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## News in Brief

### Campus

#### Task forces suggests A&M arts academy

A 20-member task force to outline the initiatives to advance the arts at Texas A&M recommended Friday that A&M establish its own "academy for the performing and visual arts."

The proposed academy would attempt to develop funding and organization for performing and visual arts programs both on and off campus.

The task force, chaired by English Professor Paul Parrish, also recommended a \$250,000 allocation to aid in the development of arts programs.

#### Survey ranks A&M's architectural college

A national "customer satisfaction" survey of more than 800 architectural firms ranked A&M's College of Architecture sixth among public universities in producing graduates who excel on the job.

The survey, published in *The Almanac of Architecture & Design 2001*, inquired of the firms "From which schools have you had the best experience hiring employees?"

#### 5 Ags to compete in rodeo scholarships

Five members of the Texas A&M University Rodeo Team will compete for more than \$200,000 dollars in scholarship money at the College National Rodeo Finals in Casper, Wyo., June 6-11.

The team will include: George Strait Jr, Kelsey Cox, Jake McCallister, Margaret Up-ton and J. D. Thompson.

### State

#### El Paso has first gay pride parade

EL PASO (AP) — More than 200 people participated Saturday in El Paso's first gay pride parade, which organizers said helped raise awareness of gay rights.

"It was more than I expected," Genevieve Aguilar, parade planning coordinator, told *The El Paso Times*. "This is wonderful for us because we lack visibility. We're on our way."

More than 13 vehicles, floats and organizations took part in the Southwestern Pride Day Parade, which traveled peacefully through downtown streets.

Spectator Norma Rey said she wished the parade could have been longer.

"A lot more people could have been involved, but I guess they were afraid," she said. "I don't think El Paso is ready for this kind of thing, but we need to be more diverse, like other cities throughout the nation."

## A&M named top school for Hispanic engineers

By Justin Smith  
The Battalion

The latest issue of *Hispanic Outlook* has ranked Texas A&M's Dwight Look College of Engineering as the top school in the country for Hispanics in the fields of engineering and engineering technology.

The rankings were based on data from the 1998-'99 National Center for Education Statistics. *Hispanic Outlook* annually ranks the nation's schools based on the number of degrees awarded to Hispanics.

The college granted 147 bachelor's degrees to Hispanics,

### Magazine ranking based on degrees awarded to Hispanics

112 of which were awarded to men and 35 to women.

"I am delighted," said Dr. Roland Harden, vice chancellor and dean of the College of Engineering. "I am particularly proud of the Hispanic graduates."

Harden was not surprised that the college was recognized this year.

"[The college] is traditionally in the top five in the nation every year," he said.

Harden feels A&M has a great environment for Hispanics to

learn. He said A&M has a good grasp of highly technical spheres of academics but also has a rural element. He said that combination makes some students, including many Hispanics, feel comfortable here.

One example of a Hispanic student excelling with a degree in engineering from A&M would be System Regent Dionel Aviles.

Aviles received his bachelor's degree, master's degree and his doctorate in civil engineering from A&M while in the U.S.

Army. He retired from the Army in 1993 with the rank of major general.

He also is the owner and president of his own company, Aviles Engineering Corporation, based in Houston, tests and inspects geotechnical and environmental engineering construction materials.

"Aviles is a good role model for all the Hispanic students here at A&M," Harden said.

Along with its engineering graduates, A&M was recognized for English and literature students with a 10th place ranking for those fields.

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## TOP TEN Hispanic Outlook's Engineering Schools

- 1) Texas A&M University
- 2) Florida International University
- 3) California Poly State University - San Luis Obispo
- 4) California State Poly University - Pomona
- 5) The University of Texas at El Paso
- 6) University of Florida
- 7) New Mexico State University - Main Campus
- 8) The University of Texas at Austin
- 9) Texas A&M University - Kingsville
- 10) New Jersey Institute of Technology

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## CSPD investigates woman's death



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College Station Police Department (CSPD) Crime Scene Investigator Zeta Fail and Officer Paul Brown examine the truck of 21-year-old Mandy Wollersheim of College Station whose death is being investigated as a homicide. CSPD Public Information Officer Dan Jones said CSPD was called to investigate the death at 6:20 p.m. Sunday by a friend of Wollersheim's who found her body in her

residence at Willowick Apartments. Jones denied to comment further on the case, citing that the scene was still under investigation. Wollersheim's body will be moved to the Bexar County Investigation Team in San Antonio for autopsy. Wollersheim is survived by her parents, Mark and Mildred Wollersheim of Bryan. The Wollersheims did not wish to comment at the time of the investigation.

## Advisers claim balance is key to success for college

By Robin Lewis  
The Battalion

Summertime in Aggieland brings students an unusual mix of long classes and sunshine fun, but Texas A&M advisers warn that the recipe for success remains the same.

The key to a successful college career begins with a student's ability to balance their academics, along with the social and personal aspects of their lives, said Lyle Slack, coordinator of the Learning Skills Center at Texas A&M.

Slack said to never let any one of these aspects come before the other.

"If you let the academic part go, then when your social life is going on, you're sitting there saying, 'Oh, I need to be studying,'" he said. "Or when you're studying, you're thinking, 'Oh, everybody's out having fun.'"

Although balance is a very important part of surviving college, Slack said there are other methods to help increase a student's probability of academic success — develop good study skills and find

one's own personal educational needs or learning styles.

Slack and other counselors can be found at Henderson Hall, where students can come to receive counseling for these issues on an individual basis, or by participating in help groups.

"What we would generally do," Slack said, "is help you find your own learning style."

Students are coming to college from dif-

ferent high schools and different backgrounds, which can create difficulty when diagnosing a student with a certain learning style, Slack said.

In order to overcome this difficulty, he recommends paying special attention to whether one is a visual learner — one who learns through seeing the material, an audio learner — one who benefits from hearing the material read aloud, or a hands-on learner — one who can grasp the concept through application.

Slack said high school teaches students to merely survive. In high school, students can get away with doing a lot less, and allows students to graduate without forming strong study habits.

Until college freshmen experience their first round of college tests, he said, they can not possibly understand the importance of good study skills.

"The whole deal with study skills is the better you do it, the less you have to,"

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### Summer Study Tips

- Balance academics and personal time
- Find whether you are an audio, visual, or hands-on learner
- Stay current on classwork (do homework the night it is assigned)
- Visit the SCS Learning Skills Center
- And remember, when all else fails (and so do you) — go to class

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## New veterinary school on East Texas horizon

KILGORE (AP) — East Texas officials hope to land a veterinary school authorized three decades ago by state officials.

The Texas College and University Coordinating Board in 1971 authorized Texas Tech to establish a veterinary school.

On May 24, after 30 years of inactivity on the issue, Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, state

### Board approved Tech school 30 years ago

Rep. Tommy Merritt, R-Longview, and other East Texas lawmakers wrote Texas Tech chancellor John T. Montford urging that the school be created in East Texas, *The Kilgore News-Herald* reported Sunday.

It is tougher to get into Texas' single

veterinary school than to gain entrance into medical school, the lawmakers said.

"Texas A&M is a wonderful institution, but the program is simply not large enough to accommodate all qualified applicants. East Texas would be the

ideal location for the proposed Texas Tech veterinary school," Merritt told the *News-Herald*.

Ron Allen, executive director of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, said there is currently a shortage

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## Toledo claims victory in Peru

By Mariano Castillo  
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LIMA, Peru — Peruvians went to the ballot boxes Sunday for the fourth time in a year and elected Stanford-educated economist Alejandro Toledo president in a close runoff, defeating former president Alan Garcia.

The first official results from the National Office for Electoral Processes showed Toledo with a 51.57 percent to 48.43 percent lead over Garcia, representing 62 percent of all votes cast.

The electoral process was hailed as transparent and the most fair in recent history.

"I want to thank all the Peruvians who today gave their confidence to us," Toledo said in his first speech as president-elect, from his headquarters in the Sheraton Lima.

Toledo reiterated his promises to continue his fight against corruption and expressed gratitude to his first round opponents.

He reached out to the military, an unstable institution that is recovering from corruption at its highest levels.

"I am a soldier for democracy," he said. "I know how to distinguish between hay and wheat."

Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who led a joint delegation from the Carter Center and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, said the elections mark the "final chapter in a long story."

In an interview with the Peruvian daily *El Comercio*, Albright said, "Regardless of who wins, he will have a very difficult task to face because democracy is not an event, it is a process, and there are substantial issues to resolve in a country with figures of 50 percent poverty, which needs to achieve social justice and improve education within a complex and multiracial society."

Thousands of supporters filled the streets of Lima Sunday night in celebration.

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