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System chancellor elected council chair

Dr. Barry B. Thompson, chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, was elected to a two-year term as chair of the Council of Public Universities and Chancellors at the sun streak group's meeting Oct. 15 in Austin. The purpose of the council, in existence since 1953, is to provide a forum for discussing the needs, concerns and problems of the public universities of Texas and to encourage inter-institutional cooperation in meeting the higher education needs of the citizens of Texas.

Biochemistry prof named AAAS fellow

James R. Wild, head of the Texas A&M Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics and a professor of genetics and toxicology, was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Wild's research includes studies in molecular biology, gene expression and control and enzyme-based bioremediation. He works with scientists in the former Soviet Union on problems with the use of enzyme-producing bacteria to clean up environmental pollution. Wild will be formally inducted during the 1998 AAAS annual meeting in Philadelphia.

League encourages amendment voting

AUSTIN (AP) — Early voting for the Nov. 4 constitutional amendment election is under way in all 54 Texas counties. Under a new law passed by the 1997 Legislature, the voting period begins 17 days before Election Day. That law gave county clerks the option of starting voting as early as last Saturday, with all starting by Monday. While encouraging Texans to do their duty, the League of Women Voters suggested the time has come to overhaul the 121-year-old document and put an end to the long, involved amendment ballots.

Tort reform leads to insurance cuts

HOUSTON (AP) — Texans will save about \$610 million in insurance costs in 1998, with holders of automobile insurance getting the biggest break, Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer and Gov. George W. Bush announced Monday. As a result of tort reform by the Texas Legislature, Bomer was able to order cuts of an estimated \$436 million for 1996 and \$441 million for 1997. Altogether, the cuts for the three years bring the insurance impact of tort reform to \$1.5 billion in savings. The rollbacks stem from 1995 legislation mandating insurance companies pass on to their customers the savings the companies received because of civil justice reforms.

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Council addresses Bonfire profanity

By Robert Smith
Senior staff writer

John Gallemore, Head Stack, said yesterday at a Bonfire Advisory Council meeting that Bonfire leaders have one week to clean up profane statements on the "pots" of workers.

"Our goal is to be able to make substantial progress within a week's time before the University steps in," Gallemore, a senior agricultural business major, said.

Gallemore did not define "substantial progress." He said the progress will be evaluated next week by administrators and Bonfire leaders.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president of student affairs, told Bonfire leaders that the University will take action if the use of profanities is not resolved by next Monday.

"We mutually agreed that one week was the appropriate time for students to assist in no

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HEAD STACK

longer putting profanities on the pots," he said. Southerland, Gallemore and Bonfire adviser Kevin Jackson will meet next Monday to discuss the progress that is made and to determine if the University needs to take action.

Bonfire workers were photographed two weeks ago at stack wearing pots with profane phrases.

Bonfire leaders met in the MSC Monday to discuss weekly activities and to address the language on the pots.

Gallemore said Bonfire leaders will not make any written rules, but will advise Bonfire participants to remove profane statements from their pots.

"We're going to talk to yellowpots, the buttpots and the crew chiefs and tell them this is not in the best interest of Bonfire and the best interest of Bonfire is to clean up the pots and clean up the language," he said.

Students must wear pots for protection when they are working at Bonfire cut or stack site.

Adam Collett, a graduate student, said he saw one shirt and two pots with profane remarks directed at Mandy Cater, a Battalion columnist and a senior psychology major.

Cater wrote a column for Friday's Battal-

ion that addressed the profane pots.

Brad Mavritzen, a junior redpot and a finance major, said he saw a student wearing a shirt with profane sexual remarks aimed at Cater, but said he did not tell them to remove the shirt or leave stack.

"Someone said to me, 'Hey, do we get extra buck (spirit) points if we tell a grody story about Mandy Cater?'" Mavritzen said, "and I said 'Yeah, whatever' and walked off."

Gallemore said he will not allow students who wear T-shirts or pots defaming Cater or any individual to participate in Bonfire.

"If I personally would have seen it, I would have done more than physically remove them from the field," he said. "If I find out who the conspirators are behind the threats I plan to take swift action and ensure they will not come out to Bonfire ever again as long as I am in charge of it."

A bore-ing life



Mike Mizzell, a senior agriculture economics major, mounts and bores a telescope sight for a customer at Sullivan's Outfitters Monday afternoon.

'In-Sync' to visit campus

By Amanda Smith
Staff writer

Glamour magazine will host a carnival in front of Sbisina Dining Hall today and tomorrow as part of a national "In-Sync" college tour.

Texas A&M is the only university in Texas and one of 10 schools in the nation to be featured on the tour.

Jill Meenaghan, merchandising editor for Glamour, said A&M was selected for the tour because of its size and active student body.

"We selected schools that were top schools in the country," she said. "Texas A&M is a strong university with strong student organizations that are receptive to the environment. The University has been receptive to previous events."

As part of the In-Sync tour, different companies will feature free samples, contests, live music and career opportunities from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

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Career Center offers tips on job-searching

Service provides seniors advice, information on comparing prospective employers

By Rachel Dawley
Staff writer

As many Texas A&M seniors continue the job interview process before graduation, the Career Center and recruiters recommend students research companies to find the ones with upward mobility for employees.

Dr. Glen Payne, associate director of the Career Center, said the center provides students with the opportunity to learn about career movement and promotions. He said students should look at different companies before choosing one.

"Some of the best avenues are reading about companies and using career libraries," he said. "Also, students should visit people in the industry, career fairs and company group presentations to see what real people in the company look like."

He said co-ops and internships can help students decide if a company or career is right for them.

Students choose companies on the basis of their value system, Payne said. By comparing and contrasting different companies, students can find which company will be best for them.

"Most students choose a company because of its intellectual challenge," Payne said. "Beyond that, students look for people they like to work with."

The Career Center provides students with information to compare job offers and help narrow choices. Topics including promotion, accountability, characteristics, management style and benefits allow students to assess each company.

Interviews also are an opportunity to learn more about companies.

Corey Pullig, former quarterback of A&M football team and a Class of '96 marketing ma-

job, is an employee at Universal Computing Service. Pullig said students should interview with many companies.

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go into an interview," he said. "This shows that you have interest in the company and they like

to see that. This could set you apart from others and make a difference."

Bernie Milano, partner in charge of recruiting for KPMG Peat Marwick LLP which is a professional consulting service firm, said there are guidelines for recognizing a promotion-friendly job and company.

"You don't want to settle on just any job, but one that will offer an upward-directed career path once you're in the door," Milano said. "Determining whether a company will keep you tied to the same position, or allow you to soar, requires a bit of research and sleuth work."

Milano said students should find positions designed to promote them vertically, rather than horizontally, even if the job has a low salary.

Seniors can learn more about jobs through company literature, the company's Web page, the Career Center and the Association of Former Students.

PROFILES:



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Ray Bowen

By Robert Smith
Senior staff writer

As president of Texas A&M, Dr. Ray M. Bowen is dedicated to improving the status of the University.

"When I get up in the morning, I always worry about what we can do to improve the academics at Texas A&M," he said.

In the summer of '94, Bowen became the 21st president of A&M. Bowen said being president of A&M is comparable to being the mayor of a large city.

"We have the largest hotel and probably the largest restaurant in Texas," he said. "It's a lot like running a city."

Dr. Ronald G. Douglas, executive vice president and provost, is guiding Bowen's leadership in guiding A&M into the 21st century.

"I think he provides a good vision of what he wants and what he wants the University to become," Douglas said.

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Campus Leaders

Nelson Burns

By Amanda Smith
Staff writer

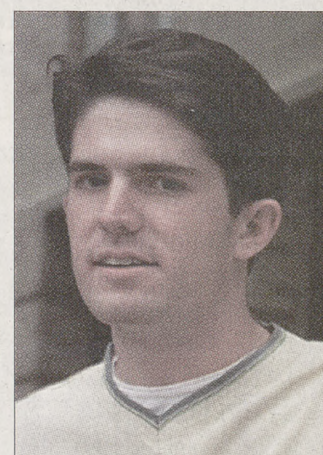
Nelson Burns ran for MSC president because the position gave him the opportunity to contribute to Texas A&M and its traditions.

"It has been a great opportunity (to give back)," he said. "On an internal level, I love the successes. It has been so fulfilling because you see A&M from a different perspective."

The senior international studies major from Deer Park, a suburb of Houston, organizes the 24 committees in the MSC and the 1,500 student volunteers.

As a junior in high school, Burns had not considered attending Texas A&M. He decided to apply to A&M during an on-campus summer conference before his senior year.

"I fell in love with the campus that summer," Burns said. "For me, the best thing about Texas A&M is the opportunities to participate in the traditions. A&M is committed to developing people with strong leadership and communication skills."



Burns

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