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## BRIEFS

### Police, 3 students hurt in fight Sunday

Three University Police officers and three Texas A&M students suffered early Friday morning injuries in a fight that occurred early Friday morning involving a fraternity, University Police Department said. The UPD said the fight occurred at approximately 1:30 a.m. at a fraternity function sponsored by Kappa Alpha in Duncan Dining Hall on campus. Bob Wiatt, UPD director, said the department is searching for one suspect who may be charged with aggravated assault. Wiatt said the suspect is believed to have been a guest at the fraternity party. The suspect fled from the fight after UPD officers attempted to break up the fight. Wiatt said one student suffered a laceration to the head, and two other students suffered minor injuries. Wiatt said the three police officers suffered minor injuries. The cause of the fight has not been determined.

### History of missing alumna to air

Texas A&M former student Fred Cuny will be the subject of "The Last American," an episode in PBS' "Frontline" public affairs series, at 8 tonight on KAMU-TV. Harrison Ford, the narrator of the program, will star in an upcoming movie based on Cuny's work in Cambodia. "Frontline" will discuss the life and disappearance of Fred Cuny, Class of '66, did not graduate from A&M. He disappeared in 1995 on a mission to Chechnya. Cuny was a member of the Corps of Cadets Company I-3, along with Corps Commandant Maj. Gen. T. "Ted" Hoppgood Jr.

### Wreaths on sale to benefit charity

Members of Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity will be selling holiday wreaths through Friday in the MSC hallway to benefit Hospice of Brazos Valley, a nonprofit organization providing care for the terminally ill and their families. The price of the wreaths is \$22 and mailing boxes can be purchased for \$3.50. Alpha Chi Omega members will deliver them the first week in December.

### State awaits court decision on health

LUBBOCK (AP) — A 23-year era of judicial involvement in the state mental health system could end Tuesday if a Dallas federal judge agrees with the assessment of his court monitor. Austin-based monitor David Harris last month approved the new standards at Wichita Falls State Hospital, the last institution to fulfill the requirements listed in a settlement of *RAJ vs. Gilbert*.

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# Author: Science disproves evolution

By ROBERT SMITH  
Senior staff writer

Michael J. Behe, author of "Darwin's Black Box," said Monday night that Charles Darwin's theory of evolution is unsupported and human organisms could not have evolved from lower life forms. "Darwin's theory is stuck in the world of imagination," he said. Behe's presentation at Rudder Auditorium last night was part of the Veritas Forum at A&M.

Behe said Darwin's theory that all organisms are formed through gradual modification does not hold up under scientific observation.

Behe cited the human eye, cilia and bacteria as examples of biological mechanisms that cannot develop from gradual modification, calling them "irreducible complex systems."

"Darwin could not explain where the light sensitive spot on the human eye came from," he said.

Behe has written over 40 research articles

and has been awarded more than \$430,000 in research grant support.

Behe discredited evolution illustrations that have appeared in college textbooks.

He said a recent article in Science magazine textbook illustrations showing similarities between the fetal development of a fish and a human being are "fudged."

"These illustrations are great support of Darwin's theories but they are a fake," he said.

Behe said the artist omitted and added features of the fish embryo and changed the scales on the fish embryo.

Behe said the Journal of Molecular Evolution proves that Darwin's theory of evolution is losing support.

The journal has published more than 1,000 articles in the past 10 years, Behe said, but none of them have proved Darwin's theories.

Behe said scientists often subscribe to Darwin's theories because they are taught to do so.

"Many scientists believe it is bad science to believe that something outside of nature can affect biology."

## Working with stress



DEREK DEMERE/THE BATTALION

Doug Parker, a structural engineering graduate student, works on installing a steel beam at the structural engineering lab Monday. The beams were put in place to test the effects of earthquake magnitude stress on high-rise buildings.

## Representative announces approval of telehealth funds

By JENARA KOCKS  
Staff writer

U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady from the 8th congressional district announced Monday funding for telemedicine is provided by a provision of the balanced budget agreement passed earlier this year by Congress.

Telemedicine uses video links to allow physicians in rural clinics to consult with specialists in major medical centers.

Texas A&M medical professors and a physician from Driscoll Children's Hospital demonstrated the telemedicine technology after a news conference.

Brady said beginning in 1999, the bill will provide for \$100 million to \$200 million for telemedicine services.

However, he said the bill will not pay the expenses for the telecommunication line between two sites.

"What's important about the balance budget bill is it signals that Congress is finally serious about exploring telehealth and telemedicine as a way to bring quality health care affordably to rural Americans," he said.

Brady said A&M is a good place for research on telemedicine because of the University's experience in technology and research.

"The University also brings a measure of Aggie common sense to find these technologies to help everyday Americans," he said.

During the demonstration, Dr. Robert M. Wiprud, Jr., associate professor of family medicine and Scott & White staff physi-

cian, talked to Dr. Lisa Ehl, assistant professor of pediatrics and Scott & White Memorial Hospital staff physician, via television screens and audio equipment.

Ehl told Wiprud what type of medicine to give a nine-year-old girl who has recurrent ear infections.

Wiprud used a camera attached to an otoscope, an instrument used to examine the inside of an ear, to send pictures of the girl's ear through the television to Ehl. He used another small camera to send pictures of the inside of the girl's throat.

Wiprud also consulted John Pastorek, pediatric cardiologist for Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas, about the girl's heart murmur. Wiprud sent an echocardiogram, an ultrasound of the girl's heart, to Pastorek.

Alan W. Wassel, director of sales and marketing at Andries Tek of Austin, assisted Wiprud with the technical equipment. His company makes cameras, such as the ones used to photograph the girl's ear and throat, that allow physicians to zoom in and freeze images of patients on a screen.

Wassel said a one-chip CCD camera can be attached to many of the physicians' instruments.

"Our company takes the conventional instruments that physicians are used to using and allows them to practice the same way they always have," he said. "But it also allows physicians to send an image, once it is turned into an electronic image, anywhere in the world."

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# Senate hears report on Hopwood, other issues

By AMANDA SMITH  
Staff writer

The Faculty Senate heard from Texas A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen Monday about the contingency fund and the Hopwood decision, two major issues facing the Senate during this session.

Bowen said the political environment surrounding Hopwood should be a concern of Texas A&M. He said a Hopwood conference in the spring will discuss solutions for recruiting a diversity of students.

"We would like the scholarly faculty of Texas A&M to be sources of advice," he said. "Hopefully, Texas A&M can have an impact on policies made by the legislature regarding admissions."

Diane Kaplan, a College of

Education senator and visiting assistant professor, said she wants Texas A&M to extend its recruiting methods to areas beyond college nights sponsored by high schools. She said that this might have a greater impact on the diversity of the student body.

"There may be some other ways to attract students that had not considered Texas A&M University initially," Kaplan said.

She said A&M could have more recruiting centers in different cities and regions in Texas to provide information to high-school students.

Also, Bowen said more than 50 proposals were submitted as suggestions for the \$3.5 million contingency fund.

"We asked for proposals that could be accomplished

on a one-time basis for a project with long-term benefits," he said.

Dr. Ronald Douglas, the executive vice president of the Faculty Senate, executive vice president and provost, said a council has identified 20 of the most interesting proposals.

"We then selected about six to seven broad themes," he said. "I appointed a lead dean for each of the themes. Each group is working to develop the programs."

Douglas said that some of the themes focus on areas including campus technology, biological life sciences and the liberal arts programs.

Possible allocations for the contingency fund may be based on the programs designed around the selected themes.

## Jail & Bail

# March of Dimes kicks off annual fund raiser

By JOEY JEANETTE SCHLUETER  
Staff writer

The March of Dimes will begin its annual Jail & Bail fund raiser today at Post Oak Mall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help raise \$40,000 to assist in improving the health of babies in the Brazos Valley.

The event will be in the mall in front of The Gap and American Eagle. The fundraiser will run through Oct. 16.

Sharon Spies Perdue, Jail & Bail event coordinator for the March of Dimes, said the event will simulate an arrest and jailing of well-known personalities and citizens of the Brazos Valley.

"People will be issued a mock arrest warrant," Perdue said, "and they will be responsible for making bail. They will get to make phone calls."

"Keystone Cops" will arrest the jailbirds at their home or workplace and take them to jail.

The jail will be built with six-packs of Seven-Up. Jailbirds, dressed in jail attire, will be offered complimentary food, beverages and a photograph of themselves behind bars.

The jailbirds must phone friends, co-workers or family to bail them out and contribute to March of Dimes.

Perdue said the March of Dimes has enough volunteers to arrest 10 people per day. Volunteers include Brazos County Sheriff Chris Kirk; Maj. David Sahn, tactical training officer for the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets; DJs from KKYS Mix 104.7 and KTEX 106.1 and many restaurant owners and managers.

Sahn will call cadets to raise his bail. Pledge bail will be an average of about \$300 to get out of jail.

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## Dog's Best Friend

# Cadet takes pride in daily duties

By RACHEL DAWLEY  
Staff writer

Since 1960, a sophomore in the Corps of Cadets Company E-2, who is known as the mascot corporal, has been responsible for the care and protection of the Texas A&M mascot, Reveille.

He is seen standing by her side at Aggie football games and yell practices. She attends classes and other University functions with him as well as staying with his family when class is not in session.

Although Reveille spends most of her time with the mascot corporal, Jeff Bailey, this year's mascot corporal and a sophomore agricultural systems management major, said he wants students to know that she also is their mascot.

"She wears the A&M blanket and represents our school," he said. "She is special in the heart of all Aggies because she represents the spirit, traditions and pride that all Aggies brag about."

The legend of Reveille says that the original Reveille was a stray dog brought to campus after being hit by a car full of Aggies returning home from a football game in 1931.

She earned her name the next morning when she howled through the morning "Reveille."

Bailey was named as mascot corporal on Parent's Weekend last year. Reveille spent the summer in San Antonio at Bailey's family home. The American collie traveled more than 13,000 miles to make appearances throughout the state at Aggie Mom's Clubs meetings and other functions.

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Mascot corporal Jeff Bailey escorts Reveille on Kyle Field at the A&M-Iowa State football game Saturday.