

## Radar presents Web view of B-CS Moms learn Aggie ways at camp

Doppler system gives new perspective to area weather patterns

BY PATRICK PEABODY  
The Battalion

Texas A&M students will now be able to view Doppler radar images of storms in the Bryan-College Station area via the Web.

Dr. Mike Biggerstaff, a professor of meteorology, said there were two reasons the A&M Meteorology Department decided to put Doppler images on the Web.

"We wanted to be able to put this information online for any students out there to be able to be in their dorm rooms and be able to look at the storm," Biggerstaff said. "We also wanted to put them online for civil defense purposes. We work very closely with the National Weather Service, and we used to call them on a direct line and talk to their operators and they would call us and we would pass information back and forth,

but hearing the information is not the same as seeing it for yourself. Now they can pull up the Texas A&M radar images and see the storms for themselves."

Biggerstaff said having Doppler radar images available on the Internet will be useful to Bryan-College Station area residents.

"If you're thinking about going out, playing with the dog, riding a bike or playing golf, you can check the Web, and see a big storm system coming in and it (the Doppler images) moves so you can actually see how fast it is going and where it is going," he said. "It may not be something you pick up right away, but if you look at it enough you begin to pick up what is happening. You learn a lot from experience, like last time the storm looked like this, it got really bad. Having this available will give people the experience to tell what is going on."

A weather radar has been on campus since the mid-1940s, soon after meteorological radar was introduced by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1992, A&M upgraded the radar to Doppler, and in 1997 the radar was fully operational. The Doppler radar cost \$300,000. About \$120,000 was paid by the state of Texas and Texas A&M, and the rest was provided by NASA.

Doppler radar differs from other weather radars because it can measure the wind component of the storm, in addition to being able to measure the storm's intensity.

The Doppler radar will only be activated during periods of active storm systems. Weather charts and satellite pictures will be available on the Web when the Doppler radar is inactive. To access the A&M Doppler radar on the Web visit [www.met.tamu.edu/ADRAD.html](http://www.met.tamu.edu/ADRAD.html).

BY MELISSA JORDAN  
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Texas A&M students' mothers learned about the traditions and spirit of Texas A&M at the Aggie Moms' Fish Camp this weekend.

The Traditions Council led the moms in yells and "The Aggie War Hymn" to allow them to better understand the traditions at Texas A&M.

Sue Anderson, second vice president of the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Club, said the Fish Camp allowed mothers the opportunity to experience A&M traditions first-hand.

"I think the most important thing the moms gained was an understanding of the importance of the traditions and camaraderie their students feel at Texas A&M," she said.

Representatives from the mentoring program and Student Health Services spoke to the Aggie moms about the services available to their students. The moms had the chance to visit campus facilities including Reed Arena, Kyle Field, the Student Recreation Center and the Student Computing Center.

Donna Bentley, president of the Aggie Moms' Club, said the weekend gave the moms a positive picture of A&M and overview



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Members of the Parsons Mounted Cavalry 'hump it' during a skit they performed at the Aggie Moms' Fish Camp Sunday in the MSC

of the atmosphere, camaraderie and spirit of Aggieland.

"I just think they (Aggie moms) got a good overall picture of what goes on at Texas A&M," Bentley said.

Anderson said the weekend allowed Aggie moms who were not familiar with Texas A&M the chance to create bonds with other Aggie moms.

"It's like within a weekend

you had made life-long friends," she said.

Anderson said the Aggie Moms' Club has become an integral part of her own life and gives moms a good way to relate with other Aggie moms.

"You're never an ex-Aggie or an ex-Aggie mom," Anderson said. "I did not hear one single complaint except they wished it had been longer."

## Teaching program receives endowment

BY AMY CURTIS  
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The Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) Scholars' Program will receive a \$250,000 endowment from the International Paper Foundation.

Dr. Larry Gresham, director of CTE, said the Montague-Scholars Program was created to help faculty enhance teaching skills and introduce new teaching tools to the classroom. Gresham said the program chooses 10 junior faculty members each year to be a part of the program. He said the deans of each college choose teachers that have only been teaching for a few

years, but have shown ingenuity in the classroom. These teachers are each given \$5,000 to reward their performance and to help them implement some of their ideas.

"It provides recognition to young faculty who have been really good teachers," he said.

Gresham said CTE programs help faculty in a number of ways, including intensive training and orientation on teaching skills, and other programs to train teaching assistants.

Gresham said Kenneth E. Montague, a former student, provided the original endowment for the Montague-Scholars Program. His family has helped raise addi-

tional funding for the program.

William Perry, executive associate provost, said the International Paper Foundation has a certain amount of money they donate each year, and they look for worthy and valuable contributions teachers have made to different projects. He said the CTE made a proposal for the endowment and it was competitive enough to get the funding.

Perry said teachers chosen for the Montague-Scholar's Program can use the money for a variety of things, such as buying software that might enhance their teaching techniques or they might choose to attend a teaching conference.

## ENGINEERING

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Wednesday NSBE will sponsor a community service project at the Boys and Girls Club.

"This will allow members to become involved with the community and to demonstrate the organization's commitment to community service," Allen said.

Joe O'Bryant, telecommunications chair for NSBE, will present a workshop on developing personal Web

pages Thursday in 132 Blocker from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday there will be a Spades and Dominoes Tournament. Allen said registration for this event will be all week in the MSC. The cost will be \$5 before Friday and \$7 Friday.

Cash prizes will be given to first, second and third place teams in both tournaments.

Allen said anyone who is interested in NSBE should participate in NSBE week activities.

"It will be lots of fun and a great way to meet other NSBE members," she said.

### Memorial Student Center Calendar of Events November and December 1998

#### November

- 2 CAMAC *El Dia de los Muertos* 8 p.m. MSC 201
- 3 ELS *The Secrets to Your Success, featuring Jim Young from EDS* 7 p.m. MSC Forsythe Gallery
- 4 Visual Arts *Purse Building Studios Gallery Reception* 7:30 p.m. Visual Arts Gallery
- 5 Town Hall *Coffeehouse*
- 6 Film Society *Armageddon* 7 & 10 p.m. Rudder Auditorium
- 8-15 OPAS *Arts Awareness Week*
- 10-11 OPAS *Always...Patsy Cline* 8 p.m. Rudder Auditorium
- 11 Black Awareness and Film Society *Amistad and Discussion* 7 p.m. Rudder Theatre
- 13 Film Society *Dancer, Texas, Pop. 81* 7 & 9:30 Rudder Auditorium
- 15 OPAS *Nigel Kennedy: Bach, Bartok & Hendrix* 8 p.m. Rudder Auditorium
- 17 Great Issues *Northgate Safety Awareness Forum* 7 p.m. MSC Flagroom

- 19-21 *Abbott Family Leadership Conference*, Dallas
- 20 Town Hall *Faith Hill* Rudder Auditorium
- 20-21 Cepheid Variable *Rocky Horror Picture Show* Midnight The Grove
- 21 OPAS *Steve Love's New York Express Roller Dance Co.* 3 & 6 p.m. Rudder Theatre
- 30-Dec.4 ALOT *Angel Tree* MSC Hallway
- 30-Dec.4 Hospitality *Craft Fair* MSC Flagroom

#### December

- 1 Black Awareness *Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration* 7 p.m. Rudder Theatre
- 4 Film Society *The Mask of Zorro* 7 & 9:30 p.m. Rudder Theatre

#### Ongoing Events

- NOVA *Fall Open Gaming* Every Fri.-Sun. MSC 138-145
- NOVA *College Bowl* Oct. 6-Nov. 11 Evans Library
- Visual Arts *Composite Show of Artists from the Purse Building Studios* Oct. 5-Nov. 19 Visual Arts Gallery
- Visual Arts, Black Awareness, and Political Forum *Walking with the Presidents* Nov. 23- Feb. 23 Visual Arts Gallery

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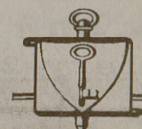
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Golden Key National Honor Society

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Tuesday, November 3rd  
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