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TEXTBOOKS

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trying to get an additional copy of each text sent to the library when departments contact publishers to order texts for professors and students," Lillard said.

"The letters have apparently worked ... about a dozen textbooks have trickled into the reserve, and we are eagerly anticipating more," said Dr. Fred Heath, dean and director of Evans Library.

Heath said the reserve will be located on the second floor of Evans, where the texts will be guarded carefully.

"Students will check in their backpacks before entering the reserve. Exact plans are still under consideration, such as how students will check out a

text and for how long. Some speculation has been an hour at a time. In that

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hour, students can Xerox pages, take notes or just read," Heath said.

"The textbook reserve is a good idea. I would use it on certain days when I didn't want to have to carry around a heavy text," said Shelley Wolverson, a Memorial Student Center Bookstore worker and a senior management major. "I believe students will see this upcoming project the same way I do — beneficial, but not to be used in lieu of actually buying textbooks.

"In some classes, such as kinesiology, you really don't need to buy the book. The reserve would be an appropriate way to study before the test in those classes," Wolverson said. "Bookstores probably will see no direct effect of the opening of the reserve room, because most students realize owning a personal copy is more responsible, but it is a convenient back-up plan," she said.

TOP 10

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scholar and still teach the number of students, and the national numbers indicate Wendler said.

A&M will also make changes its research programs to achieve Vision 2020 goal. The University plans to make significant investments in biotechnology/life sciences and telecommunications/formatics.

The University is also planning to construct a building to house space and to combine research facilities in the life sciences. Wenders A&M also plans to compete for funding on the national level.

"The most competitive funding come from the national government because it's a competition on a national level; it's like going to the intellectual Olympics," Wenders said.

Furthermore, A&M plans to make more programs available at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, including master's degrees and certificate programs.

The University will also commission a task force to evaluate existing programs on campus. The task force will make suggestions for developing academic, performance and scholarship programs over the next few years.

The University is making enhancements to the graduate programs on campus. Wenders said A&M's current percentage of graduate students compared to other universities is lower than the national average.

"Our graduate student population is less than 20 percent of the national student population, and if you look at the very best universities in America, their population tends to be around 30 percent," Wenders said.

The University plans to recruit an additional 200 graduate students over the next three years. A&M will provide funds to certain graduate students to aid in tuition.

Bowen said that if A&M remains in the top 10 universities in the nation, it will have long-lasting benefits on graduates.

"The ring I received in 1958 when I graduated from A&M means a lot today in terms of public perception than it did when I got it," Bowen said. Bowen also said the decision the University makes can add value to the education of an individual graduate.

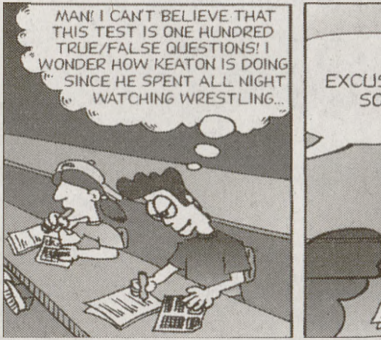
Wendler said getting into the top 10 in the nation can produce a halo effect for the entire A&M system.

"The halo effect works by attracting departments at universities elevated by the weaker departments. For instance, a university with a strong journalism department probably has other departments that are positively affected," Wendler said.

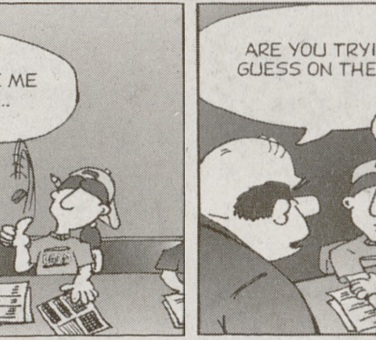
Wendler said A&M has the longest reputation reach in the university system.

"When A&M increases its stature, the stature of the whole A&M system will increase," he said.

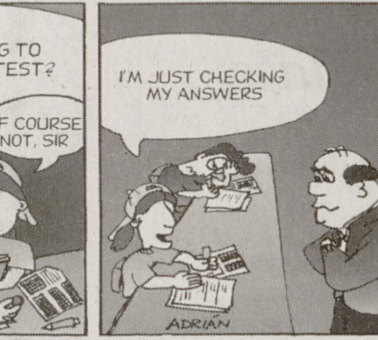
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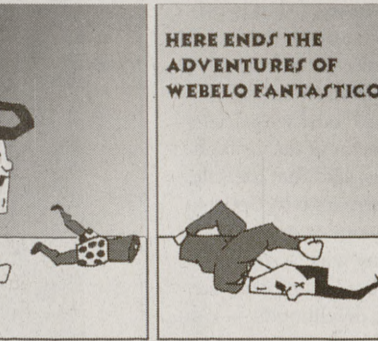


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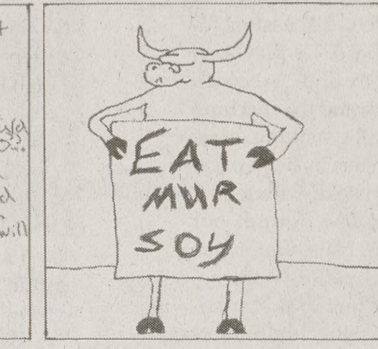
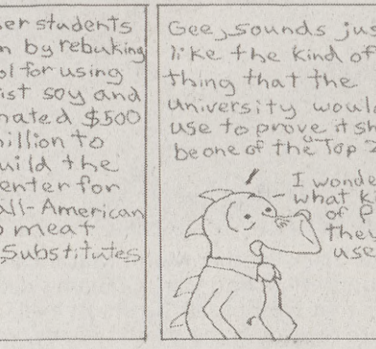
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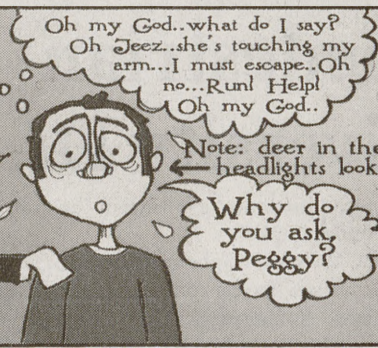
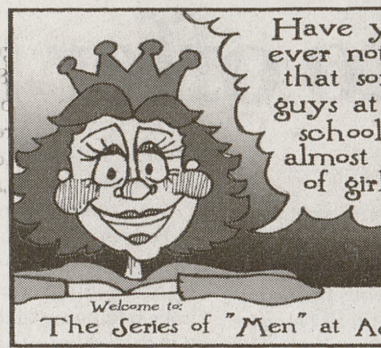
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