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## BRIEFS

### Reno pressured by senior Republicans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying their persistent demands for a special investigation had been vindicated, senior Republicans on Sunday insisted Attorney General Janet Reno must now seek appointment of an independent counsel to look into White House fund-raising activities. "I honestly think she has no other choice," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill. "There is sufficient and credible evidence sufficient" for her to ask a panel of federal judges to appoint an independent counsel, added Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. On Saturday the Justice Department revealed it has opened a 30-day review of President Clinton's involvement in campaign money-raising irregularities during the 1996 presidential campaign.

### IRS posts high reversal rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 42 percent of the \$13.2 billion worth penalties that the IRS assessed against taxpayers last year was wiped off the books after corporations and individuals challenged the assessments as excessive or unnecessary. This high reversal rate, and other aspects of the Internal Revenue Service's byzantine penalty structure, will come under scrutiny during hearings this week by the Senate Finance Committee. Senators will question, among other things, whether lowering the taxpayers get a fair shake when dealing with the IRS.

### Accuser to take stand in Albert trial

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — The crucial question at sportscaster Marv Albert's assault trial will be: Was the woman who accused him a willing participant? "If the jury believes she wasn't," the NBC play-by-play man could face life in prison. Albert's lawyers probably will try to turn the tables on the woman, arguing she is lying about some or all of the allegations of being attacked, perhaps that she had some reason to seek revenge on Albert, legal experts said.

### Virtual road to test elderly drivers

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — A virtual reality road test takes elderly drivers on a simulated spin through city and country as part of an experiment to help determine if seniors are so often involved in accidents. Senior citizens seated in front of a computer screen "drive" through a cartoon scene in which cars cut across the street, pedestrians appear suddenly and stop signs and red lights flash by.

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# Survey will assess Hopwood effect

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A survey will be conducted this fall to determine whether the decline in minority enrollment at some Texas universities this semester is a result of the Hopwood decision. Dr. Ray M. Bowen, Texas A&M president, said the Texas State Data Center will conduct the survey. Steve Murdock, demographer of the Data Center, will head up the survey. The groups who will be surveyed for the study are minorities who applied to A&M but were not accepted, minorities who were

admitted to A&M but enrolled elsewhere and minority freshmen who did enroll at A&M this fall. Murdock said the purpose of the survey is not only to determine if Hopwood affected minority enrollment, but also to learn whether those minorities received scholarships. He said the survey will help universities better recruit minority students in the future. A&M released its enrollment figures Thursday, and Bowen said the expected decline in minorities was confirmed. "The anticipated impact of the Hopwood decision on new freshmen is evident in the

percentage decrease of both African-Americans and Hispanics enrolled at the College Station campus this fall," Bowen said. A&M experienced a 23-percent drop in enrollment of black students and a 15-percent drop in the number of Hispanic students enrolled. In the freshman class, 178 blacks and 607 Hispanics enrolled, a decrease from last year's 230 black and 713 Hispanic freshmen enrolled. University officials said the Hopwood ruling may have caused the decrease. The Hopwood ruling outlawed race-based

scholarships and admissions after a student sued the University of Texas because she felt she was not admitted to UT's law school as a result of affirmative action. The University of Texas saw a slight increase of minority freshmen, but experienced a drop in minority enrollment overall and in their law school and graduate programs. Bowen said the Data Center plans to survey minorities at the University of Texas at Austin also. The survey will be conducted during the fall semester, and results are expected in early spring, Bowen said.

### Banned Books Week

## Female writer to address lesbian issues

BY ROBERT SMITH  
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The MSC Literary Arts Committee is hosting a series of free programs in honor of Banned Books Week, including an appearance by author Leslea Newman. Newman, author of the children's book *Heather Has Two Mommies*, will speak Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Peggy C. Philpot, MSC Literary Arts Committee adviser, said the book, one of the first to address lesbians having children, is the second most-banned book in the United States and has sparked a national debate on the content of children's books.

*Heather has Two Mommies* was published in 1990 and has been challenged by critics, with several attempts to remove it from the shelves of school and public libraries.

Newman will address the accusations in her presentation and will discuss the controversy surrounding the book.

Philpot said this is the first time the committee has hosted a series for Banned Books Week. "We really encourage people to come out and see Leslea," she said. "We're really excited to have her."

The A&M chapter of Eagle Forum Collegians is asking students to protest Newman's presentation at A&M. Kelly Hartline, president of Eagle Forum Collegians, is leading the protest.

"It is disturbing and frightening to think Texas A&M is spending the students' money to promote a speaker who spurns their religious principles," she said. "The University should be more sensitive to our values and stop using our money to bash our beliefs."

Newman will have a question-and-answer session following the presentation and will sign copies of the book.

A University of Texas professor will discuss the current status of book-banning in the United States tonight at 7 in 201 MSC.

On Wednesday, there will be an open discussion of whether some books should be banned. The discussion will be at 7 p.m. in 201 MSC and will focus on the content and availability of controversial books.

### MEDALS seeks peer advisers for minority outreach program

BY COLLEEN KAVANAGH  
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MEDALS is recruiting peer advisers this week for a conference to teach high school students about college life.

MEDALS (Minority Enrichment and Development through Academic Leadership Skills) is a student-run organization designed to encourage minority high school students to continue their educations.

Keaton Kirkwood, associate director of peer advisers and a senior business analysis major, said MEDALS wants to recruit 150 peer advisers for the January conference.

"We need a diverse group of Aggies who are enthusiastic and willing to cooperate with others," he said. "Peer advisers help these high school students see the value of higher education."

More than 750 high school students attend the weekend conference each year. The students attend workshops on college courses, time management and financial aid and listen to two keynote speakers discuss the importance of higher education.

Shantera Woodley, director of public relations for MEDALS and a senior speech communications major, said the high school students will be divided into groups of 10 each, with two A&M peer advisers for each group.

Woodley said peer advisers serve as role models for the students and are respected by them. She also said advisers help bring students to the conferences and convince many students to continue their educations beyond high school.

"Last year two girls from Rockdale wrote their peer advisers saying they had planned to drop out," Woodley said, "but MEDALS convinced them to stay in school."

Joel Garcia, a former peer adviser and a senior mechanical engineering major, said the best part of participating in MEDALS was seeing the enthusiasm on students' faces.

"Helping these kids see the value of a higher education was great, not to mention the friendships and bonds made that weekend," he said.

Peer adviser applications are available in the Department of Multicultural Services, 137 MSC.

### Ragin' on the Cajuns



RYAN ROGERS/THE BATTALION

Sophomore linebacker Sean Coryatt picks up a fumble by USL quarterback Lance Domeg and returns it for a touchdown in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game at Kyle Field. The Aggies defeated the Ragin' Cajuns 66-0. See full story, Page 7.

## Cadets meet for first reunion

BY AMANDA SMITH  
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The first Corps of Cadets reunion and the annual Aggie Band reunion, both held this past weekend, provided former and current cadets an opportunity to swap stories of OI' Army days and life on the Quadrangle today.

Danny Feather, Corps commander and a senior economics major, said former cadets are role models for today's cadets because they emphasize the importance of strong leadership and scholastics in succeeding later in life.

"I think that it (the reunion) was a learning experience," Feather said. "For me, it was special because some of the old Corps commanders stopped by. It made me feel good to see the improvements that the Corps has made over the past eight or nine years, particularly in academics."

The Corps Development Council and Trigon staff members developed the idea

of a Corps reunion to celebrate returning cadets in conjunction with the annual reunion of the Aggie Band.

Stephen Dommert, a former cadet and Class of '92, traveled from his home in Orlando, Fla., for the Corps reunion. He said he enjoyed the camaraderie between cadets and the sense of tradition when he was at A&M.

"Putting on the senior boots was my best experience," Dommert said. "This is the first year of the All-Corps reunion and a new idea. I am sure that it will continue."

Chris Zorich, a public relations officer for the Corps and a senior psychology major, said he enjoyed watching the former Aggie Band members march into Kyle Field before the football game Saturday.

"One of the high points was bringing the former Band members," he said. "They got a chance to relive their days at Aggieland."

Feather said the former cadets shared stories of their days in the Corps and emphasized values shared by members of the

Corps of Cadets.

"The former cadets dispel a lot of OI' Army myths," he said. "I love hearing cadets from the 1950s and 1960s returning to say that hazing was not OI' Army. They focus on leadership."

Lt. Col. Keith Stephens, director of operations of the Sanders Corps of Cadets Center, said former cadets lined the outskirts of Kyle Field during the Corps march-in Saturday.

Stephens also said the former and current cadets enjoyed meeting each other.

"It is fairly likely that we will have one next year," he said. "Ags like to come and meet with former students. Any opportunity to do that generally receives a good response."

Feather said another reunion may be held on the Quad Thanksgiving Day for the current student body and former students.

"We want to have a Thanksgiving on the Quadrangle," he said. "We want to invite the whole student body to promote family and an alcohol-free Bonfire."

## Corps hosts 'Aggie for a Day' program

BY RACHEL GEORGE  
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Members of Junior ROTC Brigade Texas 882nd gather during the "Aggie for a Day" program.

The Texas A&M Corps of Cadets hosted 2,100 Texas high school students Saturday as part of its "Aggie for a Day" program.

For the past two years, the Corps has sponsored the event to motivate ROTC cadets to pursue higher education while giving them a view of life in the Corps.

The program recruits members for the Corps and offers high school students the chance to ask questions about the Corps and A&M.

Danny Feather, Corps commander and a senior finance major, said the program gives high school students an opportunity to experience A&M culture.

"It (Aggie for a Day) gives the (ROTC) cadets, usually of minority background, a chance to get the red-carpet

treatment on their visit here to A&M," he said.

The program kicked off Saturday morning as the high school students arrived on campus and were paired with their A&M escorts.

Then, the cadets toured the MSC, the Sam Houston Sanders Corps Center and the Corps residence halls.

The ROTC cadets also watched a presentation at Rudder Theater on Aggie traditions and the Corps' role as keepers of tradition.

The Ross Volunteers also performed for the students. James Rogers, Corps recruiting officer and a senior marketing major, said another goal of "Aggie for a Day" is to support the cadets' enthusiasm about being in Junior ROTC.

"The Junior ROTC website has a posting about the cadets' visit to A&M," he said. "They are really excit-

ed about coming here, and we want to make sure they have a good time."

The day concluded with the cadets attending the A&M-University of Southwestern Louisiana football game.

Feather said the cadets looked forward to the game.

"For them (the cadets) to be able to sit with us in the horseshoe makes them feel like a part of A&M and adds to the overall spirit of the game," he said.

Samantha Green, a participant in the program and a high school sophomore from Houston, said she enjoyed the game.

"I had fun standing down there with the Corps," she said. "Everyone was so excited about the game, and I got to learn some of the yells."

The Corps keeps in contact with cadets who plan to attend A&M.