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**Construction nears completion**

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The final stages of road construction on University Drive will begin in Sept. 28 to Oct. 2. The construction will affect traffic on University Drive between Texas Avenue and Wellbourn Road. Construction will begin on the east-bound lanes; the east-bound lanes will be under work for the next few days. With a number of underlying

surfaces already laid, a hot-mix overlay will be the final road surface put on University Drive. Traffic will be decreased to only one lane while the construction is being completed. Paul Sturrock, public information officer in the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), said the repairs will improve the driving surface and should endure the traffic on University Drive for many years. Construction was to begin a month ago, but difficulties with a

sub-contractor delayed road work. Construction work also will be done on Wellbourn Road from George Bush Drive to FM 2818 and on Texas Avenue from University Drive to Texas 21. Work on the roads will include spot repairs and also may cause lane closures. TxDOT officials have advised motorists to find alternate routes to avoid construction areas and to allow extra time for travel if unable to avoid the University Drive project completion.

**Cadets reunite**

Corps members past and present gather for annual event.

BY AMY CURTIS  
The Battalion

The Texas A&M Corps of Cadets held its second reunion this weekend, welcoming 989 alumni. Tase Bailey, Corps Commander, said the reunion is important because it gets people used to the idea of an annual reunion. The Corps is planning a big reunion event for its 125th anniversary in 2001.

Bailey said alumni like to see the changes in the Corps, but also to see the same lessons and principles being taught as when they were cadets. "They really enjoy coming back and seeing the cadets and the changes, and how things have stayed the same," Bailey said. Bailey said alumni attended many events including a barbecue at the Sanders Corps Center Plaza on Friday and visits to displays by the Corps Special Units in front of Duncan Dining Hall Saturday afternoon. Bailey said the Corps tries to plan the reunions on football-game week-



Gen. M.T. "Ted" Hopgood, Commandant of the Corps of Cadets, addresses the crowd at the Corps reunion at the Sanders Corps Center on Saturday.

ends. He said the alumni like to see the Corps march in to Kyle Field and sitting together at the games. Bailey said the majority of alumni were from the Class of '50 through the Class of '70. "The idea is to have everyone here and have a good time and see each other again," Bailey said. Pat Fenton, a staff assistant, said the Corps hopes to make the reunion a traditional annual event. Fenton said the oldest alumnus present was George Munson, Class of '28.

**Calvert: State funding not enough**

BY AMANDA STIRPE  
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Dr. Stanton Calvert, vice chancellor of State and Public Affairs, presented a \$6.3 billion budget for the Texas A&M University System for '00-'01 to the Texas A&M Board of Regents Friday. The Texas Legislature allocates money for the following year related to the number of students enrolled for the present school year. Calvert said higher education does not receive enough money and attention in comparison to K-12 education. In a statement provided by Calvert, Gov. George W. Bush said the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, "the higher education systems have enough power to generate their own money and K-12 education needs more attention. Higher education has enough power in the House of Senate to fend for itself. Needs in the K-12 education have to be met first," Bush said. Calvert said the Texas A&M University System has to compete with

other Texas schools to receive the money requested. "We can't get our base funding without everyone else getting their money because of the base funding formula," Calvert said. The base funding formula is a set formula that computes the amount of money in the state of Texas related to the amount of students at each university. Texas A&M anticipated the large freshman class this year and accounted for this increase when asking for money. Universities do not receive additional money from legislature after the amount is set. Calvert said the legislature needs to significantly increase the amount of money given to universities to increase the amount of financial aid universities can give to prospective students. Calvert said the state needs to give more mon-

ey to universities because Texas needs more Tier 1 schools. "We're different; we have to ask for exceptions to get them," Calvert said. Dr. Ray M. Bowen, president of Texas A&M, spoke at the Board of Regents meeting about enrollment and Vision 20/20. Bowen said Texas A&M has the highest number of top-10 percent students in the state, 3,007 students. Bowen said the number of women at the University is growing and "slowly reaching men's numbers." On the Vision 20/20 topic, Bowen said the goal of the University is "to be one of the best universities by 20/20." A goal of the University is to strengthen the arts and science program. More faculty will be hired during the next 5 to 10 years. The increase will provide more faculty at the senior level, decrease student/faculty size and will provide promotion standards to attract exceptional faculty.



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**Dirty business**



Jeff Gragg (center with ball), a sophomore general studies major, runs through the crowded mob as Briggs and Spence Halls participate in a game of tackle football Sunday evening.

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**NAACP hosts forum to address racial issues**

BY NONI SRIDHARA  
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The Texas A&M student chapter of the NAACP is holding the first "Say What You Want To Say" forum tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Rumour's Deli next to the MSC to let students talk about what is on their mind. Adrienne Ballare, president of the NAACP and a junior journalism major, said this a spin-off of a nationally syndicated radio talk show called "Say What you Want To Say" and listeners just call in and speak what is on their mind.

Ballare said the forum tonight is going to focus on addressing minority issues around campus such as affirmative action and traditions on campus. "An example from the African-American perspective is that I feel as far as traditions are concerned, that everyone always recognizes Sul Ross as the founder of Texas A&M, but no one ever attributes anything to Matthew Gaines who was an African-American who also helped in the founding of A&M," Ballare said. LeVoi Lewis, programs chair for the NAACP and a junior genetics major, said the forum is going to be held in a talk-show-type setting. "We are going to have a very

relaxed atmosphere so students can listen to one another and help each other out," Lewis said.

"The older students are really good support for the newer ones since they have seen the changes that have actually happened. We also are not going to have any administrators there, because so many times students will not be as open and may fear what other people will think."

Lewis said he expects the number one topic at the forum to be the Hopwood decision. Lewis said the forum could also address other issues that do not necessarily deal directly with minority concerns.

"We could talk about why is there so much money being spent on new computer labs when parking still is not fixed or we could even go outside of campus and talk about Clinton," he said.

Lewis said this forum is open to all people.

"Everyone thinks of the NAACP as a black militant organization, but our programs are open to anyone from any race, because everyone needs advancement physically, mentally and socially," Lewis said.

Lewis said he expects 75 to 100 people to attend this evening's program and is hoping for more.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Everett to discuss 'Selling Abortion'**

"Selling Abortion," a firsthand account from a former abortion clinic owner and manager, will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Carol Everett, a former abortion provider, will speak about her experiences. She will speak about what she believes are the tactics used to encourage women to have abortions and the physical and emotional effects of abortions on women. The presentation is sponsored by the Brazos Valley Coalition for Life, Texas A&M's Catholic Student Association and Aggies for Life.

**Board to decide Pradhan's status**

Texas A&M University computer science professor Dhiraj Pradhan will go before a board of six representatives from Texas A&M Oct. 6 to determine his employment status at the University. A University system audit accused Pradhan of misappropriating \$100,000 in relation to two of his private businesses. After a year on paid leave, Pradhan returned to the University. Garies West, the attorney who will represent Pradhan at the administrative hearing, said University administration will decide what the six-member board will be discussing at the hearing. Scott Kelly, Texas A&M general counsel, was not available for comment Friday afternoon.

**Scholarship recipients celebrate anniversary**

BY JOE SCHUMACHER  
The Battalion

Past and present recipients of the President's Endowed Scholarship as well as donors to the program were on hand Saturday at Reed Arena to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of this program. The celebration began at 8:30 a.m. and continued until noon. It was primarily a chance for students and former students to meet and socialize with their sponsors.

**"This program is what my father was most proud of. This program is what separates Texas A&M from other Universities."**

— Royce Wisenbaker Jr.  
Class of '82

The scholarship program was initiated in 1968 to attract students to Texas A&M University that otherwise would have gone to Ivy League schools. The first scholarship was funded by Royce Wisenbaker, and was awarded to Harold Johnston, '73. Royce Wisenbaker Jr., '82, was there on behalf of his father, who could not attend due to ill health. Wisenbaker was also a PES recipient and is sponsoring a student.

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**Universities participate in Sexual Harassment Teleconference**

BY AMY CURTIS  
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The Sexual Harassment Teleconference today covers how to address claims of sexual harassment and what the law demands. The teleconference will be from 1 to 3 p.m. in 601 Rudder and will be broadcast from the University of Vermont. Kristin Harper, associate director of the Department of

Student Life, said the conference will begin with an overview of recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings. A panel of experts will then discuss different topics. She said the conference will be televised nationwide, with many different colleges and universities participating. It is an interactive teleconference — there is open time for students and teachers watching to call or fax in questions

for the panel in Vermont. Harper said the conference includes role-playing to demonstrate how to handle sexual harassment in the workplace. Dr. Janice Stout, the dean of faculty, said the teleconference will cover general definitions of things related to sexual harassment and how people may respond if they are sexually harassed. "This is geared toward

the whole academic community. Students are invited to attend so they can understand better," Stout said. Stout said there will be a follow-up to the teleconference on Oct. 28, that will be based on recent Supreme Court decisions. Ruth Prescott, assistant provost at Texas A&M, said the U.S. Supreme Court has made decisions recently that have never been dealt with in

the area of sexual harassment. "The decisions are unprecedented in the sexual-harassment arena of law," Prescott said. Three key decisions were made in 1997 and 1998. The first was that same-sex sexual harassment can be actionable under sexual-harassment laws. The second was that an employer could be found liable for sexual harassment even if he or she does not

know it was going on by a supervisor beneath them. The third decision was that an employer can put forward as a defense that they did everything they could to institute policies and education efforts to teach employees about sexual harassment. Prescott said the second decision puts the responsibility of education on the employers.

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