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106 YEARS AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

College of Medicine considers new partner

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Scott and White Medical Clinic and the Texas A&M University College of Medicine are still affiliated, despite a controversy which threatens the 23-year-old partnership.

improve the quality of medical students' education are causing strain between the College of Medicine and the Scott and White Medical Clinic in Temple, where A&M medical students train.

Noren said A&M College of Medicine has not ruled out the possibility of establishing a partnership with another institution if Scott and White

does not make changes to improve its quality.

"Right now, the clinical research department is not well developed," Noren said.

"Most medical schools are over 100 years old, with well-developed clinical research departments. I am aware that it does take time to develop these departments, but it has been 23 years

since Scott and White and the College of Medicine began their partnership. After 23 years, things should begin to improve," Noren said.

Noren said renegotiations have been going on for several months.

"The process of renegotiation is ongoing and difficult," said Adam Price, spokesperson for Scott and White. Price said changing the current

program would take away from the one-on-one relationship students have with the physicians.

Price said students come to Scott and White for clinical education with senior staff physicians, and they work one-on-one with an experienced physician. Many other schools match students with a resident physician, a recent medical school graduate.

"Students like working with an experienced physician and not a resident. Renegotiations which include more faculty research involvement would broaden the ratio of students to physicians, and students are not happy with that," Price said.

Noren said the controversy was

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Aggies rally, sign petition

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Students, former students and supporters from the community gathered at the Polo Fields Saturday to sign petitions showing their support for the continuation of Aggie Bonfire.

The bonfire support rally was organized by Keep the Fire Burning, a student organization dedicated to keeping the Texas A&M Bonfire tradition alive, weeks after an estimated 3,000 signatures were lost when its Website was hacked.

Ryan Thompson, the organizations co-chair and a senior history major, said the group has more than 9,000 signatures so far. The signatures they got from the rally will be presented to Dr. Malon Southerland, A&M vice president of student affairs, at a meeting the group has set with Southerland for Tuesday.

"We will present the petition, along with the letters we have received from students, to Dr. Southerland in our meeting on Tuesday," Thompson said. Southerland is expected to present the petitions and letters from students to A&M president Dr. Ray M. Bowen in time for his final decision on the fate of bonfire, which is expected to be announced during the week of June 19.

Trent Owens, rally co-organizer and Class of '98, said the rally was not only to recover the lost signatures, but also to serve as a voice for the students.

"I think the voice of the students is the most vital voice on

campus," Owens said. "You can't discount 40-something thousand people. Not just students, but former students."

Forrest Lane, student body president and a senior political science major, said he also wants bonfire to continue, and he said he knows Bowen will make a sound decision regarding the future of bonfire.

"No doubt I want to see bonfire burn as much as the next student, but I also know that the system has been good in listening to students, and there have been many chances for students to give input," Lane said. "Sometimes you have to be vocal to get your point across, but, at the same time, we have to appreciate the fact that, in such a difficult decision, the administration has listened to us."

Glenn Roberts, bonfire supporter and a junior construction science major, said the rally made students feel like their voices are being heard.

"This is important because it lets Bowen know how serious we are about keeping bonfire," Roberts said. "This is a great visual representation for Bowen to see all the names, and, at the same time, it helps students feel they can all get involved because only so many students can actually go in and talk to Bowen."

Owens said students who did not have a chance to attend the support rally should visit the Keep the Fire Burning Website at www.geocities.com/keepthefireburning to sign the petition showing their support for the continuation of bonfire.

Maestro's medley



Conductor Franz Anton Krager leads the Texas Music Festival Orchestra at a performance at Rudder Theater on Friday night. The orchestra is composed of world renowned musicians and is performing on tour across the state.

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Rec Center offers variety of summer services

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The Battalion

Students wanting to get physically fit this summer can look to the Student Recreation Center for programs and activities to help them get in shape.

Several summer programs and activities are being offered by the Rec Center free of charge.

Aerobics classes are offered Monday through Friday, and one class is offered on Saturday and Sunday.

The Rec Center also offers healthy living lectures on Wednesdays, with lecture topics including herbal medicine, tips for building running endurance and weight management myths and facts.

DeAun Woosley, fitness director for the Rec Center, said students have benefited from these lectures in past years.

"The healthy living lectures have always been real popular," Woosley said.

The TAMU Outdoors division of the Rec Center is also offering activities this summer.

Nate Love, head trip staff leader and a senior outdoor education major, said the department will host a number of day trips this summer, including a bat-watching canoe trip to Austin, horseback riding trips and hiking trips. In August, the outdoor division will take a sailing and scuba diving trip to the Bahamas. Love said the outdoor division also offers kayaking

stroke clinics, which are designed to give beginning students an introduction to the basic principles of rowing, and roll classes, which are designed to teach kayakers how to roll in their kayaks.

Love said the courses progress so students who wish to move on to more advanced levels of an activity can.

TAMU Outdoors also operates the climbing wall at the Rec Center, but students must be certified by the Rec before they can climb on the wall.

Jon Schwantes, outdoor trip leader, said the clinics for certification offered by the Rec Center last about 45 minutes and introduce students to basic climbing concepts.

Advanced climbing classes are also offered so students can improve their skills.

There are also opportunities for advanced students to climb in natural environments. TAMU Outdoors has taken trips to Mexico and done rock climbing in natural environments.

"We are looking to do some high-adventure trips," Schwantes said.

Schwantes said the department may expand the classes offered, depending on student participation.

"Student interest is important in any activity that we do," Schwantes said.

For more information on outdoor activities available and Rec Center programs, contact Student Recreation Services.

Summer Opportunities AT THE REC CENTER

Free Aerobics Classes:

- Mon - Fri 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. Rm 301
- Saturday 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Rm 301
- Sunday 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Rm 302

TAMU Outdoors

- Hiking Day Trip - June 18
↳ Registration closes June 14
- Horseback/Hiking Day Trip - June 24
↳ Registration closes June 20
- Kayak Workshop - July 15 through July 16
↳ Registration opens June 26
closes July 11
- August Break Trip to the Bahamas August 19 - Aug 25
↳ Registration closes June 15

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Allergy season affects Bryan-College Station community

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Summertime grass, pollen and mold spores have arrived to serve Bryan-College Station allergy sufferers an annual helping of grief, but Dr. David Weldon, of Scott and White Medical Clinic in College Station, said help is available for allergy sufferers.

"We typically see more patients during springtime ragweed season, although there have been a substantial number of

patients with allergy-like symptoms this summer," Weldon said.

Weldon said sneezing, wheezing and watery eyes result from exposure to Alternaria, the molds expelled from vegetation surrounding the B-CS community.

"These molds peak during the summertime and are notorious for aggravating asthma sufferers," Weldon said. "Summertime is Alternaria's 'prime time' for making its ugly presence known."

Weldon suggests that B-CS residents

refer to the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) Website for regional updates on mold, pollen and spore counts in the air. The AAAAI Website, located at www.aaaai.org, features graphs of regional pollen counts throughout the year.

"Trend analysis is useful for students and community residents who are allergy sufferers," Weldon said.

Weldon also suggests a simple three-strike rule: Allergy sufferers who use

quick-relief medicines or over-the-counter medicines more than three times have "struck out" of that level of allergy control.

Weldon said after this happens, sufferers need more aggressive treatment to combat summertime allergies.

Some drugs, such as FloNase, a nasal steroid, are effective tools in handling nasal symptoms. Claritin and Allegra, both prescription drugs, also offer relief to allergy sufferers.

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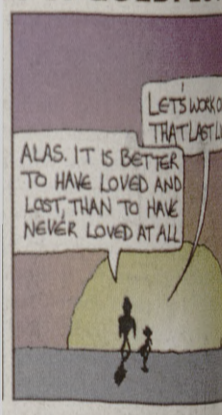
by Adrian

Well, I guess the BATT goes
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BY J. GOLDFLUTE



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Students sign petitions to promote continuation of bonfire. The rally was orchestrated by the student organization Keep the Fire Burning.

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