

BRIEFS

UPD investigates Walton incident

The University Police Department said five individuals were found carrying another individual out of Walton Hall Tuesday night.

The UPD received a telephone call at 6:50 p.m. Tuesday that reported three individuals were duct-taped to lightposts in front of the residence hall.

UPD officers found no activity at the hall, but the one individual being carried out.

Bob Wiatt, UPD director, said the individuals said they were "horsing around."

The UPD said the victim said he was a willing participant and not injured. He did not file charges, and no arrests were made.

Wiatt said the report was filed and is under consideration by the Student Conflict Resolution Center as a hazing incident.

Jarrell relief funds questioned

DALLAS (AP) — The attorney general's office is reviewing complaints about the allocation of relief funds for residents of tornado-ravaged Jarrell at the request of some families whose homes were devastated by the storm.

Officials with the Jarrell Recovery Board say that six families have complained about how the board is awarding money from its \$1.7 million fund.

Many residents are asking "how come so-and-so got more than me?" said board president Dianne Johns, one of eight local residents on the board who have been overseeing and administering the donated funds to 83 applicants.

Sports authority opens meetings

HOUSTON (AP) — In the wake of criticism for holding closed-door meetings, the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority says it now will hold open committee meetings.

The authority's finance and construction committees were holding private meetings under an exemption in the Texas Open Meetings Law which makes deliberation a prerequisite for a "meeting" and has "verbal exchange" as part of the definition of "deliberation."

The authority's committees say they only received information from third parties like architects, contractors and bankers at the meetings, so there was no verbal exchange or meeting.

Doctors promote organ donation

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas doctors are launching a campaign they hope will increase the number of organ donors, an act the Texas Medical Association's president understands better than most.

Dr. Phil H. Berry's life was saved by a liver transplant in 1986.

"This is a program that has the possibility of making a huge difference in the lives of some patients who are struggling, who don't know their fate, who are scared to death," Berry, 60, said Thursday. "I was one of those patients."

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Word of mouth is the key to restaurant's success with A&M students.

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Lynn Hickey continues to help A&M strive toward a more complete program.

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Multicultural Services

Department celebrates 10th anniversary

By JENARA KOCKS
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The Texas A&M Department of Multicultural Services is commemorating its 10-year anniversary with a celebration this weekend.

Kevin Carreathers, director of Multicultural Services, said the event's purpose is to thank the people who have supported the department over the past ten years.

He said it is also a time to reflect on the department's accomplishments and future goals.

"We've helped the institution [A&M] and its commitment to diversity for faculty, staff and students," Carreathers said. "We've helped with the retention of minority students."

The celebration starts at 3 p.m. today with registration on the second floor of Rudder Tower. A jazz concert by Karen Chavis and The Big Apple Trio will follow at 8 p.m. in rooms 221-224 of the MSC.

Saturday's events will include workshops, student organization lunches, campus tours, a silent auction, a banquet and a party.

A brunch and worship service will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday in 205 and 206 MSC.

Carreathers said the department has established programs for minority students, including the ExCEL Freshman Student Success Program, MEDALS (Minority Enrichment & Development through Academic and Leadership Skills), TAMU Enhancing Diversity Awards Program, Southwestern Black Stu-

dent Leadership Conference and the Whoopstock Unity Festival.

Carreathers said he has three goals for Multicultural Services for the next 10 years.

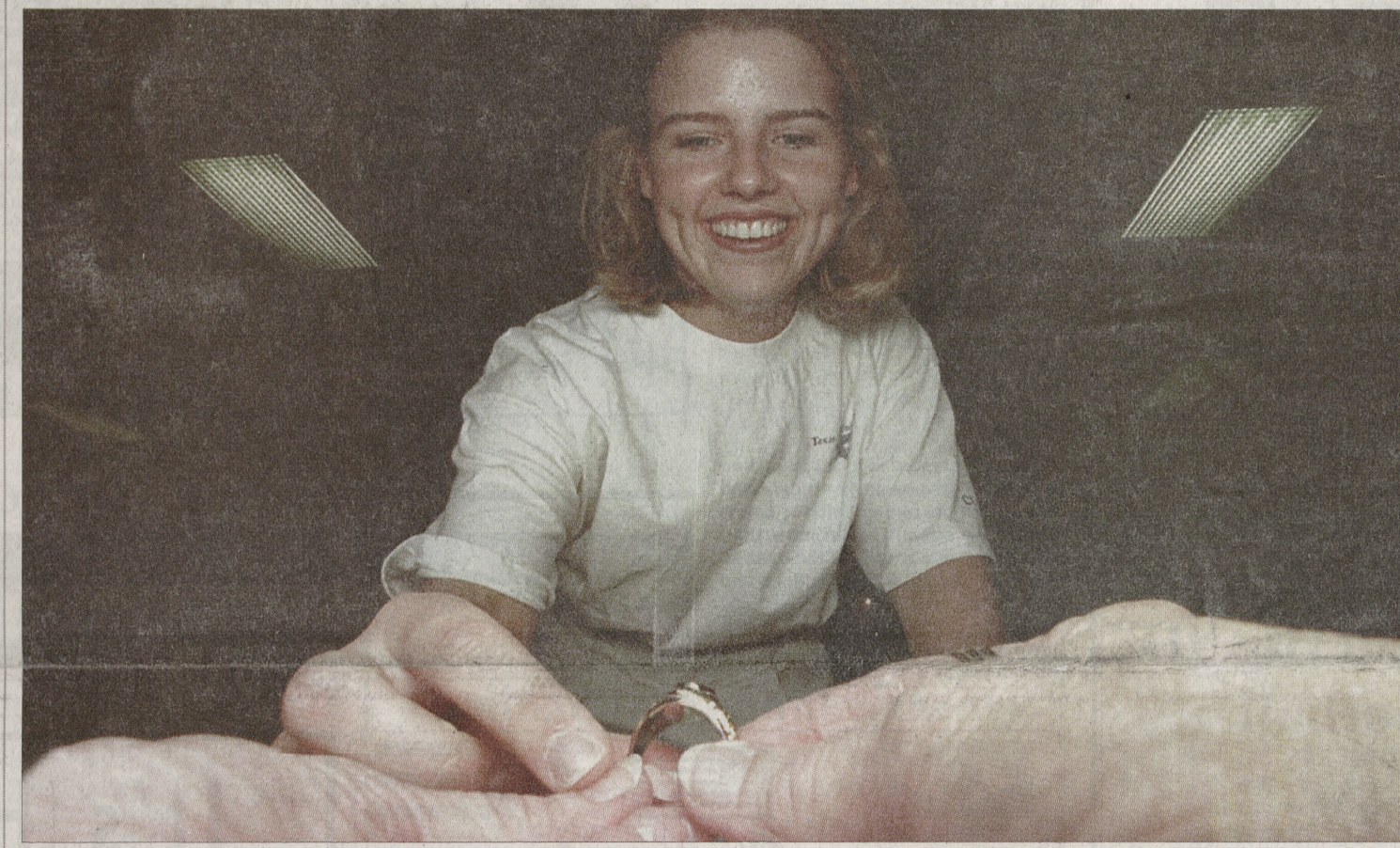
"First, we hope for federally funded programs that will help in recruitment and retention of minority students," he said. "Second, we would like grants to assist in diversity-education efforts, especially in the faculty. Third, we would like to be a larger facility. We would like to expand our facilities, programs and staff to extend to all we serve."

Ron Sasse, director of Residence Life and a member of the celebration planning committee, said he is looking forward to the event. He said he has worked for the University for 20 years and he has seen the Multicultural Services department grow.



"I think everyone gets so busy and things for granted," Sasse said. "Students know it's [the department] there. It [the celebration] is a chance to pause and celebrate all the accomplishments of the department."

Golden occasion



Ashley Baxter, a senior marketing major, picks up her senior ring at the Clayton Williams Alumni Center Thursday afternoon. Over 1,500 rings are being handed out.

Senators informed of rank system

By BRANDYE BROWN
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The Texas A&M Senate informed senators of the election "ranking system" for freshman elections and honored the Department of Multicultural Services Wednesday night.

This summer, Speaker of the Senate Alice Gonzalez, a junior agricultural development major, approved the ranking system on a conditional basis after meeting with A&M student leaders.

After the system is used, the Senate will vote whether to use the ranking system for student body elections in the spring.

Gonzalez said she agreed to test the system under two conditions.

"First, that it is only for the freshman elections," she said. "Second, any use beyond that would be referred to the Senate body with statistical data and research about [its] effectiveness and ease of implementation."

Also, the Senate passed the Multicultural Services Department Appreciation Resolution honoring the 10-year anniversary of the department.

Corps halls provide housing for civilian women

By KARIE FEHLER
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Although the Quadrangle is best known for housing the Corps of Cadets, two residence halls on the Quad provide rooms for about 400 civilian women enrolled at Texas A&M.

This year, Spence and Kiest halls are the only two residence halls on the Quad that house non-Corps students. Kiest residents also share the hall with the Corps staff, who live on the first floor.

Darby Roberts, area coordinator for the Department of Residence Life, said the number of civilian women living on the Quad depends on the number of cadets.

"The Corps decides how many spaces they need for the upcoming year," Roberts said. "If they don't need the entire space, they allow civilians to fill those spaces."

Roberts said Kiest and Spence share a hall council because some years Kiest is a Corps residence hall.

"Because Kiest is a temporary situation, we decided to combine it with Spence," Roberts said. "It provides a little more unity."

Jessica Geeslin, a resident advisor for Kiest and a junior political science major, lived in Spence Hall last year. She said the two halls differ from each other.

"A lot more work needs to be done as far as facilities in Kiest," Geeslin said, "and the envi-

ronment is totally different, but not really because of the Corps. It's kind of a security thing [having the Corps live in Kiest]."

Geeslin said living on the Quad has many benefits.

"You have a natural alarm clock at six every morning, and you get to know a lot of people," she said. "There are a bunch of people in a small space. And even though I

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used to live in the Commons, I've met a lot more people on the Quad."

Danny Feather, Corps commander and a senior economics major, said he likes living on the first floor of Kiest Hall. Feather said the non-Corps residents bring a different atmosphere to the hall.

"The Corps staff is always overworked, and normally the first floor of a dorm is loud and crazy," he said. "We really enjoy the quietness and cleanliness in Kiest, and the ladies are al-

ways friendly. They always say 'Howdy' and we like that."

Feather said the decision to make Kiest a civilian hall was not due to a decrease in Corps enrollment.

"Last year was just an overestimation," he said. "This really was a needed adjustment."

Nina DeRouen, a junior English major who lives in Kiest Hall, said the women in Kiest played a game of mud football after a thunderstorm last week. She said some of the freshmen were apprehensive about playing on the Quad. "But once we started playing, they had fun," she said. "Then the Corps guys started walking by. They would stop and watch — one outfit even saluted us as they went by."

DeRouen, who lived in Spence last year, said the residents got to know each other during the game.

"It was neat for the fish to be recognized by the guys, but we just had to have some girl-bonding," she said.

Kenny Jones, a junior political science major, saw the game.

"We stopped and watched for a while," he said. "It was really cool."

Jones said he approves of women living on the Quad.

"Of course we like it," he said. "It brings girls closer to the Quad, and we always like that."

Ernesto Garcia, a freshman business ad-

ministration major, said the situation is encouraging to him.

"I believe it to be motivational," Garcia said. "We don't see many girls on the Quad, and when we do, it's something to see."

Garcia also said women help make the Quad a better place for freshman cadets.

"We must always be watching for upperclassmen, but if we can see girls, it doesn't make the Quad seem that bad," he said.

Jonathan Dancy, a freshman biomedical science major, said having women live on the Quad has both good and bad aspects.

"It's nice to see girls," he said, "but some of them have signs in their windows saying 'Want a date?' They put their names and phone numbers on these signs. It seems kind of desperate to me."

Kyle Betty, a junior agricultural development major, said he has mixed feelings about integrating the Quad with civilians.

"I don't hate it," Betty said. "I kind of like it, but I really think the Quad should be the Corps. The whole Corps should live together."

DeRouen said the living arrangements seem to be working well.

"The fish had no idea what to expect," DeRouen said. "We've taken them under our wing — our attitude is 'This is cool.' I think if we had a negative attitude about living on the Quad, people would not be having such a good time."

Army releases harassment study

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sexual harassment exists "throughout the Army, crossing gender, rank and racial lines," the service said today, faulting leaders who ignored problems and allowed such behavior to become commonplace.

In a searing indictment of itself, the Army has released its largest-ever study of sexual harassment. The 10-month review was sparked by the last November's allegations of widespread sexual misconduct at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center in Aberdeen, Md.

It was made public by

Army Secretary Togo West and Gen. Dennis Reimer, the Army chief of staff.

At a Pentagon news conference, West sought to draw a distinction between sexual harassment, which he said "continues to be a problem" throughout the service, and the sexual abuses that were found at Aberdeen.

"What happened at Aberdeen was an aberration," insisted West.

White House Press Secretary Mike Curry said that President Clinton believes the actions being taken by the Army will help prevent future sexual

misconduct. He said the president "views with concern all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual misconduct."

The two-volume study was accompanied by an Army inspector general's report on the Army's training program, and a separate "action plan" aimed at fixing many of the problems turned up by a senior review panel. It calls among other things to require a week of training for recruits on ethics and moral values.

"Sexual harassment exists throughout the Army, crossing gender, rank and racial lines," the report declared.

Prof's comments draw heated reaction

AUSTIN (AP) — A group of Hispanic lawmakers demanded the resignation Thursday of a University of Texas law professor who said blacks and Mexican Americans come from cultures in which "failure is not looked upon with disgrace."

But UT officials defended the professor's constitutional right to say "even these offensive and painful words."

Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, is chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus. He said future UT funding could be jeopardized if constitutional law professor Lino Graglia does not leave the school.

"It seems we're in an era where the Ku Klux Klan does not come in white robes but in the robes of academe," added Sen.

Gregory Luna, head of the Senate Hispanic Caucus.

Graglia spoke Wednesday during the announcement of a new UT student organization that supports a federal court ruling outlawing race-based admissions policies in Texas. Graglia is a faculty advisor for the group.

"Blacks and Mexican-Americans are not academically competitive with whites in selective institutions," he said. "It is the result primarily of cultural affects. They have a culture that seems not to encourage achievement. Failure is not looked upon with disgrace."

UT Interim President Peter Flawn, said inflammatory comments alone aren't enough to fire Graglia.