

BRIEFS

A&M professor to give CES speech

John R. Hoyle, a Texas A&M educational administration professor, is a keynote speaker today at the Galax Summit Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. The conference is the first national meeting of professionals who work at all levels of the Cooperative Extension System. Hoyle's presentation, "Accept the Mission: Build a Galaxy of Stars," promotes the conference's theme of building the concepts of teamwork, working relationships and a base of interdisciplinary programs in the Cooperative Extension System.

TxDOT to have 80th anniversary at A&M

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will mark its 80th anniversary when more than 1,500 TxDOT employees meet for the annual Transportation Conference, hosted by the Texas Transportation Institute today at Texas A&M. The conference will feature departmental training sessions, service awards and presentations by the state's three transportation commissioners. TxDOT had its first conference at A&M in 1922. The department formalized a cooperative research agreement with the University in 1948, and TTI's establishment followed two years later.

Former dean of architecture honored

Walter V. Wendler, former dean of the College of Architecture, was named as the executive assistant in the Office of the President by A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen. Wendler began the position in September. Wendler is in charge of revising the University's Strategic Plan with the help of a consulting committee of faculty members and administrators. Ward V. Wells, who has been associate dean of the College of Architecture, was named interim dean as of Sept. 15.

Red Cross to host blood drive today

A Red Cross blood drive will be today at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 600 E. 26th St., Bryan.

Author Michener declines treatment

AUSTIN (AP) — Ninety-year-old James A. Michener has taken himself off life-sustaining kidney dialysis. Linda Milanesi, spokeswoman for the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, Pa., said the renowned and prolific author opted to stop the medical treatment last week. His condition has not changed since his decision.

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A&M's goals outlined at convocation

ROBERT SMITH
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Texas A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen said Friday the University must position itself as one of the top 10 public universities in the United States by 2020.

Bowen outlined the "Vision 2020" program at Rudder Auditorium during the Academic Convocation. The Board of Regents passed the program last month.

Bowen said A&M must continue to move forward and not become complacent with its status in the nation.

"The challenge before us today is to avoid becoming satisfied with our accomplishments and become committed to making this University even better,"

he said. Bowen also announced University endowment programs and plans for a \$25 million unrestricted donation by former Board of Regents chair and A&M graduate Harvey "Bum" Bright earlier this year.

Bowen said \$10 million dollars of the gift will benefit the Corps of Cadets and \$15 million will be used for endowed professorships.

He said the University will match the money given to each project, doubling the amount given to each group.

Bowen also announced a \$5 million dollar academic endowment for students, using profits made by the Texas A&M Bookstore.

Bowen said the Bright gift was "a catalyst for increasing the academic quality of Texas

A&M in a significant fashion," adding the Vision 2020 project has the same goal — increasing the University's quality.

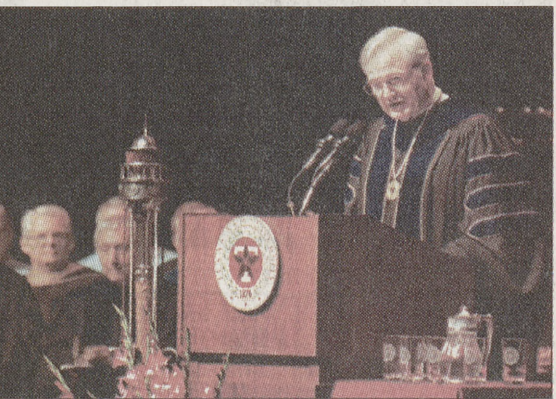
Vision 2020, he said, will bring together a large group of faculty, staff, students, former students and other leading citizens of Texas to establish a plan to raise A&M to a higher level of achievement.

Bowen said the plan will help state policymakers and the public understand the aspirations of the University.

Friday's event marked the first convocation since A&M's centennial in 1976.

Bowen said the "Capturing the Spirit Campaign," the George Bush Library and the Mexico Study Center are examples of the University's improvements.

University administrators said the convocation will become an annual event.



RYAN ROGERS/THE BATTALION
Texas A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen delivers his State of the University Address at the Academic Convocation Friday afternoon.

Close call



ROBERT MCKAY/THE BATTALION

Paramedic Anna Gronberg directs the ambulance onto Kyle Field as A&M linebacker Chris Thierry lies motionless after experiencing a "stinger" during Saturday's game against Iowa State. Thierry was taken to St. Joseph Regional Health Center after experiencing some numbness following a tackle, but is listed as probable for this week's game against Kansas State. See related story, page 6.

Bush School dedicates Berlin statue

BY JOEY JEANETTE SCHLUETER
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The breakdown of communism in Eastern Europe during former President George Bush's administration was commemorated Saturday with the dedication of a statue at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

"The Day the Wall Came Down" is a statue portraying five horses leaping over broken pieces of the Berlin Wall in Germany. Graffiti reading "Free, free, set them



free" marks the wall with the theme of humankind's desire for freedom.

The bronze statue is 12 feet tall and weighs 7 tons. It is one-and-one-fourth times life size.

Veryl Goodnight, creator of the statue, said she was inspired in a dream to make the sculpture. She said as a child, horses meant freedom to her.

"All my life I can remember seeing horses running free," Goodnight said, "and the fall of the Berlin Wall was a historic moment for the world that to this day has impacted our society."

Goodnight painted names of some Germans who died trying to conquer the wall.

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Forum stresses importance of woman leaders

BY AMANDA SMITH
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The second Aggie Women's Leadership Forum Friday focused on leadership at Texas A&M and the role women have as leaders.

More than 100 Texas A&M students from campus organizations attended the forum in the Clayton Williams Alumni Center.

Dr. Chris Townsend, keynote speaker and an associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Education, said leadership is an art students can improve through involvement in A&M groups.

"Student organizations are leadership laboratories," she said. "Leaders influence others. You have to practice and experiment. The

great and successful have had little successes along the way."

Townsend said the election of Brook Leslie as the first female student body president of Texas A&M is indicative of change at the University.

"We have a significant number of female student leaders," she said. "The environment at Texas A&M is changing. We have a greater number of female students, and these women enjoy the interaction with other leaders."

Christina Hunn, MSC Committee Development director and a junior finance major, said she attended the forum after hearing about the success of the first Aggie Women's Leadership Forum last spring.

"I just hope to gain a better perspective on women's issues and how they affect leaders

on campus," Hunn said. "I do not feel that women are represented as well as they should be in leadership positions on campus. Women are untapped resources."

Dr. Townsend said all students need to take advantage of personal resources and resources of other students.

"I think that all students, both men and women, must focus on leadership and the enhancement of leadership on campus," she said. "If students can practice building coalitions at Texas A&M, they can be successful leaders once they leave campus."

Roy Eriksen, a freshman business administration major, said women need to be represented in leadership positions.

"By coming and attending the forum, I hope to help address some of the needs of fe-

males in the student body," Eriksen said. "I think that the female percentage of the student body is underrepresented. I would like to see more women become leaders and I think that they need to be encouraged to become leaders."

Discussions led by former Texas A&M students focused on finding personal motivation as leaders, applying strategies to motivate other students to take leadership roles and recognizing the importance of women's leadership roles.

Rebecca Downey, a discussion facilitator and Class of '86, said she has seen women advance in leadership roles during the past decade.

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Student donations fund surgery for wounded dog

BY AMANDA SMITH
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Texas A&M students and a Bryan-College Station woman donated money for Marlin, an injured Great Pyrenees found by A&M students, to have an orthopedic operation last Thursday.

More than \$600 was contributed to the Marlin fund for the dog's surgery at the Small Animal Hospital of the College of Veterinary Medicine, which improved his chances of recovery.

On the way to College Station from the Sept. 27 A&M-University of North Texas football game at Texas Stadium, Ryan Wiley, a sophomore education kinesiology major, and Robert Roubion, an MBA operations

graduate student, stopped to aid Marlin, a three-year-old Great Pyrenees that had been hit by a car.

Marlin received operations on his jaw and his front leg at the Kingdom Animal Hospital in Bryan.

However, his leg condition demanded additional surgery.

Peggy Cernuch, a veterinary worker at the Kingdom Animal Hospital, said student contributions made the operation possible.

"We have had an overwhelming response," Cernuch said. "We had a student walk in and donate two-hundred dollars. We have set up a Marlin fund in our computer. It is going to help pay for his hospital and surgery."

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TRAIL BLAZER
Junior running back Sirm Parker was on fire Saturday, leading the Texas A&M Football Team to a 56-17 win over Big 12 foe Iowa State. Parker had an 80-yard touchdown run and a 78-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.
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