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## BRIEFS

### Contracts available for 1998 Aggieland

Contracts for space in the 1998 Aggieland yearbook are available in the Rudder Theatre.

The deadline for returning contracts with payment is Sept. 15. Those who return contracts after this date will be charged a \$15 late fee. Late contracts will be accepted until Sept. 22.

Depending on the nature of the student organization, prices range from \$55 for a group picture to \$175 for a two-page feature in the yearbook.

Any organization recognized by the A&M Board of Regents may fill out a student organization contract. Corps of cadets companies and specialty units, residence halls and social fraternities and sororities must fill out specialized contracts.

### College sponsors open house today

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Council is sponsoring an open house today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the foyer of the Kleberg Animal and Food Sciences Center.

Over 30 organizations in the college will have tables set up with information about their groups.

Students will have the opportunity to meet group leaders and get information on how to become involved with the organizations.

### Dedication to unveil Bush bust

Former President George Bush and his son Gov. George W. Bush will speak at the dedication ceremony of the Bush School of Government and Public Service at 2:30 p.m. today.

A bronze bust of the 41st president of the United States will be unveiled as part of the dedication.

The bust is one and a half times life-size and will be displayed permanently at the Bush School. Copies of the bust are on display at the Smithsonian Institute and at the Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, Va., where Bush served as director.

The bronze bust is a gift from the A&M Board of Regents member John Lindsey, Class of '44, and his wife Sara.

### Dallas pastor seeks board position

DALLAS (AP) — The massive Southern Baptist pension fund is seeking the First Baptist Church of Dallas' senior pastor.

Hawkins' possible departure from the largest church in one of the country's largest Protestant denominations, the Southern Baptist Convention, would require a third search for senior pastor in six years. Hawkins is only the fourth pastor in 97 years at First Baptist, which has more than 26,000 members.

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# Cheney, Simon differ on decision process

Academic conference concludes with discussion on president's military role in crisis situations

By BENJI CHENG  
Staff writer

Although former Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and retired U.S. Senator Paul Simon agreed the U.S. president should be the authority on military decisions in crisis situations, they differed on the decision-making process.

Simon and Cheney's discussion last night at Rudder Theatre concluded an academic conference held yesterday opening the dedication of the Bush School of Government and Public Service.

Cheney, who was Secretary of Defense during the Bush administration, said the president is the best authority to decide upon the use of force.

He said Congress is unwilling to take responsibility and, therefore, is less de-

cisive in crisis situations.

"Even if you get (Congress) on board, when things go sour, you won't have any congressman saying, 'I knew it was a disaster, but I voted for it,'" Cheney said.

"You cannot run a war by committee." Although former President George Bush did consult Congress prior to the Gulf War, Cheney said Congressional approval was not a requirement for Bush to take action.

"If Congress had not gone along with our request, we still would've liberated Kuwait with force," he said.

Simon, a former U.S. senator from Illinois, said Congress should be consulted in such matters. He said the president typically is inclined to make the popular decision as indicated by polls, which can inhibit the president's ability

to make the correct choice.

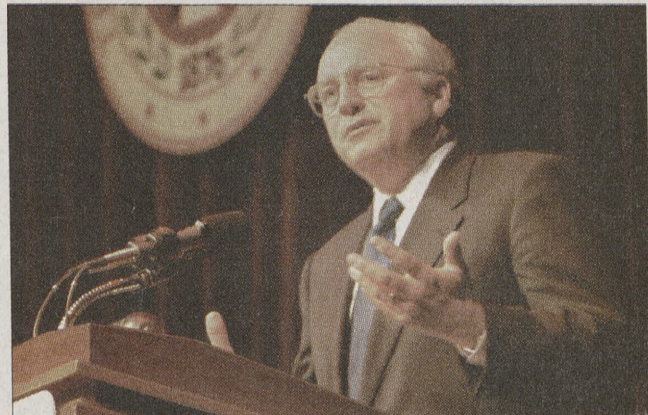
"You can't always do the popular thing and lead," Simon said.

Simon said the president should serve a six-year term so the president would be less worried about re-election.

Simon proposed the United States set aside 3,000 volunteer troops for use by the United Nations in crisis situations if the president approves. Responses to situations comparable to those in Bosnia and Somalia would be faster, he said.

"If we don't want to be the policemen of the world, we have to be willing to work with other countries," Simon said.

Cheney said the military's recent involvement in gender politics and peacekeeping operations has bogged down the military's primary purpose — to fight and win wars.



BRANDON BOLLOM/THE BATTALION

The honorable Dick Cheney, former U.S. Secretary of Defense, speaks Tuesday night in Rudder Theatre.

## It's a colorful life



ROBERT MCKAY/THE BATTALION

Kevin McClullan, a senior environmental design major works on a color pencil rendering for his 405 Architectural Design studio Tuesday afternoon.

## 'Dean for the Day'

College of Education sponsors raffle

By COLLEEN KAVANAGH  
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The Texas A&M College of Education is sponsoring a "Dean For The Day" raffle to raise money for the Peggy Ritchey Endowed Scholarship.

Students, faculty and staff may purchase raffle tickets, and Jane C. Conoley, the dean of the College of Education, will draw the name of the winner Sept. 19 at the Development Council Awards Breakfast. Conoley and the winner will switch jobs Sept. 30 for one day.

Kathy May, chair of the Staff Advisory Council of the College of Education, said the scholarship was established because of Ritchey's dedication to the college.

Ritchey worked for Texas A&M for 37 years in the education department. May said the scholarship must be worth at least \$20,000 to be endowed.

"Because the scholarship is given to a family member of the staff of the College of Education, the Staff Advisory Council felt it needed to raise a part of the money," she said. "This is the first time we have ever done this, and we hope to raise at least \$1,000."

If a student wins, Conoley will attend classes for the student, including kinesiology classes.

Conoley said she is excited about the possibility of a student or professor winning the raffle.

"It would be fun to go back to class, but I would be a little nervous teaching classes for a professor," she said.

The winner also will assume Conoley's general responsibilities for the day.

Conoley said the winner will have a busy schedule, including attending meetings and appearing on the weekly radio talk show she and her husband host Tuesday nights.

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DEAN OF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

president's office on Sept. 30, and I sent a message back saying that the dean would be there," Conoley said. "Hopefully we can plan meetings the winner will be interested in."

May said the raffle will give the winner a better idea of administrators' duties. "The winner gets the excitement of being able to see what goes on during a dean's average day," she said.

Tickets can be purchased from members of the Staff Advisory Council until the day of the raffle. Tickets also will be available in the foyer of Harrington Tower and in the MSC Sept. 17-19. Tickets cost \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets.

Donations also are welcome.

## Church group starts congregation in CS

By ROBERT SMITH  
Staff writer

The International Church of Christ, a group some former members say is a cult, has established a congregation in College Station.

The ICC first met in College Station Aug. 17 at the College Station Hilton and Conference Center.

Frank Yates, minister of the Campus Ministry Association, said he has researched the ICC.

"My reading about the ICC would lead me to believe they are at some level a cult," he said.

The Campus Ministry Association has information on the ICC available to students.

Randy Moon, minister of the College Station Church of Christ Jesus, which is an ICC congregation, did not return phone calls made to his home Tuesday.

Also, three Texas A&M students who are ICC members declined to comment.

Kristin Plummer, an ICC member and a Blinn College sophomore, said the ICC is not a cult, but a group that wants people to have good relationships with God.

But she also said some members have made mistakes when recruiting new members.

"I'm not going to say I haven't tried to push people," she said. "I've made mistakes. I feel bad and I wish I could apologize to those people."

Heather Lockwood, a 22-year-old former ICC member from who lives in Dallas, said she felt pressured by the church's requirements.

"If you're not producing new members and getting people baptized, then

you're going to get slammed," Lockwood said. "Wherever you are at, whether it's the grocery store or any place, you have to be recruiting people."

Lockwood said the church teaches the ICC is the only "true church," and that everyone outside of the church will go to hell.

Plummer denied this statement.

"That's way blown out of proportion," Plummer said. "I'm not going to say that if you're not part of our church then you're going to hell. I do believe we are the true church of God, but I'm not going to point fingers at anyone."

Lockwood said she spent nearly all of her time with the church.

"I didn't have any free time," Lockwood said. "They control every little thing you do, even who you date."

In July 1997, Lockwood decided to leave the church.

Lockwood said two other members left the ICC after she did.

ICC states it believes in the Bible, but Plummer said the church makes its own interpretations of the Bible.

"There are some parts of the Bible that we may put in an understandable language," Plummer said.

The church lists membership at more than 143,000 in 294 churches across the world. Over 80 congregations exist in the United States, including six in Texas.

At least 20 schools, including Boston University, the University of Southern California and Georgia Tech University, have barred the group or denied campus registration.

There is an official ICC homepage at <http://www.icoc.org>.

A former ICC member website is at <http://www.reveal.org>.

## '98 Aggieland to include senior class pictures only

By RACHEL DAWLEY  
Staff writer

Only the Class of '98, graduate students and professional students will have photographs in the 1997-98 Aggieland yearbook.

A R Photography is taking pictures of the Class of '98 now.

Amber Benson, editor of the Aggieland, said her staff is attempting to expand coverage of on-campus and student activities by not including photographs of the Class of '99, '00 and '01 in the yearbook.

"We are not trying to exclude anyone from the Aggieland," Benson said. "But only 10 percent of students get their picture made, and the majority of these are seniors. Right now, we dedicate one-fourth of the book to only 4,000 students."

Amber Steele, a senior mechanical engineering major, said she waited until she was a senior to get her picture taken.

"I've been here for three years and I've never gotten my picture taken," she said. "I just planned on doing it my senior year. It will be neat that it features my class."

The restructuring allows more pages to cover student events such as traditions and organizations, Benson said.

Also, the staff will cover more events of the particular year, such as this year's George Bush Presidential Library and Museum dedication.

David Miller, a sophomore general studies major, said he likes the idea of only featuring the senior class.

"Underclassmen who are involved around campus will still have the opportunity to be featured in the Aggieland with their organization," he said. "Class pictures can become another special senior tradition."

Benson said the Class of '98 can create another A&M tradition by having all members of their class in the Aggieland.

Other changes in the 1997-98 Aggieland will include a different system of organizing sections and a separate Greek section.

Benson said she would like class photos to become a special event for seniors.

"I hope that having your picture in your senior yearbook will be something to look forward to, like getting your ring and your diploma," she said.