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A&M forfeits win over Louisiana Tech Armenta passes Senate approval

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Texas A&M has forfeited its 28-7 victory over Louisiana Tech University because senior A&M running back D'Andre "Tiki" Hardeman has been declared ineligible by the University.

Hardeman was cleared for competition after grades were posted by the registrar's office, but A&M officials discovered a clerical error.

The error was not discovered until Hardeman had played in the first two games of the season.

Louisiana Tech Athletics Director Jim Oakes confirmed he received a call from A&M Athletics Director Wally Groff notifying him of the forfeit following the Aggie win over Louisiana Tech on Sept. 12 in which Hardeman scored three touchdowns.

"I told him [Groff] that this is something we don't take any delight in," Oakes said. "It could happen at any school. We have the highest respect for the Texas A&M athletics program, and this is something we don't enjoy."

If Hardeman regains his academic eligibility before next season, he can apply to the NCAA for a "redshirt" season and, therefore, gain an extra year of eligibility.

"I'm disappointed to learn that Tiki Hardeman will be ineligible for this season," A&M Football coach R.C. Slocum said in a news release. "This is a loss for our team, and a big disappointment for this young man. Hopefully, he can turn this into a positive by rededicating himself in the classroom and regaining his eligibility for next season."

With the win over Louisiana Tech nullified,

the Aggies will need six more wins against Division I opponents to be eligible for a bowl berth.

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A&M FOOTBALL COACH



In the first two games of the season, Hardeman rushed 24 times for 105 yards and four touchdowns.

Armenta passes Senate approval

BY MEREDITH HIGHT
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The Student Senate passed a resolution by secret ballot Wednesday night approving the appointment of Ben Armenta, a sophomore elementary education major, to the position of vice president of Minority Student Affairs.

It was the second time Armenta had been through the approval process. Armenta applied for the position shortly after Student Body President Laurie Nickel was elected and Executive Vice President Brian Minyard was appointed in the spring.

Armenta's appointment was initially not approved.

All other vice presidents that Minyard and Nickel appointed went before the nine member Appointment Approval Board and passed the required Senate two-thirds majority.

"There was a 50/50 split on it. I continued to do the job even without the title. I worked all summer in Austin on it," he said.

Armenta was presented for approval again this fall.

After a lengthy debate, the resolution was approved by 27 senators and disapproved by 13. Three senators abstained from the vote.

Scott Davison, a junior biomedical science major, wrote the minority opinion of the Appointment Approval Board, and spoke at the meeting.

"Armenta came into the interview with an attitude of indifference and with the lack of a proactive stance," he said.

"The minority felt as though Mr. Armenta lacked factual support and true knowledge of minority concerns and the efforts that Texas A&M has already taken to increase diversity," the minority opinion stated.

In other business, the Fish Aides for 1998-1999 were presented at the meeting. The Fish Aides are assistants to the Student Government Association.

The Lupe Medina Bill passed with several changes. The bill's goal is to reduce student deaths resulting from drowsy driving by encouraging hotels to offer discounts to students who are traveling late at night. A provision in the bill was changed so the minimum distance from the student's home was reduced from a 75-mile radius to a 50-mile radius.



BRANDON BOLLOM/THE BATTALION
Senior running back Bolloom declares A&M senior running back ineligible for this season.

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MIKE FUENTES/THE BATTALION
Vanilla Ice, takes the stage along with Run DMC, Jerry Walker, Roger Creager and Pat Green at Tuesday night's kickoff.

Search for architecture dean nears conclusion

BY PATRICK PEABODY
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Search for a new dean for the College of Architecture is nearing conclusion.

Search began when former Walter Wendler stepped down from a position on President Rayven's Vision 20/20 project. It officially ended on Friday when the search is announced.

Ron Douglas, executive vice president and provost, began the search for the dean last year.

put together a selection committee last fall," Douglas said. Conoley, Dean of Education, was chosen to head the selection committee.

received around 70 nominations for the position," Conoley said. "We had a very strong group to choose from, we even had candidates from Hong Kong and Australia, and we brought more people back for the second interview than we usually do."

cult to find a new dean for the College of Architecture because it is different from other colleges.

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we put a lot of emphasis on architecture as a profession," Douglas said. "It is a constant balancing act between the academics and the professional portions. We also have many research facilities, and we need a dean that is able to handle all of that. The dean also needs to be able to get input from the staff, faculty and other groups, and form a common goal to work towards."

Regents focus on land improvements

BY AMANDA STIRPE
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Texas A&M Board of Regents meeting will convene today at 1:30 p.m. and continue Friday at 8:30 a.m. in open session to discuss the 24 schools in the Texas A&M University System.

The Board will hear motions on land improvements in Stephenville, Texas, parking lot designs at the International University and it will choose design teams for the University Apartments Community Center and Eastwood Airport improvements.

The board will also decide if the Student Family Apartments System

Revenue Fund will receive an appropriation of \$2.5 million to redesign the married-student housing apartments originally built in 1947. The plans may include the construction of a community center.

The Board will discuss the Eastwood Airport improvements that include increased lighting on the runway and improvements to the storm sewer, and other safety improvements to the runway and an extension of Taxiway H.

The board is considering appropriating \$330,000 for the improvements.

The regents will also review improvement plans to be made to other schools in the system and fall enrollment and admission

requirements.

Before the board convenes again at 5:30 p.m. the group will meet in a closed session about litigation issues.

The Committee on Finance will discuss appropriations for deferred maintenance projects at Texas A&M and the report of appropriations and go over a five-year fiscal plan for 1998-2002.

The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs will meet Friday to approve admission requirements for the 1999-2000 academic year and rename the Microcirculation Research Institute at Texas A&M the Cardiovascular Research Institute.

Program offers electronic library

BY MEGAN WRIGHT
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The Texas Text Exchange is a program which offers students with disabilities an online digital library of electronic texts at no charge.

TTE is managed by Adaptive Technology Services, and material used in the system is selected by student requests. David Sweeney, the coordinator of Adaptive Technology Services, is the founder of TTE.

According to the program mission statement, the basic objectives of TTE include creating, administering and maintaining an online digital library for students with disabilities; educating service providers for students with disabilities in the use of e-text; providing information and training in the creation of e-text.

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Speech to encourage health communication

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Dr. Richard Street, director of Programs in Leadership and Health Care policy at the Bush School of Government and Public Service and head of the speech communications department, will present a lecture titled "The (Mis)Use of Interactive Media to Provide Health Services" at 7:30 tonight at the Clayton Williams Alumni Center.

Street's presentation will focus on how to take advantage of interactive media in health care and how health services can more effectively use media outlets.

"Health clinics generally are there just to provide medical services for their patients but are not used to providing health care promotion," Street said. "This lecture is designed to get people involved in their health care by improving health communication by using all the available media resources."

The presentation will be divided into three different subtopics: the different types of applications, such as multimedia patient education and telemedical consultation, that are available; why interactive

media is not widely used in the health care industry; and the development and implementation of health care promotion.

Texas A&M College of Medicine and College of Rural Public Health have begun to incorporate this new technology.

David Zawieja, associate professor in the College of Medicine, said the use of interactive media services is almost absolutely necessary to the College of Medicine.

"Students generally spend their first two years of medical school down here in class, and the last two years they usually go up to one of the clinics in Temple such as Scott & White," Zawieja said. "So many times we have speakers down here [in College Station] giving lectures or seminars which are transmitted through the Trans Texas Video Network (TTVN) so those students and doctors up there can see the speaker and also ask questions at the same time."

The College of Rural Public Health is also using these technologies to aid its outreach programs.

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A&M top feeder for Texas medical, dental schools

BY BETH MILLER
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Texas A&M does not offer pre-medical, pre-law or pre-dental programs, but Aggies constitute a significant percentage of the students enrolled in Texas medical, law and dental schools.

Anne Blum, director of the Office of Professional School Advising, said Texas A&M students have

obtained a consistently high number of the limited enrollment positions available at these types of professional schools this year and in recent years.

A&M is the top feeder university for Texas dental and medical schools, and it is one of the top two feeders for law schools, she said.

Blum said in order to enter one of these types of professional schools, students do not necessarily

have to receive a degree from a pre-med, pre-law or pre-dental program. They must meet the course prerequisites, do well on the admissions tests, have a good grade-point ratio and do well in interviews.

Blum said two of A&M's academic strengths are the math and science programs offered. She said the professional school advising office offers assistance to students wishing to pursue

a career in medicine or law. Blum said she thinks A&M students have an advantage over students from other universities because of A&M's emphasis on "the other education."

"I think now where Aggies are striking the medium is in 'the other education,'" Blum said. "Schools are looking much more closely at volunteer work, community service (and) leadership in student orga-

nizations. Medical schools and dental schools are looking for people who really care about other people."

She said two medical schools in Texas have changed their interview processes to focus only on extracurricular activities, rather than dividing the emphasis between grades and activities.

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