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Have completed at least 12 hours journalism, including JOUR 203 and 303 (Media Writing I and II), and JOUR 304 (Editing for the Mass Media), or equivalent.

Application forms should be picked up and returned to Francia Cagle in the Student Publications office, room 012 Reed McDonald Building. Deadline for submitting application: 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, 1999. Applicants will be interviewed during the Student Publications Board Meeting beginning at 4:15 p.m. Monday, May 3, 1999, in room 221F Reed McDonald.

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## Effects of the mind

Student Counseling Services report shows significant growth in number of students requesting disability status due to mental disorders.

BY AMANDA SMITH  
The Battalion

The word disability is not confined to describing impairments of the body, Roganne Thueson, an accommodations counselor of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD), said. Under the jurisdiction of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Texas A&M must recognize a disability as "any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities," including physical disabilities, learning disabilities and psychological disabilities.

In Fall 1998, Texas A&M Services for Students with Disabilities served 486 students, with the most significant growth in the number of students reporting a psychological disability, according to a report from the department.

Thueson said more students are recognizing psychological problems as a disability because of increased education on the causes and the ramifications of psychological problems.

"More and more people are beginning to realize that psychological disorders affect major life activity, particularly in regard to learning," Thueson said. "There is a need to help students, and more and more people need to learn this."

Betty Milburn, an associate director of Student Counseling Services (SCS) said students must realize that counseling is available for students who are struggling academically and for students struggling with relationships, depression and other personal problems.

"If students will take advantage of services, then it might take care of some of the problems," Milburn said.

Milburn said most students who seek help from Student Counseling Services (SCS) do so

because of grade problems or the fear of future grade problems.

"Most of our students are on probation or are in danger of being placed on probation," Milburn said. "Some manage to fund their way here themselves, just looking to fine tune the study skills they have. Sometimes, students are just not in a good match with their majors and their academic abilities."

Milburn said after mid-term and end-of-the-semester grades are posted, more students seek academic counseling.

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Student Counseling Services

Within SCS, four counselors devote 25 hours each per week to counseling students in academic and career areas.

In addition to the four academic and career counselors, SCS trains students who have been academically successful to participate in the Academic Career Educator (ACE) program. ACEs receive training to counsel students in the areas of time management, study skills, stress relief tactics, choosing a major and choosing a career.

## Court clears way for attempted assassins' trips to mental hospital

WASHINGTON (AP) — John W. Hinckley Jr., the man who tried to kill Ronald Reagan, may begin to take supervised day trips from the mental hospital where he has been confined since 1982. A federal appeals court refused on Tuesday to reconsider an earlier decision allowing the trips.

Over opposition from federal prosecutors, Hinckley won court permission in January for supervised trips away from St. Elizabeths Hospital.

But the prosecutor, who said Hinckley remains disturbed and unpredictable, blocked him from taking the outings by appealing the three-judge panel's decision to the full U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington.

The decision did not rule directly on the merits of Hinckley's request to leave the hospital but had the effect of allowing such trips. Hospital officials and Hinckley's doctors have said that as part of his treatment he should be allowed visits off hospital grounds, supervised by hospital staff.

Channing Phillips, a spokesperson for the U.S. attorney, said he was unsure whether Tuesday's decision would be appealed. He said that in a week, when the appeal court's decision takes effect, the hospital will have discretion to decide when and where Hinckley can take supervised day trips.

Officials at St. Elizabeths were not immediately available for comment.

Hinckley's lawyer, Barry Levine, said he would work with hospital officials to arrange a supervised day trip for Hinckley. Levine said Hinckley probably would visit with his family and his girlfriend for dinner at a private home in the Washington area. Levine said he expects that trip would be "a precursor to enlarged liberties."

"Of course the Secret Service will know wherever he's going, and the public is not at any risk at all," Levine said. "Mental health professionals who know him are of the view that John Hinckley is not a danger to anyone."

Hinckley's lawyer, Barry Levine, and officials at St. Elizabeths were not immediately available to discuss the case.

Hinckley, 43, has been confined to St. Elizabeths since 1982, when he was acquitted by reason of insanity in the 1981 handgun attack on Reagan outside a Washington hotel.

Reagan, his press secretary James Brady and two law enforcement officers were wounded in a shooting that Hinckley later said was an attempt to impress actress Jodie Foster.

U.S. Attorney Wilma A. Lewis said Tuesday she was disappointed with the ruling, which applies not just to Hinckley but to all Washington defendants acquitted by reason of insanity.

"Despite our disappointment, the public should understand that today's court decision does not allow Mr. Hinckley or any other insanity acquittee to come and go when they please," she said. "The only time they would leave is when the hospital issues a pass allowing them to leave the hospital grounds under hospital supervision."

Lewis said if the hospital ever decides that Hinckley or any other person acquitted for insanity is ready for unsupervised visits, the U.S. attorney and the court would be involved in the decision.

A federal judge originally turned down Hinckley's request for a Christmas visit with his parents and girlfriend in 1997. Hinckley appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, whose three-judge panel cleared the way.

Last month, prosecutors asked the full, 11-judge appeals court to reconsider the case. But the appeals court on Tuesday let stand the first panel's 2-1 decision.

Circuit Judge Karen LeCraft Henderson disagreed with the majority decision and said in Tuesday's ruling that the panel's decision allowing the conditional release under supervision of inmates acquitted because of insanity is dangerous.

"It leaves to hospital administrators, rather than to judges as the Congress intended, final say in whether to release among the public members of what this court has justifiably called an 'exceptionally dangerous class,'" she wrote in her dissent.

The appeals panel in January did not rule directly on merits of Hinckley's request to leave the St. Elizabeths campus. Instead, the two judges agreed with Hinckley's argument that decisions about such visits should be made by doctors, not courts. Henderson, the dissenting third judge, said the courts should be involved.

## President presses for new firearm control laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton pressed for new controls on guns Tuesday, and top Republicans proposed a hard look at the nation's violence-tinted culture as the two parties offered different responses to last week's Colorado high school shooting.

"People's lives are at stake," Clinton declared at the White House. He urged the GOP-controlled Congress to raise from 18 to 21 the legal age for handgun possession and to hold parents liable when their children use guns to commit crimes.

By day's end, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., had agreed Democrats an opportunity to vote on gun control legislation. Lott's decision was a "through" toward passage of legislation and several advocates of tougher laws said they thought they could prevail.

Earlier, neither Lott nor House Speaker Dennis Hastert mentioned control as they called jointly for a national Conference on Youth and Culture.

"This conference should examine important issues facing students, including video games, school, Hollywood, prayer in schools, parental involvement and local schools," Hastert, R-Ill., said in a written statement.

Neither Hastert nor Lott appeared together at a middle school in Virginia to tout recently passed gun control legislation, offered details.

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