

Building Bridges '98 marks the fourth annual conference sponsored by the Regional Addictions Institute of the Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol & Substance Abuse (BVCASA).

The two-day conference, beginning 8:30 a.m. May 7 at Reed Arena, is a community education event cosponsored by the Student Life Alcohol and Drug Education program at Texas A&M University. The confertion in counseling and teaching ence includes 19

speakers in the ar-eas of substance abuse, multicultural education and work with at-risk youth. The reduced- attendance cost for A&M students is \$49.

Mark Scharenbroich, a nationally known speaker and author, will present the "Uncommon Educator.'

flags, things associated with adolescent substance abuse," she said. "Adolescents have a rocky time trying to find their racial, sexual and ethnic identities, and this can lead to drug and alcohol abuse.

Christa Noland, BVCASA education intervention specialist, said the conference will be especially beneficial to students who are interested

Dr. Dennis Reardon, cothe A&M alcohol and drug education said the conference is also beneficial to students who have an interest in alcohol or drug abuse

"I will be trying to get across red flags, with adolescent substance abuse." **Cindy Mathieu** 

issues. Stu-RebeccaWood, conference coor- dents in the alcohol and drug education field can also gain from attending the conference.

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ason Tyner, a junior centerfielder for the Aggie Baseball Team, autographs a photo for Kristen Fleeger, a first grader at Brazos Christian School. risten and her father waited outside Olsen Field to greet the team as they returned home from Sunday's game against Baylor in Waco. With the sees victory over the Bears, the Aggies have clinched the Big 12 Championship and will receive the first seed spot in the Big 12 Tournament May 14 -17 in Oklahoma City. Although the team lost Sunday's game, the 8-1 win Friday at Olsen Field and the 8-4 win in Waco guaranteed the championship to the Aggies who are 21-9 in conference play.

Please see full coverage of this weekend's baseball action on page 5.

dinator and BVCASA education intervention specialist, said the conference is the only major conference of its kind in the area and gives participants 13 hours of continuing education credit.

"It is good for those in this profession to network and share ideas," she said

Cindy Mathieu, a first-time presenter and a doctoral student in counseling psychology at A&M, will pre-

"It's a great opportunity for students in the alcohol and drug education field to further educate themselves and network with people currently in the field about the challenges those working in alcohol and drug abuse are faced with," he said.

Students interested in attending the conference are encouraged to contact Rebecca Wood at 776-7070.

## News **BRIEFS RHA installs 1998-99 officers at meeting**

## Student files suit, uickly reinstated

A Texas A&M University graduate dent filed a lawsuit against as A&M and got her job back the

In the lawsuit, Michele Stephenaccuses Robert Maggio, her s and the previous director of the pping Sciences Laboratory of the s Agricultural Experiment Stan, of firing her for cooperating with lit investigations against Maggio. Stephenson was fired in mid-April. attorney, Phil Banks, said Texas M University officials offered her iob back an hour later.

University audit released on 17 accuses Maggio of misapproing at least \$4,000 in state ds and over \$100,000 in equipnt and personnel funds related to ersonal businesses

## Class schedule hanges this week

lith the approaching week of fi-, Texas A&M University has redethis week's class schedule. lasses that normally meet on Friwill meet this Tuesday to accomate for the Good Friday reading day. his Wednesday and Thursday will ading days.

By Amanda Smith Staff writer

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) officers for the 1998-99 academic year took their posts officially at the meeting last Wednesday night with their eyes cast towards improving life for next year's on-

The RHA officers for 1998-99 were all elected unopposed in the spring student body elections by on-campus residents.

Michael Haughey, former RHA vice president for programs and a junior mechanical engineering major, will serve as the organization's president next year.

"RHA is there for the halls," Haughey said. "I'd like to work with the halls more one on one, and then get the halls to work with each other. The residence halls offer a community to the residents.

Caton Brown, a junior civil engineering major, said he is looking forward to serving the residents as vice president for programs.

'RHA has the potential to be one of the strongest organizations on campus," Brown said. "This organization has a lot of potential that hasn't been tapped yet.'

As vice president for administration, Brown oversees Freshman

Leaders In Progress (FLIP), RHA Casino Night '99 and service and social programming on the board

Mike Trachta, former director of technology on the RHA executive board and a sophomore computer engineering major, will serve as the vice president for administration.

"I want to increase the visibility of RHA," Trachta said. "A lot of people are impacted by RHA."

All students living on campus automatically qualify for membership in RHA.

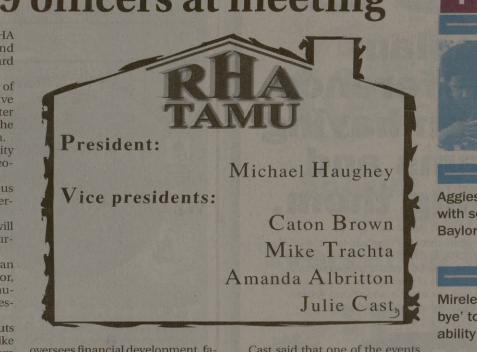
Two of the officer positions will be held by students who are currently freshmen.

Amanda Albritton, a freshman agricultural development major, said she looks forward to continuing her work with RHA as vice president for operations.

"I want to work on getting inputs from the students, and I would like to publicize more and let them know what we can do for them," Albritton said. "We would like to see more programming within the halls

Albritton said that increasing coprogramming between the halls and facilitating hall leadership training are among her top priorities for efforts in the fall.

The vice president for operations



oversees financial development, facilities and operations and training and technology.

As vice president for relations and a freshman marketing major, Julie Cast said she wants to use her position to help improve RHA.

The vice president for relations oversees operations by the External Affairs and Public Relations and **Publications Committees.** 

Cast said that one of the events that she is looking forward to the TRHA'99 conference that Texas A&M will host in the spring of next year.

"The conference is going to be a great way for us show off and to expose Texas A&M (to other universities)," Cast said. "It's going to be an opportunity for universities to share leadership skills and ideas with one another."

In He Got Game. **Denzel Washington** leads the cast as the father of a young basketball player. See Page 3

Aggies capture Big 12 title with series victory over **Baylor Bears.** 

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