWA CITY, IOWA
2	17.8%	CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS
3	17.6%	STANFORD, CONNECTICUT
4	17.2%	BRYAN - COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS
4 (TIE)	17.2%	BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Ranking based on the % of population with four year degrees.

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Pick and choose



Nick Kennedy, a sophomore computer engineering major, peruses posters at the MSC poster sale Monday afternoon. The sale runs through the 5th outside the MSC.

Residence Life assesses vacancies, overassignments

BY JOEY JEANETTE SCHLUETER
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All students who applied for on-campus housing for the fall were granted room assignments by the Texas A&M Department of Residence Life, and the 59 overassigned students are expected to be placed in permanent rooms by next week.

Ron Sasse, director of Residence Life, said no students were denied housing for Fall '97. "We have offered [housing] to everyone on all our waiting lists," he said, "and so currently have no one on a list who wants housing on campus that we have not been able to accommodate."

Sasse said the department is verifying the number of housing vacancies on campus this week by calculating no-shows and confirming the number of students who have checked in. He said overassigned students will fill the vacancies once the vacancy numbers are known next week.

Including the Corps of Cadets, about 6,000 students live on campus this fall.

To alleviate congestion and pedestrian danger during move-in last week, Parking, Transit and Traffic Services asked A&M faculty and staff to change parking lots for a few days and take alternate routes. Some streets also were closed to thru-traffic near

Southside residence halls. Those streets were used for students and parents unloading their vehicles.

Once students moved into their rooms, they began settling in and getting to know their roommates and neighbors.

Sandra Fisher, a sophomore health and kinesiology major, moved into Krueger Hall Thursday. Fisher said she loves living on campus because it is convenient and her friends are nearby.

"It's great to be back," she said. "The first thing I did after my parents left was hang up my Brad Pitt poster."

Fisher said it is awkward meeting neighbors, but by the end of the first few weeks they become good friends.

Daniel Steffen, a freshman agribusiness major, said his move to campus has been smooth.

"I got lucky," Steffen said. "My roommate and I have so much in common. We share the same major and like the same music."

Steffen said he was glad to find out early that he had received on-campus housing. He said he had heard that in past years A&M overassigned some students and rejected some.

Information about residence halls can be obtained on the Internet at <http://reslife.tamu.edu>.



Seth Bland, a sophomore Mechanical engineering major, helps decorate a friend's dorm room in Crocker Hall Sunday.