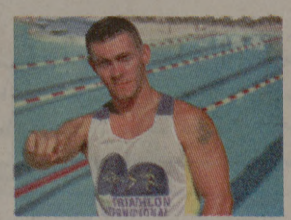


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## Getting medieval



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**Lee Cockerham** (Knight Kief av Kiersted) duels **David Shipman** (Lord Thomas O'toole) on Simpson Drill Field. The two are members of the Society for Creative Anachronism which recreates the skills, science and art of the Middle Ages.

## Party welcomes new students from across the globe

BY MEREDITH HIGHT  
The Battalion

Merengue music, the Backstreet Boys and techno beats all got equal play Saturday night at the International Student Party held at the Ramada Inn.

The party, hosted by the International Student Association (ISA) and the Panamanian Student Association, was an opportunity to welcome international (as well as American students) to Texas A&M in a social environment.

Tatsuki Ohashi, president of the International Student Association and a senior international studies major originally from Japan, said she saw the party as a good social event.

"It is a way to get everyone together and to meet new people the first week of school," she said.

The partygoers, estimated at around 500 to 600 people, were a diverse group of undergraduate and graduate students who hail from England, Venezuela, India, France, Tanzania and many other countries.

Cayetana Garcia, a senior English major from Tamaulipas, Mexico, said the party represented a variety of cultures.

"You have all kinds of cultures here, and great music. I can dance to everything — the merengue, the salsa. There's also Mediterranean and Middle Eastern dances," she said.

Will Hurd, president of the Memorial Student Center and a senior computer science and international studies major, said the party was a success.

"It was a great party. No matter where you come from, or what language you speak, everyone understands the international language of music," he said.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Student Life offers housing discussion

The Department of Student Life encourages all overassignments and their roommates to attend the overassignment meetings to be held tonight and Tuesday from 5:45 to 6:45 PM in 201 MSC.

Ron Sasse, director of Residence Life, said the meeting is an open forum to answer questions about the present overassignment situation.

"We will answer questions and present the latest general information," Sasse said.

Concerns about overassignment living, such as the location of extra furniture, will be covered in the meeting.

"We want to make the situation as comfortable as possible," Sasse said.

Students can attend one or both of the meetings. Refreshments will be available.

#### Arizona man believed owner of 'Missy'

An Arizona millionaire may be the owner of Missy, according to a report by the Austin bureau of the Dallas Morning News.

Dog registration and other records point to John G. Sperling, 77, as the owner of the husky-mix scheduled to be the first dog cloned.

Sperling, the founder of the for-profit University of Phoenix, is believed to be the donor of \$2.3 million to the dog-cloning project at Texas A&M.

#### A&M profs to address Congress on Medicare

Thomas Saving, a distinguished professor of economics and director of the Private Enterprise Research Center at Texas A&M, and Andrew Rettenmaier, an associate research scientist in the center, will present a Medicare reform plan to the National Bipartisan Committee on the Future of Medicare at the U.S. Capitol on Tuesday. Saving and Rettenmaier's proposal replaces the present Medicare system with a plan that requires workers to invest part of their income to cover medical insurance and treatment costs once they leave the work force.

#### College of Education offers 'Dean for Day'

Tickets are now on sale for a chance to become "Dean for a Day" in the College of Education. The second annual event will benefit the Peggy Ritchey Endowed Scholarship Fund. Tickets are on sale in all the college's departmental main offices for \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be held at the Development Council Awards Breakfast Sept. 25. The winner will be Dean for a Day on Oct. 2. This fund-raiser is open to all students, faculty and staff members in the College of Education.

### CAREER CENTER

## Life after sports

**Aggie athletes take advantage of help for their futures after athletics**

BY AMANDA SMITH  
The Battalion

John Scheschuk has his feet set on a professional baseball career after he graduates from Texas A&M. But the se-sp-eech communications major and first baseman of the baseball team said going to the career center is not his only alternative future career.

"There are a lot of guys in my class who do not know what to do after (college) graduation," Scheschuk said. "The Career Center is a very good way to get your foot in the door."

Jennifer Bohac, assistant director of placement for the Career Center, said approximately 10 percent of the 450 student-athletes at Texas A&M hope for a professional athletic career, only about three percent make the cut.

Athletes is a joint effort of the Career Center and the Texas A&M Athletics Department to introduce career options to students before graduation.

Career Services for Student-Athletes is housed in 206 Koldus, but Bohac said her position is funded by the athletic department.

"Our goals are all the same and that is to help the student-athletes," Bohac said. "We work with the coaching staff and have been pleased with their support of the program."

Students and student-athletes looking for a career can enroll in CAEN 102, a course sponsored by the Center for Academic Enhancement that is designed to help students make more informed career choices.

"The main difference between students and student-athletes is that athletes come in

with a focus on athletics," Bohac said. "They are in the spotlight and are sometimes held to higher standards. I start working with the athletes recruited right out of high school because we want to try to make it encompassing for everyone."

Scheschuk said he took the career class as a sophomore at Texas A&M.

"(With athletics) six days a week, you have to be able to balance all (academics and athletics) together," Scheschuk said. "I think the class should be a requirement."

Bohac said Texas A&M is one of the first universities to include a career program for athletes.

"We share a lot of information (about the class) with schools across the country," Bohac said.

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## A&M Career Center offers expanded campus services

BY AMANDA SMITH  
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Aggies are a valuable commodity in today's job market and the Career Center is expanding its services across campus to meet the demand.

Wayne Terrell, associate director of the Career Center, said the center questioned colleges across campus to determine whether they wanted a career adviser.

"These (colleges) are looking for expertise in the areas that we have," Terrell said. "The idea is to get somebody closer to the students, to discuss their career paths, to network."

The Career Center, located in 206 Koldus, is divided into three sections: placement, co-op education and career education.

Through an extension of services offered by the Career Center, career advisers will be placed in the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Business and the College of Life Sciences.

An additional adviser will serve student members of the Corps.

Applications for these positions are currently being reviewed and the administration has already approved the placement of career advisers, Terrell said.

Depending on the demands of the colleges, advisers may work part-time or full-time.

The specialized career advising stems from services provided for student-athletes, a joint effort between the Texas A&M Athletic Department and the Career Center.

Jennifer Bohac, assistant director of placement for the Career Center, said the program has been successful and she supports expansion to other groups on campus.

"My goal is to help every student that needs help," Bohac said. "I am glad the Career Center is moving in that direction."

## Fraternities ready for fall rush

BY MELISSA JORDAN  
The Battalion

All Interfraternity rush has begun, and with it comes a week of varied activities for hundreds of Aggie men. Outside the MSC today, individual fraternity chapters will have information tables set up near Rudder Fountain for prospective members to find out more about their chapter and the activities they will be held throughout the week. Men who have not registered for rush will also be able to sign up to participate in rush week activities.

Ameron Ingram, vice president of the Interfraternity Council and a senior finance major, said rush is a fun event for men.

Rush events are an alcohol-free environment that young men can come out and meet other young men at Texas A&M University," Ingram said.

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## Open House

**Campus organizations display themselves at MSC**

BY NONI SRIDHARA  
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Swarms of students flooded the MSC Sunday for the fall semester Open House, where they got a chance to preview the various organizations and clubs at Texas A&M.

Student government, religious associations, international associations, service organizations, honor societies, sports and recreation, dance and music and academic organizations were among those represented at Open House.

Recruiters at each table handed out flyers that gave students a brief description of their organization and their mission and goals.

While some students chose to sit down and mark the places on the maps of the booths they were going to visit, others chose to roam the two floors of the MSC to discover new things.

Tyler McCullough, a junior chemical engineering major, said he discovers something new each time he attends Open House.

"This is my third year to be doing this, and every time I come I broaden my horizons just by walking around. It's neat to have such a wide range of choices. You can go from the traditional clubs such as MSC Class Councils to the more eclectic such as Academie Vampirica," McCullough said.

For those wanting a break from the crowds, there was a medley of entertainment both inside in the MSC Flagroom and outside by Rudder Fountain. Performance groups included Ballet Folklorico Celestial and the TAMU Women's Chorus. Students could also register for door prizes sponsored by the MSC Bookstore that were being given away every hour throughout the event.



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Aggie Wranglers perform Sunday at the MSC Open House. The dance group performs at various campus events during the year.