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# Students to host Carnival

BY BRANDIE LIFFICK  
The Battalion

The Brazilian Students Association (BSA) will host its own version of the traditional Brazilian Carnival Friday. "The Carnival in Brazil is like a Mardi Gras celebration. People dress up and dance and overall just have a good time," said Gustavo Desouza, president of the BSA and a freshman chemical engineering major. The Brazilian Carnival, held annually, is a four to six day celebration preceding Lent, a time of religious observance. More recently, the Carnival has served as a way for people of all social classes to interact and celebrate their country's heritage.

"Brazil has a lot of problems right now — social problems, economic problems," said Tiego Bitdinger, vice president of the BSA and junior journalism major. "This serves as a time for everybody. The wealthy, the poor and the middle class to forget about their worries and just all have fun together." Festivities for the local Carnival will be at The Warehouse in Bryan from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and will include traditional dance steps taught by members of the BSA along with a DJ and a live percussion band.

"We are going to incorporate not only traditional Brazilian music, but also other Latin music types, such as salsa and merengue," Bitdinger said. "That way, we draw in more diversity. We are looking forward to having everyone come out, not just Brazilians." BSA's Carnival is open to the general public. Tickets are \$4 at the door. "We hope that everyone can come out and enjoy the most of it," Desouza said. "It's put on not only to give Brazilians a taste of home, but to also let others know a little more about the Brazilian culture."

# Drumming up support for awareness



Alkebulan society drummers, "Six" (L) and Toney Browne perform at the Harambee 2000 Festival at Rudder Theatre on Thursday night. The festival was sponsored by the Black Awareness Committee to promote black awareness and unity.

# SLOT conference hosts high school seniors

BY BRANDIE LIFFICK  
The Battalion

Over 170 high school seniors will attend the three-day Senior Leaders of Tomorrow (SLOT) conference Feb. 25-27. The third annual conference is being sponsored by the Aggie Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT). "The main goal is to introduce students to college life and show them how it is different than high school," said Steven Duke, SLOT committee member and freshman speech communications major. Activities include round table discussions about making the transition to college life, Texas A&M traditions and different types of leadership styles. The high school students will also attend several presentations concerning time management and involvement. "We want to help these student leaders realize that leadership positions in college are different than in high school. In college, you have other time commitments. You have to learn to manage your time and prioritize," said Jeremy Hawpe, SLOT director and junior political science major. "These are things that will help them in all areas of life." Current A&M freshmen ALOT members will speak on how they have adapted to college life and will host the high school students for the two nights they will be staying on campus. Duke participated in the SLOT conference last year as a high school senior. "It helped me to realize that college life is totally different than high school," Duke said. "I felt better prepared when I got here." While a typical day during the conference starts as early as 8:00 a.m., a dance, several local performers and skits will help the students unwind and get to know other future Aggies. "We are planning to have Apotheosis, an a cappella group, perform along with the Texas Aggie Swing Cats and Percussion Studio for a total of about an hour," Hawpe said. "Then the seniors will break into groups and perform skits." Conference attendees are chosen on a first come, first served basis. This year, students from all over Texas and even a few from out of state will be attending. "We invited seniors that have already been admitted into A&M," Hawpe said. "But we also like to have seniors here that have not made up their minds as to where they want to go to school. We hope this will make their choice a little easier." The high school students pay a \$60 registration fee that covers the cost of their meals and other miscellaneous costs.

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# News in Brief

## Alaskans honor fallen Aggies

Students in Alaska are doing their part to memorialize those affected by the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse. Engineering students at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) will dedicate their annual Ice Arch in honor of the 12 fallen Aggies involved with last year's bonfire collapse. Building the ice arch is a 50-year-old tradition at the university. This year's arch will consist of four, freestanding, 15-foot-tall sculptures. Robert Carlson, UAF's head of civil and environmental engineering, said in an interview with brazosvalley.com that the arch will look unfinished, "as if to suggest that deceased Aggies' absence can be felt — even up here." The Fairbanks area boasts a strong Aggie former student population due to the abundance of petroleum engineering jobs in Alaska's thriving oil industry.

# COSGA to host student leaders

BY KIMBERLY OLSON  
The Battalion

The largest student government conference in the nation will bring student leaders from across the U.S. to Texas A&M this weekend to discuss current issues faced by the groups. Six hundred and fifty representatives from 150 universities will be visiting the A&M campus Feb. 26-29 to participate in the 20th annual Conference On Student Government Association (COSGA). The conference will feature speakers who will discuss the topics of administration and individual growth. Round table discussions will allow students to discuss other issues relevant to student government such as student apathy. Guest speakers include Capt. Gerald Coffee, a Vietnam War Prisoner of War (POW), and Vince Poscente, a speed skier on the 1992 Olympic team. Workshops will allow members of the student governments and professional organizations to share their experiences and present ideas about programs and activities which have shown themselves to be beneficial. "We're excited to bring all the delegates here to A&M where they can learn about student government and take ideas back to their respective schools," said Brent King, a host trainer and sophomore finance major. Jeremy Harman, COSGA executive director and senior finance major, said the conference continues to grow and improve every year because of the hard work of the conference's 80 hosts and eight executives. "COSGA '99 was the greatest conference in the 19-year history of our organization," Harman said. "The executive staff of COSGA 2000 is working diligently to ensure that this year's conference surpasses that of any other."

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