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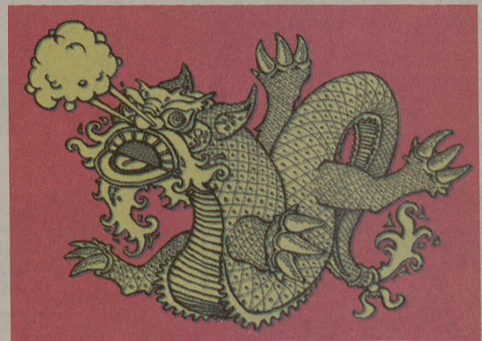
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Greek Week events kickoff to benefit charity and promote leadership and unity.

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• Today marks the beginning of the year 4697, the Chinese year of the rabbit.

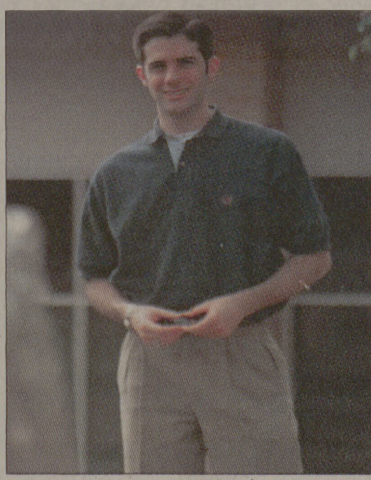
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MSC names new president

BY NONI SRIDHARA
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Bill Anderson, MSC president-elect and a senior mechanical engineering major, said his main two-year goal for the future of the MSC is to empower the internal parts of the organization and establish its external program to help serve more students.



Bill Anderson, a senior mechanical engineering major, is president-elect for the MSC.

Anderson said he got involved with MSC programs as a freshman. He said he wanted to take advantage of the unique opportunities available and put his skills to use. "I didn't get involved thinking, 'I want to become MSC president,'" Anderson said. "I just wanted to meet people and learn more about myself."

University looks to hike schooling costs

Four student fees may increase in Fall 1999 pending approval

BY SALLIE TURNER
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Four student fees are scheduled to increase for Fall 1999, costing a student taking 14 hours \$97.30 more per semester.

Charlene Clark, public relations officer for the Sterling C. Evans Library, said the fee increase will help the A&M libraries acquire more collections including electronic databases and a base of journal subscriptions.

Proposed Student Fee Increases

- **University Authorized Tuition (UAT)** - A fee increase of \$4 has been proposed. The increase would be used to increase faculty and staff salaries based on merit.
- **Library Use Fee (LUF)** - The LUF has increased a dollar each year since 1996. It will increase by another dollar, allowing the library to allot these funds towards acquiring more collections such as electronic databases and journal subscriptions.
- **Student Service Fee** - The fee is divided by 23 departments. Each department then makes the decisions about how the fund will be spent. The fee could be increased 10 percent per year unless a referendum is held. This year it may be increased by 9.5 percent.
- **Computer Use Fee** - The computer fee may change to a pay-per-copy fee or the per semester credit charge may be increased by \$1, raising the fee to \$7 per semester credit hour.

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MIKE FUENTES/THE BATTALION

Senator Phil Gramm speaks Monday morning at the Pavilion. Gramm is urging the Social Security Administration to exempt college student workers from having to pay Social Security taxes.

Sen. Gramm advocates tax breaks for students

BY AMANDA STIRPE
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Senator Phil Gramm visited the Texas A&M campus yesterday to promote the Student Tax Fairness Act and to participate in a letter-signing ceremony to advocate the act to the Social Security Administration.

empt University employed students from relinquishing part of their paycheck to social security. "The tax is an inequity that existed in tax laws since 1972," Gramm said.

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Speaker addresses effects of bombing

BY AMANDA PALM
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Retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Kenneth E. Eickmann shared his experience of the Oklahoma City Bombing rescue and recovery efforts Monday evening at Rudder Theater.



SALLIE TURNER/THE BATTALION
Retired Air Force Lieutenant General Kenneth E. Eickmann speaks about the aftermath of the Oklahoma City Bombing Monday night.

When the Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma City was bombed on April 19, 1995, the governor of Oklahoma asked Eickmann, who was commanding general at Tinker Air Force Base, to guide the disaster response.

major part of the response effort, Eickmann said. The dogs were used to sniff for parts of the bomb and to search for survivors in the debris of the building.

Study finds women at greater risk for STDs than they believe

(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Many women are at a greater risk of contracting sexually-transmitted infections than they believe, according to a recent study.

She said common reasons for not discussing risk include assumptions that their partners were low-risk individuals, they were too uncomfortable or embarrassed to talk about sex or they just didn't think to ask.