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A clone named Missy

• Scientist in cloning project addresses students on genetic methods.

BY AMANDA SMITH
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The lead scientist on the Missy project said Wednesday cloning is important to improve methods of milk production, pharmaceutical development and reducing animal populations.

Dr. Mark Westhusin, a professor of veterinary physiology and pharmacology, is leading the group of Texas A&M scientists and researchers in a \$2.3 million effort to clone Missy, the dog whose DNA will be used to produce the initial offspring.

Westhusin talked to students from Tri Beta National Biological Honor Society

about the history of cloning, the new methods and the potential benefits of cloning livestock and other animals.

Westhusin said cloning the sheep Dolly caught the attention of the world and reinvigorated attention to cloning efforts.

"It set into motion a tremendous amount of discussion and excitement," Westhusin said. "It brought (cloning) into the limelight. More people know about Dolly than any other species around the world. Some people thought we would never be able to clone animals, and the story was picked up by every newspaper and station around the world."

Dolly was not the first successful effort at cloning, Westhusin said.

Westhusin described the first efforts at nuclear transfer in 1938 and experiments with frogs, mice, sheep and cattle. Westhusin said the most recent advances in nuclear transfer and cloning projects involve genetic engineering.

"Genetic engineering is driving cloning," Westhusin said. "It is why Dolly is here. We still have a lot of work to do."

Westhusin is currently working on the



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Dr. Mark Westhusin answers questions after delivering his lecture on the cloning of animals Wednesday evening.

Missyproject with fellow Texas A&M researchers Dr. Duane Kraemer and Dr. Robert Burghardt.

"I do not have a lot to say about the Missyproject," Westhusin said. "We are just getting started with the project."

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Survey: Women faculty experience discrimination

BY MEREDITH HIGHT
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Fifty-nine percent of white female faculty surveyed for a campus-climate study of Texas A&M reported they experienced some form of discrimination.

The study, "Perspectives on the Climate for Diversity: Findings and Recommendations for the Texas A&M University Campus Community" was conducted by the University of Michigan at the request of A&M.

The discrimination incidents were broken down into three categories: harassment or actual reports of threats because race/ethnicity or gender; general reports of discrimination; and reports of either of these incidents to a University authority.

Those who reported being discriminated against said 41 percent of discrimination comes from other faculty, 35 percent from students and 22 percent from residents of Bryan and College Station.

Dr. Barbara Finlay, director of Women's Studies, said the results indicate a problem.

"That seems very serious," she said. "It's a significant number that

should be investigated further to see what the nature of the problem is. It does indicate that there may be a real problem."

Dr. Janis Stout, dean of Faculties, associate provost and the highest-ranking female administrator at A&M, said the number is reflective of society and not cause for concern.

"It shows that we are like our society in general," she said. "The University has worked very hard to create an equal-opportunity workplace. Every year, we get a statistical study of faculty salaries comparing male and female, ethnic majority and ethnic minority. We do not see any systematic disparity now."

Sherry Yennello, chair of the Women's Faculty Network, said the University has made progress but has room for improvement.

"I feel the Women's Faculty Network can play a part in terms of providing networking and community," she said. "The University has the responsibility to hire women and to empower them. That will help change the culture."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Student assaulted at Bonfire site

A female student was physically assaulted at the Bonfire site on Oct. 31.

According to a University Police Department report, the victim was holding the Centerpole line when several individuals from another outfit began pushing and pulling her in an attempt to make her break her grip. The victim released her grip when her belt broke, and the subjects then carried her a few feet before dropping her on her back.

Later, when she was standing away from the line, "two individuals tackled her and began punching her with closed fists. Two other individuals came to her aid and pulled the assailants off of her," the police report said.

The investigation is currently in progress.

Series to discuss non-traditional Ags

Gender Issues Education Services is hosting a brown-bag lunch forum today at 11 a.m. to discuss the status and role of non-traditional students at Texas A&M.

Non-traditional students are students who are older than average-age students. These students may have families or other differences than traditional students. The discussion may include how non-traditional students adapt to college life.

The brown-bag lunch forum is an informal discussion held by GIES. They hold a brown-bag forum every Thursday to discuss campus issues.

RHA passes legislation to support Senate plan

BY AMANDA STIRPE
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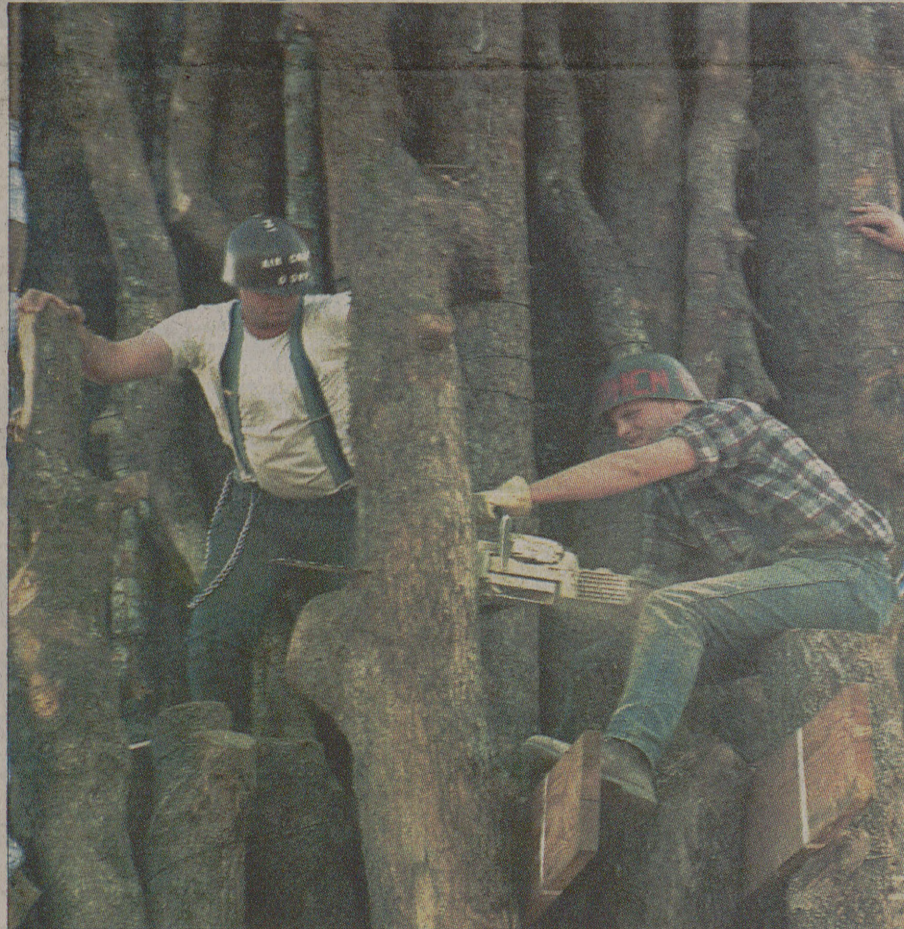
The Residence Hall Association passed emergency legislation to support Student Senate as they lobby for the installation of on-campus washers and driers which can be operated with Aggie Bucks. The machines have been purchased but not installed.

Residence Life will test the use of Aggie Bucks for washers and driers in certain machine locations until the program is fully instituted.

Substance-free housing committee meetings to discuss the current situation will be Wednesday, Nov. 18 in 707 Rudder from 5 to 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 20 in 507 Rudder from 3 to 5 p.m.; and Monday Nov. 30 in 707 Rudder from 5 to 7 p.m. The committee has had about 900 substance-free housing surveys returned.

Chris Baumbach, chair of facilities and operations for RHA, said no residence hall holiday lighting will be seen on campus because the lights would not be put up until Dec. 1, giving only 16 days for students to view them until winter break.

Sawing logs



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Jeremy Frampton, a senior psychology major, helps **David Yeates**, a junior management major, top-off first level of stack Wednesday afternoon.

Fatherhood lecture looks to stars

BY KRISTIN STOCKTON
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Dr. Douglas Brooks, assistant professor of English, gave a lecture entitled "Stargate: The Crisis of Fatherhood in the Age of Hypertext" last night at a meeting of the English Language and Literature Society.

Brooks showed clips from the movie *Stargate*, starring Kurt Russell, and associated them with his theory that fatherhood changes whenever a new technology is introduced. Brooks' theory is that the goal of male human history is to be able to reproduce without a maternal figure.

Brooks said every time writing technology has moved forward, fatherhood has undergone a drastic change. Brooks gave several examples to explain his theory.

In one example he uses Ra, the sun god from Egyptian mythology. Ra produced his son, the first son in Egyptian mythology, without a maternal figure. Ra was also the inventor of hieroglyphics, the first form of writing.

Another example of Brooks' comes from Greek mythology. Cadmus is a god who produced the sun as well as the first son (his own son). Cadmus killed a mother dragon and planted its

teeth in the ground. The teeth grew into two things: soldiers and the letters of the Greek alphabet, a form of writing technology.

Another example comes from current-day experiences. In the age of computers, the newest writing technology, the idea of cloning has been introduced. Brooks said man may soon be able to reproduce without the help of a maternal figure.

"We are about to enter an age in which the prime goal of male human history is about to be realized," Brooks said.

Brooks said there are three

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Tibetan monk to discuss Buddhism Lessons of the past

BY ANDREA BROCKMAN
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The Lama K. T. Shedrup Gyapso, a Buddhist monk and the director of the San Jose Tibetan Temple, will visit Texas A&M this week to lecture on Buddhism and meditation.

The lectures are sponsored by the TAMU Buddhist Association.

The Lama was born and raised in Southern California and served in the U.S. military.

After meeting a Buddhist teacher, he converted to Buddhism and several years later was ordained as a monk. Then he spent six years in Asia.

Nathaniel Rich, president of the TAMU Buddhist Association and a sophomore philosophy major, said while in Asia, the Lama traveled with some of the greatest living Buddhist teachers, such as the Dalai Lama.

Rich said it is a rare opportunity to have a Buddhist monk visit Texas A&M.

"We are excited and hope people of all religions or no religion come out to the lectures," he said.

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— NATHANIEL RICH
 PRESIDENT, TAMU BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION

The first lecture tonight is an introduction to basic Tibetan Buddhism.

Rich said he hopes the second

lecture Sunday will attract more people because it is the most general and will deal with basic world views the Buddha taught.

"Buddha's teachings remained the same for 2500 years," he said. "Most people do not realize Buddha lived and taught 500 years before Christ, and his public ministry in North India lasted 45 years."

Rich said Buddhism is one of the world's oldest organized religious communities and there are now about 350 million Buddhists in the world.

The third lecture on Monday night will deal with meditation.

Rich said meditation has nothing to do with religious belief.

"Anyone can do it," he said. "It is simply about calming and cultivating the mind."

The Lama will speak tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder, Sunday at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder and Monday at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

Amistad descendant speaks on history, love

BY MELISSA JORDAN
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Samuel Pieh, great-great grandson of Joseph Cinque, leader of the *Amistad* ship revolt, issued the challenge to A&M students to take more responsibility for keeping justice present in society.

Pieh spoke on the historical legacy of the *Amistad* trial and said he wanted to give a human face to the event.

"For me, as a direct descendant of *Amistad*, I want to share the human element of the event," he said, "so that we can understand the relationships not only of our past, but also of our present and future."

Pieh said love is the cause of a great many things, including *Amistad*.

"Love itself can be directed to different things, different places and different people," he said.

Pieh said many forms love exist: the

love for knowledge, love for freedom, love for inclusion and love for money.

"The *Amistad* is about people who had love for material things," he said.

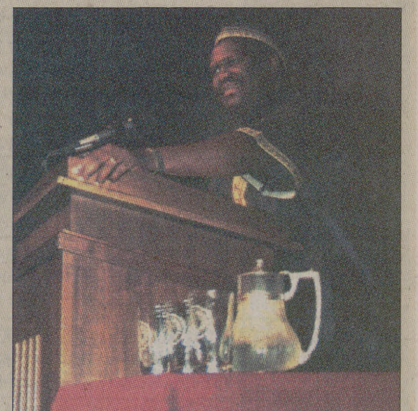
Pieh said the people involved in the slave trade were so consumed by their love for money and material things they had lost their consciences.

"Their spiritual foundation was completely destabilized," Pieh said.

Pieh said the spiritual foundation was the most important thing that upheld Joseph Cinque and John Adams, who fought for justice in the *Amistad* case.

"It doesn't matter whether you have blond hair or African hair," Pieh said. "There is a spiritual foundation in all of us at all times."

Pieh said teamwork is vital to promoting civil society in our diverse world.



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Samuel Pieh, the great, great grandson of the man who led the *Amistad* revolt speaks Wednesday.

"Within this diverse world, there is unity that is presented in all organisms," Pieh said. "If love is the reason *Amistad* came to be, could love also be the reason we should not let *Amistad* come to be again in our society?"

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