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**Regents discuss enrollment**

BY AMANDA STIRPE  
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Dr. Leo Sayavedra, deputy chancellor of Academic Institutions and Agencies, discussed House Bill 588 before the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs at the Texas A&M Board of Regents meeting Thursday. House Bill 588 is a first-year mandate by the Texas legislature that allows universities to automatically accept high-school students in the top 10 percent of their graduating class. The board debated the bill and will decide in closed session whether to adopt an option that will extend the bill to

include the top-15 or 20 percent of high-school graduates receiving automatic admission. T. Michael O'Connor, vice chair of the Board of Regents, said he is concerned with diversity acceptance at all levels. "I am personally concerned with trying to equalize opportunity," O'Connor said. "Schools have to look at average students." Sayavedra, former president of Texas A&M International University, said overall the system is experiencing a 2.93 percent increase in enrollment with 88,069 students over last year. The bill caused white and Hispanic enrollment to rise by 14.4

percent and 13.7 percent respectively. African-American enrollment decreased by 12.4 percent which was caused by a lower amount of students graduating in the top 10 percent. Sayavedra said white student acceptance is higher than minority acceptance. System-wide, around 14,000 Hispanic, 8,000 African-American and 58,000 white students were accepted in 1998. The board discussed using scholarship opportunities to raise low numbers and ensure enrollment of minority students in financial need.

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**Bond: Starr misusing laws**

BY PATRICK PEABODY  
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In light of the current discussions about the possibility of Clinton impeachment proceedings, political science Professor Jon Bond spoke to a handful of Aggies last night about the impeachment process. "Impeachment is a political process with legal terms," Bond said, "It differs from legal proceeding in two major ways. First there is no due process in an impeachment proceeding, as would be expected in a regular law proceeding. Second, there is no guarantee of impartiality, no guarantee of an impartial judge or jury." Bond then spoke about the grounds for impeachment. "While treason and bribery are easy to define, the Constitution provides no clear guidelines for high crimes and misdemeanors,"

Bond said. "So for impeachments, high crimes and misdemeanors, are what ever the House, decides it is." Professor Bond also talked about Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr. "Starr has misused the special prosecutor laws, and soon the laws will be up for renewal, and I doubt they will be renewed." Bond also spoke about how the American people view the Clinton situation. "I have a pet theory concerning this," Bond said, "We have sports heroes that can hit harder, throw farther, and run faster, but then we get someone like Dennis Rodman, and even with some of his actions, people make a distinction and still see him as a sports hero. I think this has made a transition into politics, and the American people have drawn a distinction between, Bill Clinton, the cheating husband, and President Clinton, the leader of our country."



ROBERT MCKAY/THE BATTALION  
Jon R. Bond, A&M professor of political science, talks to students about the impeachment process Thursday night at the Koldus building.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Computer virus set to detonate**

The CIH virus that has infected some computers on the A&M campus is scheduled to detonate on Saturday. After an infected file is executed, the virus will stay in the system's memory and infect other programs as they are accessed. The virus is currently running rampant across Resnet, the on-campus network and has infected most of the PC's online in the residence halls. The Resnet home page offers links for a free procedure to locate and disinfect all executable files.

**Fraternity aims to be alcohol free**

The board of directors of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity has issued a challenge to their chapters to make them alcohol-free housing by the year 2000. Delta Sigma Phi National President Thomas E. Decker said the decision is meant to promote the responsible use of alcohol among its members. "Alcohol is not our only problem," Decker said in a press release. "But alcohol is an overwhelming obstacle to our success in many areas." With the announcement of its alcohol-free initiative, Delta Sigma Phi joins several other national fraternity organizations that have taken a similar position. The Texas A&M Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi was founded in 1995.

**Maroon Out T-shirts on sale at game**

Maroon Out, the spirit-building initiative for the A&M-Nebraska football game, will sell T-shirt at the football game against the University of North Texas. The maroon shirts cost \$5 and will be available at various sites around Kyle Field. Brandon Neff, head yell leader, said University of Nebraska fans traditionally turn out in force to support the Cornhuskers. "We can show the unity of the Aggie Spirit to counteract Nebraska's huge following of support who are dressed in full red," Neff said. Initiated by the Class of '00, Maroon Out is sponsored by all the class councils, The Zone and the 12th Man Foundation. Kyle Valentine, president of the Class of '00, said the goal is to sell 15,000 Maroon Out T-shirts for the Nebraska game on Oct. 10. The proceeds from the Maroon Out initiative will benefit the class councils.

**Students meet to review campus TV station options**

BY LESLIE STEBBINS  
The Battalion

A committee is being formed to research the options for a campus-wide television station. The student cable television programming review committee will include students from different student organizations across campus. It will have representatives from the Corps of Cadets, Student Government Association, MSC Council, class councils, Multicultural Services and other organizations. These representatives will be in charge of surveying and talking to the students in their organizations and learning what the students would like to see broadcast. Once the committee has formed the programming plans, the goal is to have the channel up and running in the spring. Amanda Allbritton, chair of the committee and sophomore agriculture development major, said the committee is made up of a cross section of students in order to determine representative programming. "There is no use having a university

channel for the students if we don't find out what they want to see," she said. The channel will only be available to those students living on campus, or working in departments and offices. Ron Sasse, director of the Department of Residence Life, said A&M has the electronic equipment necessary to operate a cable channel that should be taken advantage of by the students. "We are still in the very preliminary stages of planning, but this needs to be a student-driven project," Sasse said. "There are many options out there for the channel, and we need to hear input about what students would like to see." Educational Broadcast Services has been involved in selecting the committee and working on ideas for the channel. Rod Zent, director of Educational Broadcast Services and KAMU general manager, is involved in assisting the committee with technical issues. "My role is to spark ideas and capabilities and let the committee know what is available to them in terms of production and broadcasting," Zent said.

**Wheeling and dealing**



JAKE SCHRICKLING/THE BATTALION  
Greg Godsey, a junior environmental design major and the No. 1 ranked Men's B Collegiate cyclist in Texas, practices his biking skills at Rudder fountain Thursday afternoon. Godsey, a rider for Team Barrel, is also the No. 32 ranked Men's B Collegiate rider in the nation.

**Scholarship celebrates 30 years**

BY JOE SCHUMACHER  
The Battalion

The Texas A&M University Development Foundation is hosting a 30th anniversary celebration of The President's Endowed Scholarship. Current students and former students who have received the scholarship as well as founders and donors to the scholarship will be at Reed Arena Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The President's Endowed Scholarship was founded in 1968 by the Texas A&M Foundation with five scholarships. Harold Johnstone, Class of '73, was the first scholarship recipient to graduate from Texas A&M. The scholarship supports approximately 700 students this year, and over 3,000 students have received the President's Endowed Scholarship since 1968. "The founders of the PES are cornerstones of Texas A&M," Cathy McWhorter, programs coordinator for the Texas A&M Foundation said. "They not only support A&M with their money but with their time as well." The scholarship was instituted to attract top scholars to Texas A&M. Students that receive the scholarship must retain a 3.0 grade-point ratio. Students must also exhibit leadership and academic excellence.

McWhorter said the growth of the scholarship is attributed to the bond between the donor and recipient. "The success of the President's Endowed Scholarship is based upon personal interaction between the donor and the student," McWhorter said. McWhorter said the donors and students have close relationships and develop a sense of camaraderie. Many students keep in contact with their sponsors while at school and after graduation. The celebration is open to family and friends of the scholarship recipients.

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**Greeks hope bloc seating promotes unity, spirit**

BY MELISSA JORDAN  
The Battalion

Greek organizations will show their Aggie spirit and unity by sitting together in a block of seats at Saturday's football game against the University of North Texas. The Greek bloc will be similar to that of the Corps of Cadets and will include chapters from the Interfraternity Council, the Pan-Hellenic Council and the Panhellenic Council. The Athletics Department has prepared for as many as 750 students to sit in the Greek block, which will be located on the third deck near the goal line at the north end of the stadium. Kristin Kirby, president of the Panhellenic Council and a senior accounting major, said the Greek bloc of seating will have a different organization process than that of the Corps of Cadets, but similar in that both are showing spirit and dedication to Texas A&M. "I think both groups have the same goal," Kirby said. "It's just to support the University." Scott Lovejoy, president of the Interfraternity Council and a senior management information systems major, said the block seating will serve two purposes: to show the Greek organizations' support of Aggie traditions and to bring together chapters of fraternities and sororities that normally would not see each other. "We'll still be following Aggie traditions as the Twelfth man," Lovejoy said. Adrian Leday, president of the

Pan-Hellenic Council and a senior biology major, said the unified seating will have a positive effect on the Texas A&M community. "Greeks are not detached from Aggie community," Leday said. "They are a part of it."

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— Scott Lovejoy  
IFC president

Kirby said the block seating is not meant to keep students involved in Greek life apart from other students. "It's not meant for us to be separated from the University," Kirby said. "It's meant for us to show we love the spirit and tradition of Texas A&M University." Lovejoy said the seating is not mandatory for students in Greek organizations, but it will be a chance for individuals to meet students in other Greek organizations. The block seating will help Greek organizations from all three councils to become more united as they support the Twelfth man. "We are striving for unity amongst ourselves that we can spread to the greater Aggie community," Leday said.

**Caliente Festival '98 honors heritage**

BY NONI SRIDHARA  
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The Hispanic Business Students Association will be hosting Caliente Festival '98 Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. at the Academic Plaza. Yvette Urteaga, president of Hispanic Presidents' Council (HPC) and a senior finance major, said the festival is a way to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Urteaga said there will be about 10 to 15 booths from different organizations which will sell various items. Many of the booths will feature food items such as fajitas, tacos and tamales. Entertainment during the Caliente Festival will include a mariachi band, the Aggie Wranglers,

the Aggie Dance team and a break-dancing team from Austin.



Concluding the event will be a Mr. and Ms. Hispanic Heritage Month pageant. The Ms. Hispanic Heritage Month pageant is sponsored by the Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity and the Mr. Hispanic Heritage Month pageant is sponsored by the Kappa Delta Chi sorority.

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