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Orientation leaders prepare incoming freshmen for life at Texas A&M.

THE BATTALION

Arrest attempt ends in chase

By Rod Machen
City Editor

A 26-year-old male was arrested on campus early yesterday morning for multiple violations, including possession of crack cocaine. College Station police pulled over a car driven by Charles Edward Williams Sr. of Bryan near the intersection of Welborn Rd. and Joe Routt Blvd. after he ran a red light. After police stopped the car, Williams did not give the officers a driver's license. The police then un-

successfully attempted to identify the passengers. When police attempted to arrest Williams, he fled across Welborn into main campus. During the chase he discarded his shoes and a small, white package. Officers apprehended Williams near All Faiths Chapel. The package was a plastic baggie that contained six rocks of suspected crack cocaine, weighing 1.4 grams. Once he was identified, officers determined Williams had outstanding warrants.

He was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, evading arrest, as well as the outstanding warrants. Sgt. Cannon Purdue of the College Station Police Department said crack cocaine is not uncommon in College Station. "It is one of the main sources of narcotics that people get arrested for," Purdue said. Although College Station police do not patrol the campus, they do have the jurisdiction to make arrests anywhere in the city.

Cloning ethics up for debate

By Angie Summers
Staff Writer

MSC Great Issues will host a lecture, "Drawing the Line: Technology and the Ethics of Cloning," with three A&M faculty members Thursday to discuss the cloning issues that continue to stir controversy around the world. Japan joined the cloning bandwagon Sunday when researchers announced they had produced the first twin calves by cloning somatic (non-reproductive) cells taken from an adult cow. Researchers say their goal is superior animals, which yield superior by-products, such as beef and milk. Others worry about the potential for abuses and unknown genetic dangers. Thirteen European countries have signed the first international ban on human cloning, although they support cell cloning for research. MSC Great Issues chair Carrie Garcia, a junior political science major, said she is more concerned about cloning since the recent production of calves in Japan. "The cloning seemed more controversial," Garcia said. "Their justification is better meat and milk pro-

duction. I don't think that's a good reason to be cloning animals." Dr. James R. Wild, professor and head of the department of biochemistry and biophysics and a genetics faculty member, spoke on cloning last summer at a similar MSC Great Issues lecture. Wild will be joined by Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, professor and head of the Department of Humanities in Medicine at the Texas A&M University Health Science Center, and Dr. Duane C. Kraemer, D.V.M., professor and associate dean for research in the College of Veterinary Medicine. Garcia said MSC Great Issues decided to reignite the cloning discussion on campus because of technological advances in the field in the past year. "Last summer it was a big hit, especially with veterinary and medical and graduate students," Garcia said. "but the program is for the whole student body." Garcia said the speakers will update students on cloning advances and ethical issues and also answer students' questions. "We will be briefed on the technology over the past year," she said, "and then we will try to assess what is ethically wrong and what is ethically okay." Dr. Saatkamp said the topic is timely and relevant to every student. "I don't know why students wouldn't be interested," he said. "From animal and human cloning to the Human Genome Project, it's all interesting." The Human Genome Project is an international organization of scientists, whose initiative is to map and sequence the human genome, the complete package of genetic material for a living thing. Dr. Saatkamp said he will discuss his support of animal cloning and also human cloning in certain circumstances. A reception will immediately follow the lecture in Koldus 110, where students will be able to interact with the panelists.

Border agents killed in gunbattle



SAN BENITO, Texas (AP) — Two Border Patrol agents were shot to death and a sheriff's deputy was injured Tuesday morning in a gunbattle with suspects who were fleeing from another shooting. The suspects took off again and were stopped later. Officers wounded one gunman and another fled and was barricading himself from authorities, officials said. The initial incident occurred around 5:30 a.m. in Rio Hondo, a Harlingen suburb. Cameron County Sheriff's Department officers chased the suspects' white pickup truck, but they lost sight of the vehicle and called for help, San Benito police patrol Albert Aguirre said. Two Border Patrol agents from the McAllen Sector were the first to reach the truck and pull it over, Aguirre said, adding that a Cameron County deputy arrived soon after. An exchange of gunfire killed a female Border Patrol agent and a male colleague, agency spokesperson Letty Garza in McAllen said. The deputy was wounded and taken to Valley Baptist hospital in Harlingen. Identities were not immediately available. A second pursuit ensued, ending about 10 miles southeast in San Benito. "The only thing we have is

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Cadet pretrial hearings begin

Jury prospects questioned about publicity's effect

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — The judge in the capital murder trial of former Air Force Academy cadet David Graham began questioning potential jurors individually Tuesday morning about how publicity on the case may have affected them. Judge Don Leonard excused five who said they already had formed an opinion about the case. At mid-morning yesterday, Leonard had questioned 12 of the 30 people summoned for interviews Tuesday morning. "Some of you, or maybe most of you, have heard about this case," Leonard told prospective jurors as they assembled throughout the day Monday. "It is critically important that you set aside what you may have heard." Because of extensive news media coverage, particularly in North Texas, the judge moved Graham's trial from Fort Worth in Tarrant County to this town 30 miles northeast of San Antonio. Graham's ex-fiancee, Diane Zamora, who had been a Naval Academy cadet, was convicted of capital murder in February in Fort Worth and is serving a life sentence. Both Graham and Zamora were charged with killing 16-year-old Adrienne Jones, a high school classmate with whom Graham allegedly had a brief romantic fling. Prosecutors allege Zamora became jealous and or-

dered Graham to kill the girl. Graham, 20, sat attentively and showed an occasional smile in court Monday. As he was introduced to the jury pool, Graham, wearing a dark blue suit and sporting a short haircut, stood up straight and appeared confident beside his three lawyers. At the request of the victim's family, prosecutors did not seek the death penalty against Graham or Zamora. The other possible punishment for a capital murder conviction is life in prison. "Any time there's a case when the co-defendant has been convicted on the front page of every newspaper in the country, it'd be folly not to think it's a difficult case," Cogdell said. "How difficult? Time will tell." Cogdell said he hasn't decided if Graham will testify. "I wish he would," Parrish said of the possibility. "I think it would benefit the state." Perhaps the most damaging piece of evidence against Graham is a confession he spent two hours typing while detained in a military lockup in Colorado nine months after the Dec. 4, 1995, slaying. According to the statement, Zamora hid in the back of her parents' car while Graham, her high school sweetheart, drove Jones to an isolated lake. Then Zamora hit Jones in the head with a dumbbell weight and Graham allegedly shot Jones. The two weren't arrested until the following September after they'd both left Texas to attend the military academies. On Monday, Judge Leonard asked nearly 200 potential jurors as a group whether they knew any of the figures in the case and whether they had criminal charges against them or other circumstances preventing jury service. A total of 20 were excused Monday, leaving 161 people in the pool. The judge is questioning the jury pool himself through Thursday. The defense and prosecution attorneys will question prospective jurors early next week. "The real story here will be if David Graham gets off lighter than capital murder," prosecutor Mike Parrish said. Defense attorney Dan Cogdell, noting the judge's gag order, declined Monday to answer questions from reporters about his defense strategy. He acknowledged the trial will be a tough one for the defense.

Shake it up



Bernadette Hinojosa, a junior environmental design major, makes a Snickers latte for a customer at a local coffeehouse Tuesday afternoon.

NEWS BRIEFS

from staff and wire reports

- A&M engineers honored by NSF** An unusual number of Texas A&M University engineering faculty members have received recognition this year as some of the top young researchers in the country. Five Texas A&M engineering faculty members have been selected to receive Faculty Early Career grants from the National Science Foundation this year. The NSF awarded \$40 million in these grants nationally to help promising young scientists and engineers develop simultaneously their contributions to research and education. The 360 awardees nationally were selected from nearly 2,000 applicants. The honorees include Dr. Daniel Cox, civil engineering; Dr. Theresa Good, chemical engineering; Dr. Lawrence Rauchwerger and Dr. Reynolds Medical Building. All members of the faculty and staff are invited to the reception, sponsored by the Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine.
- Pass rates up for African-Americans** Texas Assessment of Academic Skills pass rates for African-American students increased by approximately 80 percentage points between 1992 and 1997. Despite these gains, the 1997 pass rate of 55.7 percent for these students still trailed the pass rate of 84.9 percent for white students by a substantial margin. A first step in improving African-American test scores is to identify school districts that do a better job of educating African American students, researchers at Texas A&M University and the University of Texas-Pan American said.
- Saatkamp leaves medical school** Herman J. Saatkamp Jr., professor and head of the Department of Humanities in Medicine will soon take leave from Texas A&M University. A farewell reception in his honor will be held on July 17 at 3 p.m. in the lobby of the Joe H.