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Senate takes on Northgate racism

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In light of reports of racially-motivated assaults and harassment in the Northgate area, the External Affairs Committee of the Student Senate is having a meeting tonight to gather input from students.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 146 Koldus. Many organizations are planning to send delegates, and the meeting is open to the general public.

These incidents were first brought to the attention of Jim Reynolds, director of the MSC, by Rabbi Peter Tarlow.

Tarlow, a rabbi at the Hillel Foundation, is a clergyman for the

College Station Police Department and is involved with multicultural activities on campus. Tarlow discussed the racially-motivated incidents that occurred with Reynolds.

Tarlow said students mostly of Asian and Indian heritage have had tomatoes and oranges thrown at them from moving vehicles, and have been verbally assaulted and chased by automobiles.

Reynolds brought this activity to the attention of the Student Senate.

David Byrd, chair of the External Affairs Committee and a graduate student in agricultural education, said there have been enough incidents to warrant an investigation. He said it is not clear whether the perpetrators are students, locals or others.

"We are hoping that it is not students," Byrd said. "If that is the case, we are hoping that these people will realize that it is their fellow Aggies they are assaulting."

According to Byrd, students have been verbally harassed, have had racial slurs shouted at them and have been threatened.

Incidents of bottles being thrown at students have also been reported.

Byrd also said many of the people being harassed are afraid to go to the authorities for fear of retaliation. This reluctance to speak with the authorities makes them even more susceptible to attacks.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Clinic sponsors bone marrow drive

As the nation observes National Marrow Awareness Month throughout September, the National Marrow Donor Program and Scott & White, an NMDP Donor Center, are "Celebrating Second Chances" provided by unrelated marrow transplants.

Two drives are scheduled in College Station to register individuals who are interested in being on the registry.

The first drive will be held today at the Scott & White Clinic, 1700 University Drive, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The second will be held tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A blood drive will also be held at the same times and places.

State Dept. invites prof to celebration

Clinton J. Machann, an English professor at Texas A&M, has been invited to Washington, D.C., by the U.S. State Department and the Czech Embassy to take part in activities celebrating the 80th anniversary of the founding of Czechoslovakia in 1918.

Machann and his wife Ginny will attend a reception for Vaclav Havel, current president of the Czech Republic, which is being hosted by Vice President Al Gore. The Machanns also have been invited to attend a reception in honor of Havel and his wife hosted by Czech Ambassador Alexandr Vondra.

In October, Machann will join a group of 25 scholars from the United States, Canada, the Czech Republic and Slovakia in an all-day academic seminar on the "Birth of Czechoslovakia" at the Library of Congress.

In his contribution to the program, Machann will emphasize the enthusiastic support shown by Texas Czechs in 1918 for the new Czechoslovak republic and for Tomas Masaryk, its first president.

Honor society aims to host convention

This fall, 10 officers of Pi Tau Sigma, a national mechanical engineering honor society, will attend the national convention at Tuskegee University in Alabama.

Apart from participating in the usual business sessions, these officers will make a bid to host the convention in 2000 at Texas A&M.

If the bid is successful, over 150 upper-level and graduate students will visit campus.

Bush promotes Robin Hood laws

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush traveled to West Texas on Monday, touting his plan to pump \$3.6 billion of the budget surplus into public education and promising his proposal would further diminish reliance on the state's Robin Hood program.

Later on the campaign trail, Bush also said he would consider early next year whether he would run for president.

"Next spring, I'll take a look," he said while in Arlington.

In Amarillo and Lubbock, Bush discussed Texas' school funding system, which currently relies on a combination of state aid, local property taxes and some federal money. The Robin Hood law requires school districts with the most property wealth to share with poorer districts.

Photographic moment



Jennifer Harbert, the repair technician at Campus Photo, inspects a Graflex camera. The Graflex was the last professional camera made in the United States.

Greeks discuss football block seating

BY MELISSA JORDAN
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Presidents from fraternities and sororities on campus will gather tonight for the first meeting of the Greek presidents' round table.

Scott Phelan, graduate assistant in the Department of Student Life, said the purpose of the meeting is to build a better Greek community at Texas A&M.

The presidents' round table will meet each month to give individual chapters the chance to communicate and discuss future plans.

Plans for block seating at football games and improvements in rush activities are topics that will be addressed at the meeting.

With approval already received from the athletic department, Greek organizations are planning to sit together in a designated section

of the third deck.

The Greek block seating will be similar to the block of seats members of the Corps of Cadets presently occupy at football games.

Scott Lovejoy, president of the Interfraternity Council and a senior management information systems major, said the Greek block seating will give sorority and fraternity members the chance to interact with members of other chapters.

Construction, expansion create need for bike racks

BY PATRICK PEABODY
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Department of Parking, Transportation and the Physical Plant are taking measures to solve parking problem on campus rack overcrowding.

Williams, the assistant director of PTTS, said bikes have little priority in the past.

"There has been no focus on the past, period," Williams said. "They are always an endless mess with."

One of the most overcrowded areas of the bike racks around the building, Mike Goldwater, plant director for Facilities Maintenance and Renovation, said overcrowding at Blocker is temporary.

"The overcrowding is due to the work going on in the building," Goldwater said. "Contractors needed a lay area for supplies, and some racks were covered."

Goldwater also said they were at some solutions. "Some extra racks are really

needed," Goldwater said. "we will put in some temporary bike racks."

Most of the emphasis on new bike racks is centered on the new Student Computing Center.

Texas A&M. President Ray M. Bowen said he noticed there was a problem with the bike parking while he was walking by the building.

"I noticed bikes hanging off of railings," Bowen said, "and it didn't take a genius to know that we needed more bike racks."

In a joint venture, PTTS and the Physical Plant are looking in to the installation of new racks by the computing center.

Goldwater said the racks are inexpensive and will not cause student fees to increase.

"We will use our [Facilities Maintenance and Renovations] revenues and some left over department funds to buy the new racks," Goldwater said. "The cost varies, but the racks generally cost between \$35 to \$40 a rack. It is more expensive if a concrete slab is needed."

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Women administrators show A&M's progress

BY BRYAN BUCKMAN
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In the 35 years since women were first admitted to Texas A&M, they have made significant progress not only in the student body but in the administration as well.

Mary Jo Powell, the associate director of University relations said the role of women on campus has greatly increased during her time with the University.

"Women have become an increasingly important part of the student body, the faculty and the administration, and we expect their role to increase," Powell said.

Powell said that since she has worked for the University, two associate vice presidents and the dean of faculties were held by women.

"Women have arrived," said Mary Miller, the associate vice president of administration, who is one of the highest ranking female administrators at the University.

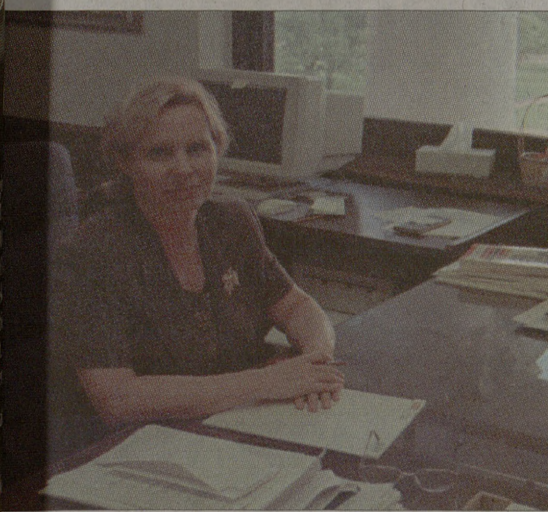
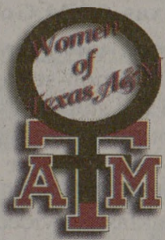
"In the 12 years I've been here, I've seen substantial progress, though not as great as everyone would have liked," Miller said. "Twelve years ago there were no women in upper management that I know of, today there have been female deans, academic department heads, assistant and associate vice-presidents and provosts and the senior associate athletic director. Most of those

positions were never previously occupied by women."

Miller said she often attends Student Senate meetings and is amazed by the progress women have made among the student body.

"I see so many women student senators, including the speaker of the Senate, and the president of the student body. The progress women have made since I arrived in 1986 is remarkable," she said.

Miller said although the gains are great, there is still progress to be made. "Women still need to enter the top levels of the administration," Miller said. "I would like to see a female vice president. I believe that by reaching out and mentoring we can and should continue to raise women into those positions."



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Miller, associate vice president of administration, has worked at Texas A&M since 1986.