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# A&M student victim of fatal wreck

## Cause of accident under investigation by College Station Police Department

BY SALLIE TURNER  
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Allyson Marie Holman, a junior psychology major, was killed in a car accident Friday when the vehicle she was traveling in was hit by another car.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Holleman Drive and Wellborn Road at 11:36 a.m.

Lt. Michael Mathews of the College Station Police Department said a white, 1993 Ford Mustang was traveling southbound on Wellborn Road when it allegedly ran a red light and struck the right side of a blue, 1994 Mitsubishi Eclipse.

Holman was in the passenger seat of the Eclipse, which was attempting to make a protected left turn onto Holleman Drive. She suffered massive head injuries and was pronounced dead upon arrival at College Station Medical Center.

Anthony Alan Jones, the driver of the Mustang and a senior mechanical engineering major, and Bridget Kathleen Dyer, driver of the Eclipse and a sophomore business administration major, were taken to College Station Medical Center. Jones was treated and released Friday evening. Dyer remains in stable condition.

Detective Tony Kunkel, a crime scene technician for the College Station Police Department, said the right side of the Eclipse was destroyed by the impact of the accident.

The cause of the accident is under investigation by the College Station Police Department who will determine if charges will be filed.



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Detective Tony Kunkel, a crime scene technician for the College Station Police Department, photographs the wreckage from the accident that occurred at the intersection of Wellborn and Holleman Friday. The accident killed Allyson Marie Holman, a junior psychology major, and injured two others.

# NASA head to speak on research of atmosphere

BY AMANDA SMITH  
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NASA administrator Dan Goldin will bring an out-of-this-world perspective of the atmosphere to Texas A&M tonight at 7:30 in the George Bush Presidential Conference Center auditorium.

Nancy Sawtelle, director for communications for the Office of the Provost, said Goldin will address research covering issues relating to the atmosphere, including a flight to Mars and ways to reduce atmospheric pollution.

"We are hoping that people will gain knowledge of the technologies and the sciences available within our atmosphere," Sawtelle said.

"Some of our research (from A&M) comes from travel in space. We have a lot of NASA-related research activity on the Texas A&M campus."

In conjunction with NASA research, the Colleges of Science, Education, Geosciences and Health and Kinesiology are studying the effects of a weightless environment on bones.

NASA is developing a virtual presence in the solar system, including the quest for life in other solar systems. NASA anticipates humans working and living in the International Space Station by early in the 21st century.

Before the lecture, Goldin is scheduled to spend the day on the A&M campus to meet with students, faculty and staff members.

The lecture, sponsored by the Office of the Provost, is the first of three in A&M's Distinguished Lecture Series.

Former President George Bush will lecture on Mar. 8. Robert Ballard, who discovered the wreck of the Titanic, will lecture on April 28.

All lectures in the series will start at 7:30 p.m. in the George Bush Presidential Conference Center auditorium.

Tickets are free and available at the MSC Box Office 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

# Conference focuses on nation's ethical issues

BY NONI SRIDHARA  
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Delegates from schools across the nation addressed ethical issues in government, media, education, business, medicine, environment, engineering and the military at the 44th annual MSC Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA).

John Allison, vice chair for delegates in SCONA and a senior accounting major, said the SCONA committee has been developing a conference discussing ethics since last year.

"We thought this would be a good subject, because it can be addressed in so many different areas, and it is also kind of relevant with the whole Clinton-thing going on," Allison said.

In a May 1998 Gallup Poll, 16 percent of Americans said America's largest problems, other than crime and violence, are ethics,

morality and a decline in family values.

Martha Middleton, committee chair for SCONA and a junior education major, said all sessions were led by experts in each field. Middleton said, after hearing the speakers, the delegates divided into roundtable sessions where they discussed the speakers' messages and formulated one-page summaries of the speeches.

Roger Boisjoly, a professional engineer retired from Morton Thiokol, spoke on engineering ethics.

Boisjoly was active in opposing the four Thiokol senior managers who voted to launch the space shuttle Challenger despite his objection. Boisjoly's testimony was a key factor in exposing the truth about the decision to launch and the organizational misbehavior at Morton Thiokol and NASA.

Another speaker at the confer-



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Robert Siegel, host of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," speaks Thursday night. Dr. Eugene C. Hargrove, chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion Studies at the University of North Texas and founder of the journal Environmental Ethics.

Hargrove said there are many ethical debates concerning the environment.

"At one point, the director of SCONA ON PAGE 2.

# Workshop benefits women in science, engineering fields

BY NONI SRIDHARA  
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Women interested in science and engineering learned how to turn everyday situations into positive experiences at the seventh annual Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Conference.

Dr. Deborah Hess, an analytical chemist from Austin, spoke at a workshop called "Your Turn My Turn: The Two Career Couple." Hess talked about the positive and negative aspects of being a two-career couple.

"There are five main key steps to managing the two-career couple," she said.

"These are to define priorities, communicate, compromise, plan financially and networking."

Hess talked about working for the same and different employers. She said benefits of working for the same employer include sharing information, receiving joint transfers, relieving some transportation costs and job security. Hess said some difficulties arise when one partner has the lead career. Financial investments could also become a problem.

Hess said there are also positive and negative considerations if both partners are working for a different employer.

"I think one of the best things about this is you can discuss something other than company news," she said.

Dr. Lesia Crumpton, a professor of industrial engineering at Mississippi State University, taught participants how to create a positive self-image.

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# Student Engineers Council to host National Engineering Week activities

BY SALLIE TURNER  
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Student Engineers Council will host National Engineering Week activities this week in and around the Zachry building.

National Engineering Week was started by the National Society of Professional Engineers and has been held for more than ten years. Over 35,000 people nationwide will be participating in events as part of National Engineering Week.

Events for the week began yesterday with a fajita picnic at the Student Recreation Center, and activities will continue throughout the week.

The week's events include research presentations by professors, displays of engineering art, and numerous social events. The activities will conclude on Friday with Engineering Day at Post Oak Mall.

Melissa Conley, president of Student Engineers Council and a senior civil engineering major, said the week allows people to see diverse sides of engineering. Students of all majors are welcome to participate.

"[The week] is a way to promote engineering in a fun way," she said. "We (engineers) like to have fun."

Conley said Engineering Day targets elementary-age students and allows them to see the opportunities available in engineering. Engineering Day activities include slime making, dust explosions and engineering contests.

"The activities show the interesting side of engineering," she said. "It shows kids the things that can be done with engineering."

New events added this year are the Engineering Art Gallery in the Zachry lobby Tuesday and a scavenger hunt with other engineering societies on campus. Conley expects the free picnic lunch on the Zachry lawn Wednesday to draw a large attendance.

"We started the picnic last year, and it drew a huge crowd," she said. "We expect an increase in attendance and variety of people at all of the week's activities."

Leanne Gaspard, a junior chemical engineering major and chair of National Engineering Week, said engineering education has been going on since 1778.

"George Washington was an engineer and called for engineering education," she said. "The week is planned in February because Washington's birthday is in February."

## Activities for National Engineering Week

### Monday

• Professors and research day 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

### Tuesday

• Engineering Art Gallery all day and a scavenger hunt beginning at 7 p.m.

### Wednesday

• Free picnic 11 a.m. -2 p.m. and a social at Chelsea Street Pub & Grill

### Thursday

• Pool and 42 (dominoes)

### Friday

• Engineering Day at Post Oak Mall

# Coalition founder to give motivational speech

BY NONI SRIDHARA  
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Star Parker, president and founder of the Coalition on Urban Renewal and Education (CURE) and a former welfare recipient, will give a motivational speech sponsored by the College Republicans at 8:30 tonight in Rudder 601.

Parker, transformed from a welfare fraud to a Christian activist and welfare reformer, Parker has appeared on the "Oprah Winfrey Show," "Larry King Live" and "Politically Incorrect." She spoke at the National Republican Convention in 1996 and has co-produced a documentary on welfare reform.

CURE helps direct youth towards moral responsibility and promotes sexual abstinence until marriage, goal-setting and entrepreneurship. CURE also keeps pastors and community leaders updated on major legislative initiatives and public-policy movements.

Melissa Oestrich, president of College Republicans and a junior political science major, said the speech is part of an effort to introduce a multicultural series.

Oestrich said Parker is a good motivational speaker and is exactly what this campus needs.

"She wants to teach people to make their own decisions and be personally responsible for the decisions they make," Oestrich said.

Oestrich said Parker believes it is not the conservatives who are hurting the poor but the Democrats who are making them more dependent on welfare and not letting them take control of their lives and wants to convey the message.

William Henderson, executive committee chair for the College Republicans and a senior political science major, said Parker provides a strong message since she was a single mother who was dependent on welfare and has completely changed positions.

Oestrich said the speech is open to everyone and is not just a Republican event.

"Our hope is to motivate students to take an active role in student government," she said.

She said many students are apathetic about government because they do not realize how much it will affect their lives in the future.

Oestrich said many politicians do not take students seriously, because they have the lowest percentage of voter turnout.