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Friday, April 7, 2000

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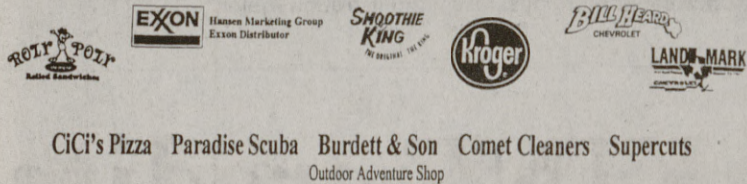
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Sparling named student worker of the year

BY BROOKE HODGES
The Battalion

Out of 13,000 student workers at Texas A&M, Dwain Sparling, a senior political science major, is among the best.

Or so his co-workers at the Physical Plant think. Sparling has worked as a student technician for the Physical Plant in the Information Management System (IMS) office since May 1996, and was presented with the Student Employee of the Year Award Wednesday.

His job consists of fixing computer problems, installing software and working on IMS's networking environment.

"He is the only student worker that works for IMS, so he carries a great load," said Lauri Griffin, computer systems group manager for Physical Plant. "He is an amazing young man, and it will be hard to let him go when he graduates."

"It is really humbling to be selected out of 51 [nominees] out of 13,000 [student workers]; it's really an honor," Sparling said. "I had gone into that job having worked very little, and I've gotten lots of experience working with very different people and it's given me lots of technical knowledge."

The Student Employment Association held a reception today to recognize student workers in honor of National Student Employment Week.

"This University could not operate without the student [workers] we have on-campus. We couldn't, no matter

what anybody says," said Nora Cargo, student employee administrator.

"We really rely on them and it's important we take time out of our day to honor those people and let them know they are appreciated."

In his welcome address at the celebration, A&M Pres-

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ident Dr. Ray M. Bowen said A&M has a budget of \$45 million invested to pay student workers.

"If anyone ever asks you, 'Have you had an impact, have you done anything of value to the University?' I think just the sheer numbers suggest that you've done an enormous service," Bowen said.

The Student Employee of the Year Award was established by the the National Student Employment Associa-

tion to honor outstanding student employees.

National Student Employment Week comes at a critical time due to recent debates surrounding student early registration being removed from A&M.

"We need to take time out to help students in their academics and their employment, and [early registration] away from them we may be an obstacle for that," Cargo said.

Each year, NSEA holds a nationwide competition at the institutional level that begins with each institution selecting a student worker of the year.

The recipient of that award goes on to the regional level and then, if he or she wins, the national level.

After winning the A&M contest, Sparling's nomination was sent to the regional competition.

"He has already advanced to the regional competition and he has won that — the Southern Association of Student Employment Administrators," Cargo said. "His nomination has now been forwarded to the national level, the [NSEA], he is one of four [competitors] in the United States."

Requirements for Student Employee of the Year include student employment at least six months, being nominated, enrolled at Texas A&M and having a 2.7 grade-point ratio. Student workers do not have to be employed on the A&M campus.

The nominations, which are submitted by employers, are evaluated on three criteria: GPA, length of service and the actual written nomination is graded by three readers.

A&M graduate student dies in cycling accident

BY MEREDITH HIGHT
The Battalion

Texas A&M graduate student James Howland Ratterree died Monday after being hit by a car while bicycling.

Ratterree was biking on a feeder road off Interstate 30 near Dallas.

Ratterree's daughter, Deanna Lanning, is a junior speech communications major at A&M.

"He loved the Aggies. He was really excited about being able to say that he was an Aggie, and he was really proud of his daughter for being an Aggie," Lanning said. "He was an awesome person. Everybody loved him, and he loved everybody. He could just sit down and talk to anyone, even if he didn't know them. To him, it didn't make a difference."

Ratterree took distance education classes from Dallas in the A&M fisheries science department while working full-time at the Environmental Protection Agency.

According to a preliminary police report from the Department of Public Safety

in Greenville, Ratterree was riding on a two-person bicycle with friend Howard Eugene Moses when a car struck them from behind after the driver was blinded by the bright sunlight.

Ratterree was an avid bicyclist.

"He really loved to bike. It was a big part of his life," Lanning said.

Ratterree's funeral is planned for Thursday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Rockwall. Ratterree is survived by daughter Lanning and son-in-law Todd Lanning, son Sam Rett and wife Judy Ratterree.

Ratterree was active in his church and officiated high school football games.

Dr. Tom Linton, a wildlife science professor, said Ratterree was well-liked within the fisheries science department.

"He was just a likeable guy. It's just a terrible thing to happen," he said. "He's a man who will be sorely missed ... everyone says that."

Ratterree will be honored at the next Silver Taps on September 5, 2000.

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censing Office, said that although A&M's major research product is the advancement of science, it does create many products that benefit the nation and beyond.

"We're not in the product-making business," Young said. "[But] we do often produce ideas and items that can be of great benefit to everyone. For example — the ET 2000, which is a cap on the end of roadside guardrails that has saved thousands of lives."

Other recent products are items such as new types of radar detectors, a new method of producing proteins for the development of vaccines, more resistant forms of wheat and rice, and new forms of battery fuel cells.

"Texas A&M's research ability has continued to grow and is really picking up steam," Kennedy said. "Just over the past 10 years, our funding has increased more than \$150 million, and that will continue to grow as A&M research continues to offer more and more benefits to mankind as a whole."

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The program works to create awareness of the dangers of drowsy driving and has established discounts for students at hotels.

"The program speaks for itself," said Ferguson, a junior political science major. "This program deserves the rights and privileges to be a full committee in the Student Government Association."

Other bills introduced and returned to committee, include the Policy Bill and the International Student Leader of Americas Conference Bill.

These bills, and the bill which created the Lupe Medina committee, will be voted on at the April 19 Student Senate meeting.

Campus Calendar

Thursday

Graduate Christian Fellowship and **Varsity Christian Fellowship** (VCF) Grad students meet at 7:30 for prayer, fellowship and snacks. Post our Website at <http://stat.tamu.edu/ivcf.html> for locations and modifications, or call Jen or Mark at 764-5252.

Students For Peace: There will be a series on Iraq: From Desert Storm to Crippling Sanctions. Contact Gelique for details on times and events at 779-8498.

Campus Ministry International: will be holding a general meeting at 7 pm in MSC 205.

XA Christian Fellowship: Please join for an intimate time with God and fellowship. There will be a guest speaker this week at 7 p.m. in HECC 200.

Corrections

In Tuesday's Science & Technology section's "Bioethics Awareness Week" schedule, the time for Friday's lecture by Dr. Glenn McGee was incorrectly listed as 5 p.m. The correct time and place is 4 p.m. in Wehner 159 (Ray Auditorium).

In Tuesday's paper Guy Rogers was incorrectly credited for the "Tornado aftermath in Fort Worth" pictures. The photographs should have been credited to John Garnett.

News in brief

Seniors can pick up rings today

The wait is finally over for Texas A&M students who ordered Aggie Rings in January.

The Association of Former Students will begin distributing Aggie Rings to students at 4 p.m.

In order to pick up your ring, students need

to go to the Clayton Williams, Jr. Alumni Center to take a number, beginning at 3 p.m.

The rings will be distributed by numbers.

This is the largest Aggie Ring order in the history of The Association and in order to celebrate, activities will be held on the back lawn of the Alumni Center.

Take a musical tour...

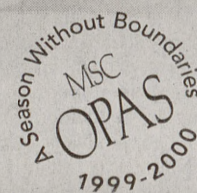
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