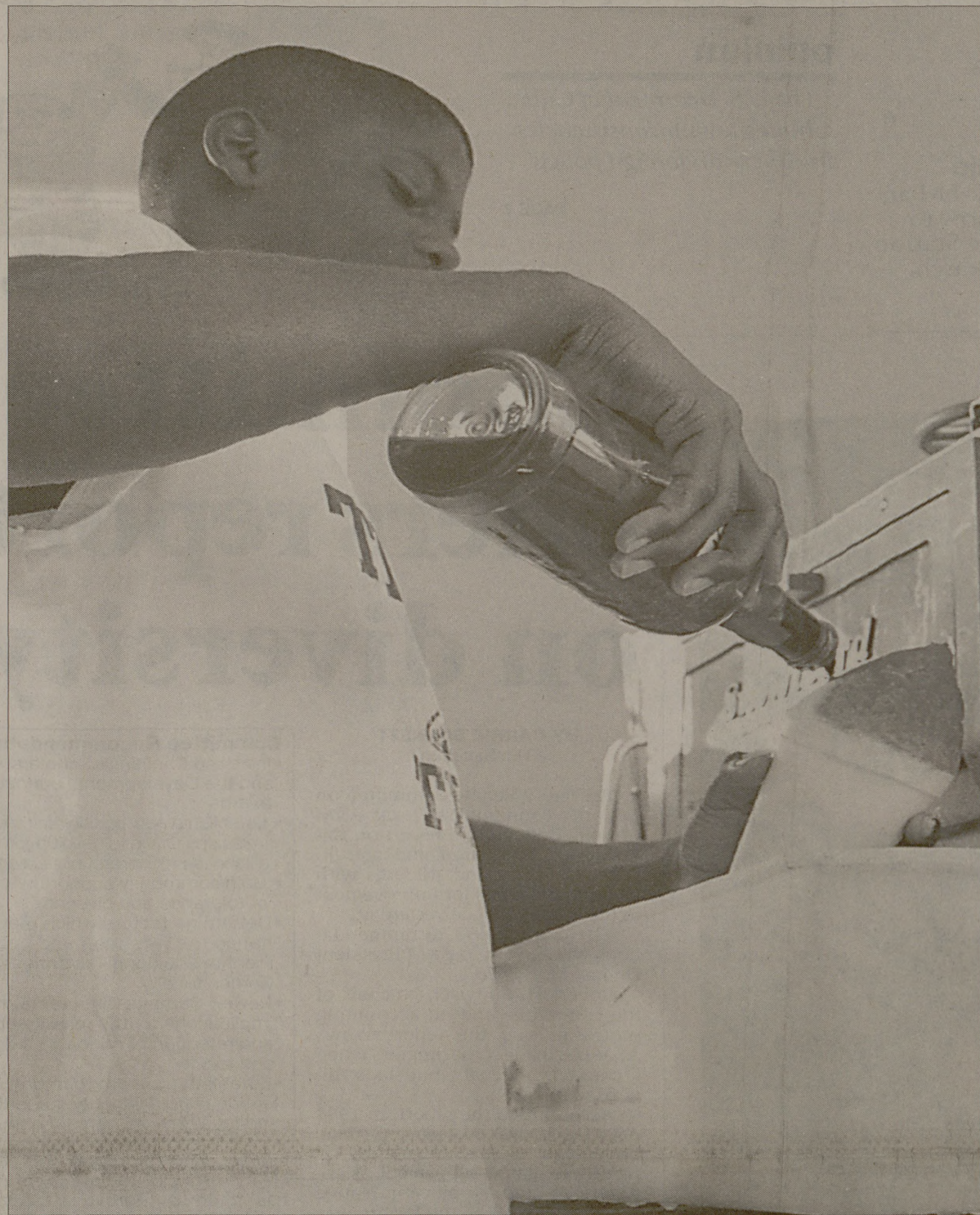


Summer snow



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16-year-old College Station resident **Andre Jones** prepares a piña colada snowcone Monday afternoon at the Chill Out Snowcones stand. The snowcone stand makes an average of 100 snowcones a day during the summer.

Hometown hero

Supporters say Bush held up under campaign

MIDLAND (AP) — After getting over the initial shock of hearing Gov. George W. Bush declare his presidential ambitions in Iowa, not Texas, Bush's hometown supporters say they are pleased with his first day on the campaign trail.



BUSH

Their favorite son did not change his tune on issues like bilingual education and affirmative action under pressure from the national media, and many Bush fans said they could not have been prouder.

"You should have seen him up there," said Marvin Ellis, a window washer who listened to Bush's first campaign speech and press confer-

ence Monday morning while dangling 11 stories from the ground.

"It was like the reporters were a firing squad. They were trying to trip him up and get him to say something that they could jump on, but he kept his cool. Instead of playing tit-for-tat with what other people think about things, he just stated what he felt. It was great."

Bush took stances on several issues as he traveled through Iowa and New Hampshire, telling reporters he is opposed to racial quotas and is concerned about the implementation of a peace plan in Kosovo.

Drake Robertson, a waiter at a downtown lunch club, said he is glad that presidential candidate Bush sounds just like Governor Bush.

"It was refreshing that he didn't

have to change the way he just because he was playing big boys," Robertson said. "That all students need to be lish, and he said racial quotas got to go — all things I've heard say for years now. There's nothing different about the guy."

Joseph O'Neill, who lives down the street from Bush, introduced him to his wife, Leticia. Bush will begin to make his own campaign stops.

"He had to stay in Austin and watch the Legislature get started traveling across the state and talking to reporters about specifics of his platform," said O'Neill. "This isn't show business. He has responsibilities. Now it's appropriate for him to start asking questions."

1999 summer enrollment figures

Summer enrollment totals for Summer Session I and 10-week terms have decreased from last summer.

Texas A&M Registrar Donald Carter said that enrollment numbers were down this summer because of the large number of undergraduates who have graduated from the University in the past few years.

Freshmen enrollment numbers for the first summer session and 10-week terms were not available.



Overall enrollment for Summer Session I and 10-week terms:

1999 — 16,036
1998 — 16,368

Undergraduate enrollment for Summer Session I and 10-week terms:

1999 — 11,544
1998 — 11,788

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Schaffer said A&M needs to recognize the progress made and the need to continue to make progress. She said in comparison to other major Texas universities, A&M is not far behind.

"U.T. [University of Texas] is doing better, but not much better," she said. "As the *Houston Chronicle* points out, the University of Houston is ahead of every school in the state."

Schaffer said urban universities have higher percentages of minorities than A&M. The report said, "The general counsel of Texas A&M University has advised us that funds cannot be designated for the specific purpose of minority faculty recruitment."

The report says this "challenges the University to renew and strengthen our commitment to recruitment and retention of a diverse university community."

DONORS

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The Birdwells' Sul Ross Scholarship will be matched by part of a \$10 million donation to the Corps made by H.R. "Bum" Bright of Dallas, Texas A&M.

Class of '43. The donation will be made in the Birdwells' name.

Birdwell said in a press release, " [By making this donation] I'm simply trying to pay for what I received at Texas A&M."

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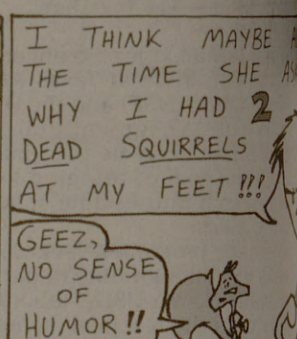
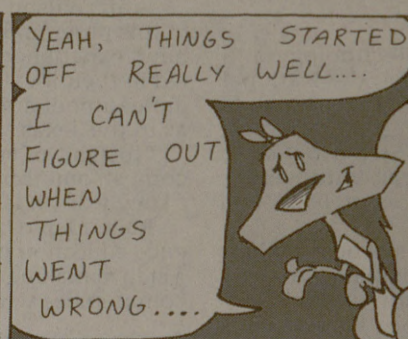
"People often see science as something distant from their communities," James said. "Connecting school programs with research facilities will help the communities realize that the USDA adds a lot to our lives."

Teachers will spend three weeks with the researchers at

their labs and attend a two-week conference at A&M to learn how to put the scientists' ideas into effect. The two-week conference at A&M will take place at the USDA/Agricultural Research Service Food Animal Protection Research Laboratory.

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