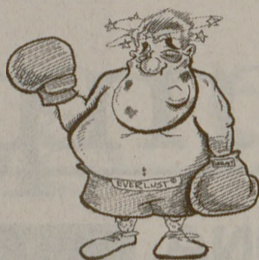


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105 YEARS AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

## Freshman class size impacts organization interest

BY MELISSA JORDAN  
The Battalion

The large Class of 2002 has begun to leave its mark on nearly all aspects of campus life this fall. One of the most visible impacts has been on organizations on campus.

Bill Anderson, executive vice president of human resources in the Department of Student Affairs and a senior mechanical engineering major, said freshmen give life to organizations on campus. "Freshmen, I think, are the real foundation of Texas A&M," Anderson said.

Anderson said there has been an increase in interest as well as a number of applications turned in for the MSC programming committee.

Using a referral system among various committees, Anderson said the programming department is providing students development opportunities to as many students as possible.

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## Sparks flying



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Kelly Cutshall, a junior theater arts major, welds in preparation for their upcoming production of "Skin of Our Teeth."

## A&M cancels Pradhan hearing

BY AMANDA SMITH  
The Battalion

Texas A&M University is no longer pursuing suspension of computer science professor Dhiraj Pradhan, his attorney Gaines West said Monday.

"A&M is not going to seek his further suspension," West said.

A hearing between Pradhan and six university administrators was scheduled for Oct. 6. West said the hearing was originally requested to determine if the accusations made against Pradhan were accurate.

West said the hearing is no longer necessary because the committee cannot compensate Pradhan for his year of suspension from the University. Pradhan returned to A&M in September following his suspension.

A university audit accused him of misusing more than \$100,000

**"A&M is not going to seek further suspension."**

— Gaines West  
Pradhan attorney

of University funds to benefit his two personal businesses.

Scott Kelly, general counsel for Texas A&M University, said he could not comment on the hearing originally scheduled with the University.

Pradhan is pursuing a civil suit against Texas A&M University.

West said he expects the trial to be scheduled for some time next year.

Pradhan, a native of India, has accused Texas A&M of violating his First Amendment rights and discrimination.

In a separate investigation, Pradhan was indicted by a grand jury Sept. 22 for abuse of official capacity. The indictment charges Pradhan with misusing property valued at more than \$25,000 but less than \$100,000.

Pradhan is scheduled to go to trial Dec. 3 and could face two to 10 years in jail and up to a \$10,000 fine, if convicted.

## Changing a tradition?

• Walton Hall residents meet to discuss women, air-conditioning moving into halls.

BY AMANDA SMITH  
The Battalion

Residents of Walton Hall will meet tonight with the director of Residence Life to consider adding air conditioning and women to live

in the residence hall.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the C-1 Lounge between Walton and Schumacher halls.

Ron Sasse, director of Residence Life, said he wants to get feedback from the residents before the department makes changes.

"We want to ask students what they think," Sasse said. "We want to make the buildings more attractive (to students)."

Walton and Hart halls are the only two non air-conditioned dorms on the Texas A&M campus.

Currently, the two dorms are open only to men.

In the spring, Residence Life

surveyed students living on campus to determine whether females would like to have a cheaper, non air-conditioned housing option.

Sasse said female residents expressed interest in having the option.

"We had enough people express interest, but we never did actually pursue the option (last semester)," Sasse said. "We want to explore this option."

Despite the overcrowding of other dorms on campus, Walton and Hart halls have openings.

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## Former provider sees effects of abortion ignored by clinics

BY BETH MILLER  
The Battalion

"Selling Abortion," the lecture given by Carol Everett, attracted approximately 40 people to Rudder Theater yesterday. Everett, a former abortion provider, told the audience about her role as an abortion clinic worker and how she exposed women to what she believes are sales tactics designed to attract women to the op-

years, and she said she worked at the clinics to justify the abortion she had at the age of 28.

However, she has switched to the other side of the debate, and she said she feels women are misled about the negative consequences of abortion.

"Abortion is a skillfully marketed product sold to a woman in a crisis situation," Everett said. "She buys that product, finds it defective and can't get a refund."

Melaney Linton, senior vice president of Planned Parenthood in Houston and Southeast Texas, said she supports the presentation as long as it was based on facts rather than simply on opinion.

"We certainly support freedom of speech that allows people to have discussions on these matters," Linton said. "People are free to give whatever opinion they give. I just hope they separate fact from opinion."

Linton said she believes one person's beliefs should not be a barrier against someone else's rights.

Lauren Donahue, executive director of the Brazos Valley Coalition for Life, which sponsored the presentation, said she thinks the presentation went well and had an impact on the audience.

"I think the most powerful points that Carol made were her personal testimony," Donahue said.

**"Abortion is a skillfully marketed product sold to a woman in a crisis situation."**

— Carol Everett  
Former abortion provider

of abortion. "I'm here tonight because I have been on both sides," Everett said. Everett said she believes abortion clinics are motivated largely by profit. She said she believes many clinics do not practice proper bookkeeping and hygiene methods. Everett played roles in the operation of clinics in the Fort Worth area for six



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The construction on the new Planned Parenthood women's clinic in Bryan is expected to conclude within the next two months. The clinic will open by the end of the fall.

## Women's clinic set to open this fall

BY BETH MILLER  
The Battalion

Construction of a new Planned Parenthood women's health clinic on 29th Street in Bryan is expected to conclude this fall, expanding the health services offered to women in the community.

Barbara Calfee, project director for the clinic, said the new facility is scheduled to open within a few months, and will offer a variety of services.

Some of these services include contraception, testing for sexually-transmitted diseases, counseling, women's

health exams and first-trimester abortion care.

Dyann Santos, director of the new clinic, said it will not provide services that have not already been made available by Planned Parenthood.

"We have been in Bryan-College Station for 25 years providing women's health care," Santos said.

Santos said the clinic has experienced a limited number of protesters during its construction.

Calfee said the increasing population of the area was taken into account when the facility was designed. She

said the building is larger and can accommodate growth.

"As the population increases, the number of our patients will also increase," Calfee said. "Anytime you invest in a building like that, you have to plan for the future."

Lauren Donahue, executive director of Brazos Valley Coalition for Life, said the clinic will be a negative addition to the community.

"Their increase in what they call their services will impact the community because it affects the whole mentality of the community," Donahue said.

## Battle of the home run heroes ends with McGwire on top

• Despite Cubs win, Sosa fails to move past Big Mac's mark.

CHICAGO (AP) — Now, Steve Trachsel will be remembered for more than giving up a historic home run. He has pitched those lovable losers, the Chicago

Cubs, into the playoffs.

With a home run boost from castoff Gary Gaetti and two key singles by Sammy Sosa, the Cubs beat the San Francisco Giants 5-3 Monday night to win the frenetic one-game playoff for the NL wild-card spot.

They survived despite a three-run rally in the ninth by the Giants. Barry Bonds, who grounded out with the bases loaded to end the seventh, came up again with

the bases loaded but managed only a sacrifice fly.

The Cubs have not been to a World Series since 1945 and have not won one in 90 years, yet they are going to the postseason for the first time since 1989.

Trachsel (15-8), who surrendered Mark McGwire's 62nd home run, didn't give up a hit until pinch-hitter Brent Mayne singled with one out in the seventh.

Trailing 4-0, the Giants went on to load the bases

with two outs and brought Bonds to the plate. But the three-time MVP, who has struggled in the postseason, grounded out against reliever Felix Heredia and slammed his helmet to the ground.

In the ninth, reliever Kevin Tapani gave up a pair of lead-off singles. That brought on Terry Mulholland, who went eight innings and threw 121 pitches Sunday.

Trachsel and Giants starter Mark Gardner kept it score-

less until the fifth inning.

Singles by Lance Johnson and Sosa drove out Gardner (13-6) in the sixth.

Sosa went 2-for-4 with a pair of singles, scoring in the eighth on Jose Mesa's wild pitch.

Sosa finished the regular season, because this game's numbers counted, with 66 home runs, trailing McGwire's 70. But Sosa gets something McGwire does not — a chance to play into October.



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