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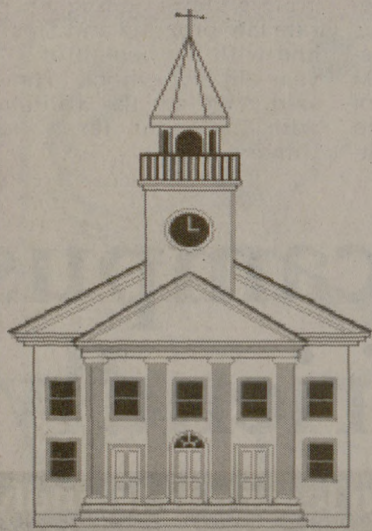
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# Chapel

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### Delta Gamma Welcomes the New Member Class of 1999

Trisha Acosta	Stephanie Key
Melanie Adamek	Jaimie Kocian
Anna Allred	Tara Kamensky
Amy Anderson	Jacqueline Kinney
Erin Baker	Bethany Larsen
Jenny Becker	Alicia Lauve
Becky Bergstrom	Stephanie Lemke
Jen Bersani	Kami Leshner
Amy Blackman	Paige Mansfield
Keeley Bliss	Natalie Marley
Christine Borowy	Melanie Moore
Teresa Bowers	Erin Neary
Amy Brown	Sophie Olyniec
Teri Brown	Kate Petree
Felicia Coleman	Lisa Puckett
Courtney Cox	Julie Quintero
Heather Crawford	Swayze Reed
Jennifer Dagen	Shayna Reichel
Shayla Dozier	Jessica Richardson
Christin French	Lisa Rodriguez
Shawna Frieze	Amanda Rollins
Jill Gerasimowicz	Whitney Skinner
Lindsey Gimber	Jaton Smith
Kristin Glass	Kathleen Terry
Lindsey Glass	Emilie Welch
Emily Granath	Jenny Wilkins
Christy Havel	Melissa Williams
Jameen Huddleston	Jolie Williams
Lorrie Jayne	Robin Young
Erin Johnson	Sarah Zachry
Laura Jones	

## CAMPUS

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was ranked as having the least friendly campus, has such a statement in its student rules handbook.

Kessler said he believes A&M has a larger gay population than what is widely accepted, and it would benefit from more protection by the University.

"The most conservative estimates of gay population I have seen are about 2 percent of the entire population," Kessler said. "Two percent of the thousands of students at A&M is an awful lot of people for the administration to ignore."

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, said A&M is responsive to its gay students and provides help by means of student counseling organization such as the ALLIES program.

Southerland said he hopes the student population does not believe that sexual orientation discrimination will be tolerated at A&M.

"That is not how we at the University feel, and we hope that no one else feels that it will be [tolerated]," Southerland said.

In a press release, Bowen said he is pleased that A&M ranked well in such categories as "encouraging classroom discussion," but he said the ranking as a least friendly gay campus is undesired.

"The reality is that Texas A&M is an inclusive institution that provides broad-based support for all of its students and welcomes everyone," Bowen said.

## SBISA

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Zawieja said the MSC Cafeteria and the 12th Man International Food Court in the MSC will have a board dining program for the evening meals. The Underground Food Court and Bernie's Place, to be known as Espresso Coffee Shop, are expected to open in August of 2000.

"Northside students still will be able to use their Aggie Meal Plans and Aggie Meal Credits for carry out meals in the MSC," she said. "Meal plans will be used in cash operations all over campus for breakfast and lunch."

Shailen Singh, a resident of Eppright Hall and a junior speech communications major, said the renovation of Sbsisa will benefit the MSC eating establishments.

"While Sbsisa is closed, I think the MSC is going to be more popular and more crowded, due to the amount of Northside students needing a place to eat," Singh said. "I don't think too many people will use the buses to go to the Commons for their meals. Hopefully when Sbsisa does reopen, students will have a variety of foods and services available to them."

## DIVERSITY

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the scholarship offered through the Texas A&M Foundation influenced his decision to come here, according to a news release from the Texas A&M Foundation.

"I came to A&M primarily because of the great interest they showed in me," Herrera said.

The private contributions to the Texas A&M Foundation totaling more than \$1 million have come from contributors, including \$500,000 from Ford Motor Company and \$220,000 from Motorola. Other contributors include Alcoa, Applied Materials, DuPont, Texaco and the John G. and Marie Stella Kennedy Memorial Foundation.

# Renovations to Evans continue

BY JEANETTE SIMPSON  
The Battalion

Renovations to the fifth floor of Sterling C. Evans Library, including installing a new fire alarm system, sprinkler installation and an upgrade of the electrical system, nears completion.

The \$8.1 million renovation project, which began last June, will make the first and second floors more efficient and make the third through sixth floors, or the book stacks, meet safety codes required by the American Disabilities Act and fire safety standards.

Adelle Hedleston, public relations information officer for Evans Library, said the renovations are being done to bring the 24-year-old building up to the current standards of building codes, make the library more user-friendly and help to increase the efficiency of the many other services provided. She said purpose of the renovation the construction is not to correct mistakes made in the original construction, as a myth has suggested.

"Let me dispel the sinking myth," Hedleston said. "The library has never been in any danger of sinking. How this ridiculous myth got started is a mystery to me."

Charlene Clark, public relations officer at Evans Library, said once the construction on the fifth floor is finished, the renovations to the third floor will begin. The estimated starting date for the third-floor con-



Veronica Marfil, a sophomore general studies student is required to wear a hardhat as she gathers books from the fifth floor of Evans library. Half of the floor is restricted to students due to construction. The renovation project is taking place on the first and second floors where the library and the Sterling C. Evans Library will still be accessible. Due to the renovations, the circulation desk was moved to the 1st floor stairwell. The reference materials have been moved to the floor of the Annex.

## News in Brief

### Off Campus Aggies, RHA to compete in tug of war

Off Campus Aggies (OCA) and the Residence Hall Association (RHA) will square off in a tug of war today at 1 p.m. on Duncan Field.

The tug of war is one of the activities for OCA week, today through Friday. The activities will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Dirty Red, an alternative music band will perform Thursday at Rudder Fountain. On Friday, students can take their best shot at Student Body President Will Hurd and other students leaders in a dunking booth.

Each day, OCA will feature Sony Playstations at the fountain where students may play EA Sports' NCAA 2000 video game. Prizes, handouts and flyers will be distributed throughout the week.

### Student Senate to begin accepting applications

The Texas A&M Student Senate is looking for applicants.

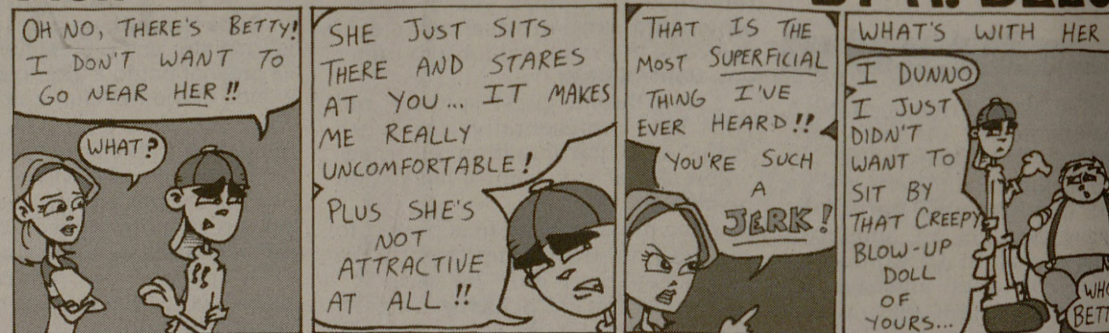
The vacancies include one on-campus Northside seat, one on-campus Southside seat and two College of Science seats.

Applications are available in the Student Government Association in Koldus Student Services building, 127 and are due by Friday at 5 p.m. Contact Speaker Pro-Tempore Justin Toal.

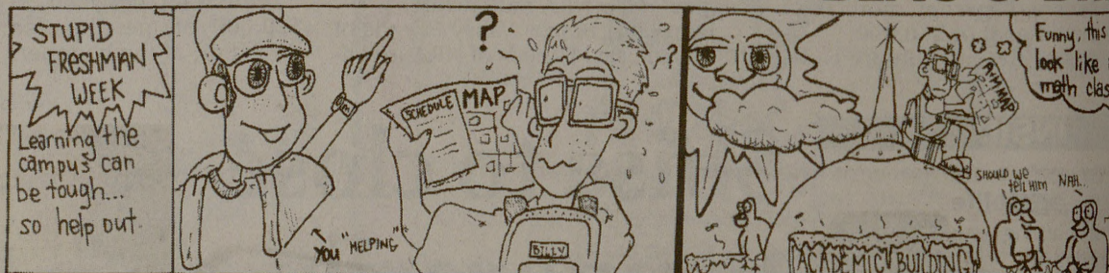
### CAMAC, HPC to mark Mexican independence

The MSC Committee for the Awareness of Mexican American Culture (CAMAC) and the Hispanic President's Council will present their annual celebration of Mexico's inde-

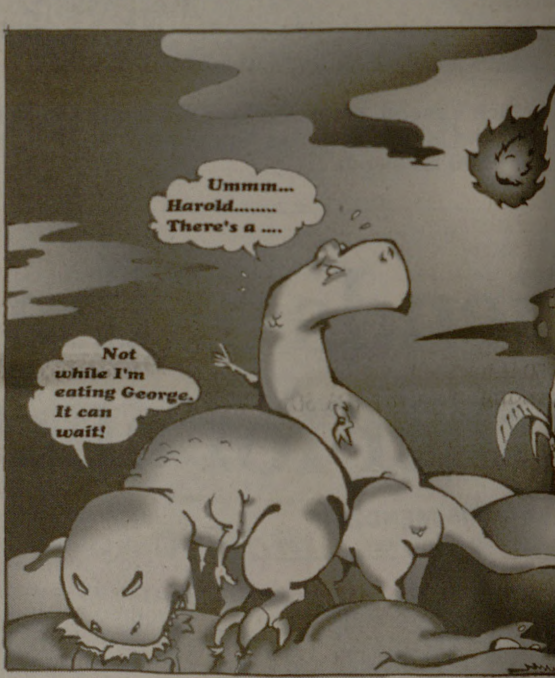
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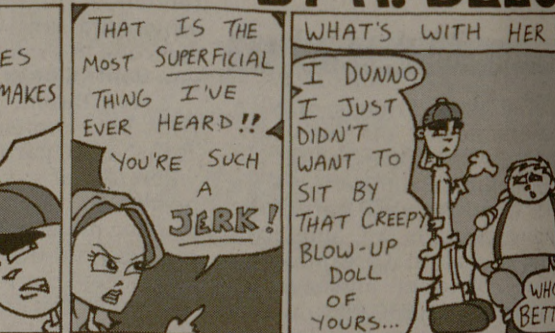
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