

Bird's eye view



Chris Powell, a sophomore business major, flies a Cessna 172 over the Texas A&M campus Saturday afternoon. Powell has been flying for 2 years and has accumulated over 175 flying hours.

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PROGRAM

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On the fourth point, Brown said there easily would be enough students and faculty to support the program.

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After Brown's report was finished, President Bowen addressed the board.

He began by addressing what he saw as misconceptions about the request.

Some critics, notable UH President Arthur Smith, have said the affiliation circumvents the Coordinating Board. Bowen said A&M has proceeded deliberately and kept the Board up to date on all of its plans, including a meeting with the Universities Committee of the Board within two weeks of signing the affiliation.

"We want to work with the coordinating board," he said. "No official advice went unheeded."

Bowen said there are no plans to go to the state legislature in order to ratify the affiliation, and the agreement does not create a public law school in Houston.

About future requests for state money for South Texas, Bowen said, "All participants are resolute in keeping South Texas College of Law private."

Bowen said the Board's normal criteria does not adequately address this agreement.

"A public-private partnership needs a new set of criteria," he said. "The commissioner said there is no need for a public law school, but this is a private school with a partnered public university."

Responding to Brown's comments about enhancing A&M's image, Bowen said, "We have not asked you to enhance our image, but to enhance our academic programs."

After Bowen finished, Board member Jodie Jiles

of Houston attempted to resolve what he saw as the most confusing part of the debate: whether the request was a public or private issue.

Brown said he thought because the matter involved a public school, it was a public issue, while Bowen said the law school would remain private, making this a private issue. With no resolution, the two parties agreed to disagree.

Bowen said the affiliation mirrors agreements found in business. He said A&M was outsourcing a law degree from South Texas, in the same way businesses put their names on products they have someone else build for them.

Douglas Harlan of San Antonio said, "The Coordinating Board didn't judge the affiliation, but expanding of the table of programs."

However, Brown's report dealt extensively with the affiliation with South Texas.

William Atkinson of Bryan, who along with Wendy Marsh of Amarillo, was one of the two Board members to support the request, said money for education is scarce.

"We've got to look at other ways to fund our needs in higher education," he said. "I think public-private partnerships are essential. I think we are sending the wrong message."

Steve Late of Odessa said money was the problem.

"Taxpayer money made the A&M brand name what it is," Late said.

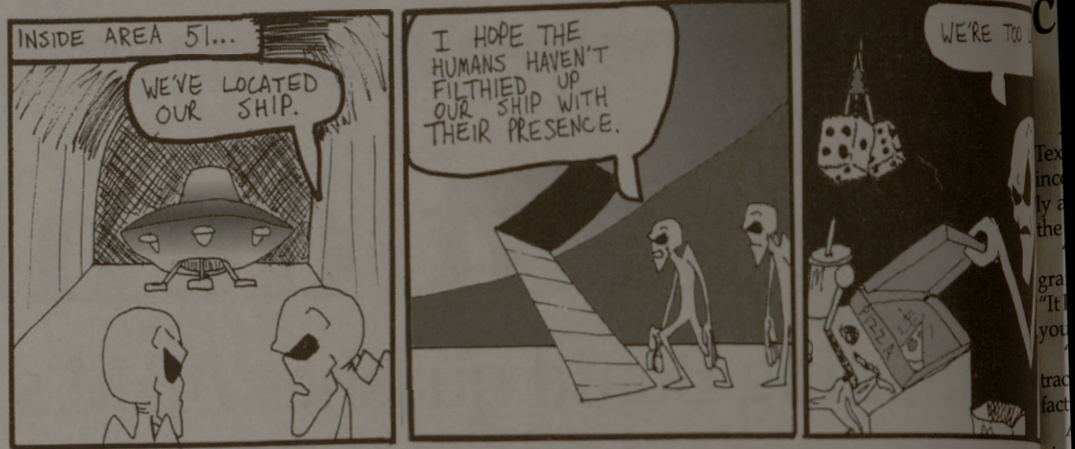
Late cited Michigan State University as an example of a public-private partnership. MSU has a similar affiliation with a private law school, and after a few years, public funds were requested for the school.

Marsh told the Board it should not be influenced by outside events such as the lawsuit South Texas has brought against the Board claiming the Board is outside of its jurisdiction. She said the Board should be thankful for getting a law school for free.

"It is a gift," she said. "I think we should be open to these things."

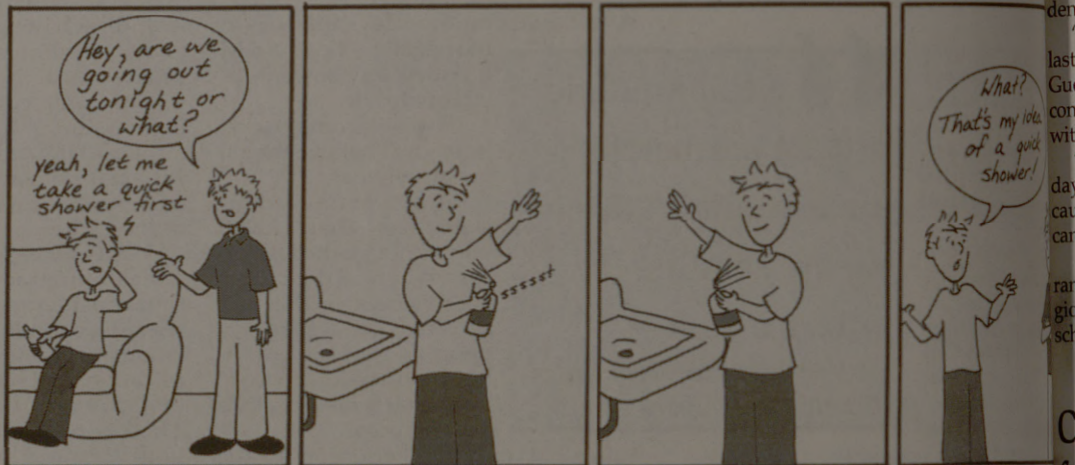
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Olson said Texas has a history of being associated with widespread mosquito populations, usually in the southern part of the state near the coast, but particularly around the salt marshes on the coastal plains.

"There is no region in Texas that is exempt," he said. "Some species of mosquitoes have been able to utilize whatever resources of water they can find."

Olson said there are 84 species of mosquitoes in Texas, and at this time of year, there is one species residents may encounter more than others.

"One species thrives in drought season — the southern house mosquito," he said. Known more commonly by the aforementioned name, *Culex quinquefasciatus* is characterized by a dark to light brown color with creamy white markings on the top of its abdomen.

Olson said one mistake people often make about the mosquito concerns the transfer of encephalitis.

"The mosquito is a carrier," he said. "Birds are the source of the virus."

Olson said there are a wide variety of songbirds and ground dwellers such as pigeons that are the source of encephalitis, but even after a mosquito contracts the virus and transfers it to a human, the bite usually does not warrant an emergency health concern.

"Most people in the prime of their lives and in health only suffer flu-like symptoms and are treated accordingly," he said. "Young children and older people whose immune systems are just developing or are in stages of deterioration are susceptible to the more severe effects, such as paralysis, convulsions or even death."

On encephalitis, the advisory states, "Symptoms include fever; nausea and/or vomiting; stiff neck; changes in mental function such as sleepiness, confusion and disorientation; and trembling or loss of muscle control."

In order to avoid these symptoms and keep people healthy, especially when they come in contact with mosquitoes, re-

search on the insects is

ty, Olson said.

The Texas A&M Department of Entomology has been studying the susceptibility of *quinquefasciatus* to insecticides, running tests on new control products and agricultural practices with mosquito populations.

"We've been doing this for years," Olson said. "The mosquitoes are my whole life."

Olson said although view mosquitoes as nothing more than irritating insects, he provides advice to animals and humans. "Disease, and this is not cold, is good," he said. "It nates overpopulation."

"They [mosquitoes] are food sources for birds, flies and fish. If we ever get a certain species of mosquito, something would come to replace it."

Until the lab tests are from Austin, research on mosquitoes will continue in Texas and people thrive in a return to nature after last week's tragic death of year-old Bryan resident.

Memorial Student Center 1998 Summer Calendar of Events

Dive into Summer!

June

- 9 Film Society *Ghostbusters* 9:30 p.m. Rudder Fountain
- 10 L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness Community, Household & Status of Hacienda Tabi, Yucatan, Mexico and Environmental Policies in Bolivia 7 p.m. Rudder 510
- 11 Town Hall Poolside with Polygram 2-4 p.m. Rec. Center Outdoor Pool (A valid Texas A&M ID is required.)
- 13 Visual Arts Tour of San Antonio's Art Museums (Cost: \$10 Texas A&M students; \$20 all others)
- 13 Cepheid Variable *Anime Series* 2 p.m. Biochemistry 107-108
- 16 Great Issues and Political Forum *Open Microphone* 11:30-12:30 p.m. Rudder Fountain
- 16 Town Hall *Hypnotist Rich Ames* 8:30 p.m. Rudder Theater
- 18 Town Hall *Lunch Box Concert* 2-4 p.m. Rec. Center Outdoor Pool (A valid Texas A&M ID is required.)
- 18 NOVA *Gaming Night at Hullabaloo* 6-9 p.m. MSC Bowling and Games Area
- 19 Black Awareness *Juneteenth Celebration* 12:30 p.m. MSC Flag Room
- 20 NOVA *SarduKahn* 11 a.m.-11 p.m. MSC 138-146
- 25 Town Hall Poolside with Polygram 2-4 p.m. Rec. Center Outdoor Pool (A valid Texas A&M ID is required.)
- 25 Cepheid Variable *Pleiades Reading Circle* 7 p.m. MSC 145
- 27 Cepheid Variable *Anime Series* 2 p.m. Biochemistry 107-108
- 30 Film Society *Sixteen Candles* 9:30 p.m. Rudder Fountain

July

- 9 Great Issues *Drawing the Line—Technology and the Ethics of Cloning* 4 p.m. Koldus 110
- 9 NOVA *Gaming Night at Hullabaloo* 6-9 p.m. MSC Bowling and Games Area
- 9 Town Hall Poolside with Polygram 2-4 p.m. Rec. Center Outdoor Pool (A valid Texas A&M ID is required.)
- 10 Visual Arts Tour of Houston's Corporate Art Collections (Cost: \$10 Texas A&M students only)
- 14 Film Society *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* 9:30 p.m. Rudder Fountain
- 16 Town Hall *Lunch Box Concert* 2-4 p.m. Rec. Center Outdoor Pool (A valid Texas A&M ID is required.)
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- 24-26 NOVA *Battle Con* 3 p.m. Fri.-2 p.m. Sun. MSC 224-225
- 25 Visual Arts Tour of Galveston's Historic Homes (Cost: \$10 Texas A&M students; \$20 all others)
- 28-29 OPAS *Broadway Cabaret* 7:30 p.m. College Station Conference Center at 1300 George Bush Drive (Cost: \$2 Texas A&M students; \$5 all others)
- 30 Town Hall Poolside with Polygram 2-4 p.m. Rec. Center Outdoor Pool (A valid Texas A&M ID is required.)

August

- 1 Cepheid Variable *Anime Series* 2 p.m. Biochemistry 107-108
- 6 Town Hall Poolside with Polygram 2-4 p.m. Rec. Center Outdoor Pool (A valid Texas A&M ID is required.)
- 26-28 Fall Leadership Conference Trinidad, Texas
- 27 Cepheid Variable *Pleiades Reading Circle* 7 p.m. MSC 145

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