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News in Brief  
Campus

Water main break  
closes road closings

The inconveniences from today's water main break on the Texas A&M campus continue with the closure of the inbound lanes of Olsen Boulevard near its intersection with Raymond Stotzer Parkway. The broken water main has required extensive roadway repaving to Olsen Boulevard, closing down one lane of inbound traffic.

Richard Williams, assistant president for the Physical Plant, says the water main broke Monday morning at about 3:30 a.m.

Physical Plant officials say repaving on Agronomy Road has also been affected. Affected traffic is being routed to Discovery Drive and Wellborn Road and some through Parking Area 83.

As the repairs progress, one of southbound traffic is expected to be reopened.

Physical Plant officials estimate it will take at least one week to repair all traffic lanes.

Johnson will take over as dean July 1

Ronald Douglas, executive vice president and provost at Texas A&M, has announced that Charles A. Johnson, head of the Department of Political Science, has accepted the position of dean of the College of Liberal Arts, effective July 1.

Douglas said that Johnson was selected after searching for a successor to Dean Woodrow Jones Jr., who is relinquishing his position to return to teaching full-time and research.

Johnson has been a member of the faculty at A&M since 1978, holding positions as the political science department head, four years as the associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and serving as the director of the Technology and Society Division of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station for four years.

ush Library to hold dedication for tree

The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum will hold a dedication at 11 a.m. for a 25-foot ash tree grown from seed collected near President Dwight D. Eisenhower's birthplace. The ceremony also will commemorate the 57th anniversary of D-Day.

Speakers scheduled for the event include Mary Jean Eisenhower, the president's granddaughter and chief executive officer of People to People International; James F. Coopers, commander of VFW Post No. 92; Douglas Menarchik, director of the Bush Library and Isbell Monroe, dean of faculty emeritus at Texas A&M.

Operation Silent Witness prodded the tree, which was planted about two weeks ago on the Bush Library grounds.

## Bowen expected to announce resignation as A&M president

Staff & Wire

Texas A&M University President Dr. Ray M. Bowen is expected to announce his resignation at a 10 a.m. press conference today in Rudder Tower, according to reports from radio station WTAW and *The Bryan-College Station Eagle* newspaper.



BOWEN

According to *The Eagle*, 65-year-old Bowen has told the University's vice presidents and the Texas A&M System Board of Regents that he plans to make his retirement as A&M's 21st president effective June 30, 2002, in order to allow the Board of Regents enough time to find a suitable replacement.

The topic of today's press conference has so far been announced by the University as a "major decision regarding administration changes."

The Board of Regents, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. J. Malon Southerland and the Office of University Relations have so far declined to comment on the subject matter of the announcement, as have all University officials contacted by *The Battalion*.

According to *The Eagle*, a source indicated that Bowen wants to take some time off and then return to A&M to teach engineering.

A comment made by Bowen

in a January 2000 *Eagle* article, stating that he would resign if poor leadership on the part of A&M's administration was found responsible for the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse, may indicate that Bowen's possible resignation is linked to the tragedy.

"I personally take responsibility for everything that happens at A&M," Bowen said in the article.

"At the end of the day, the buck stops here."

Four months later, the Special

Commission for the investigation of the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse concluded that a lack of active risk management on the part of A&M's administration was partially responsible for the collapse. However, the Special Commission did not directly blame the A&M administration for the collapse.

Bowen is currently a defendant in a wrongful death lawsuit brought by Jacki Self of the death of her son, Jerry Don Self, in the collapse.

## MSC galleries offer summer fun for Aggies

Functional art display will run from June 14 to July 29 in Stark Gallery

Andy Hancock  
*The Battalion*

For art enthusiasts in the Bryan-College Station area, the J. Wayne Stark University Center Galleries and MSC Forsyth Center Galleries will offer many exhibits this summer.

The Stark Galleries will be offering a diversion from the norm with "Enhancements," to be displayed from June 14 to July 29. "Enhancements" will be an exhibition of hand-crafted functional art.

"The 'Enhancements' exhibition will have everything from blown glass, eating utensils, wooden bowls and furniture," said Catherine Hastedt, registrar and curator for the Stark Galleries.

Hastedt said 50,000 people visit the galleries annually, and while summer of-

ten brings a decrease in attendance, the galleries still manage to bring in anywhere from 3,000-to-5,000 people per exhibit.

"We will also be providing children's programming for the 'Enhancements' show to give them a hands-on look at the artwork," Hastedt said.

The Stark Galleries are composed of three separate sections. Two sections are for traveling exhibits and one is permanent. In recent years, the galleries have hosted a number of high-profile shows, including Smithsonian exhibits, one by singer/songwriter Woody Guthrie and one by Ansel Adams. The gallery is currently showing an exhibit from the Artistic Centers in Texas containing everything from photography to sculptures and paintings.

On the opposite side of the MSC from the Stark Galleries, the Forsyth Galleries' mission statement is to foster student development, enrichment and growth.

The galleries may have little difficulty living up to that statement with the work that will be on its walls this summer and fall. In addition to artwork on permanent or long-term display, the galleries are currently showing an exhibit of



ANDY HANCOCK/THE BATTALION

"Insect in Tree" by Berthold Schiwetz, is one of the sculptures on permanent display at the J. Wayne Stark Galleries

Don Sahli, a Russian impressionist, entitled "A Painter's Path." The Sahli exhibit will remain until August 21.

In addition to the current exhibits, one notable piece that will be displayed this summer is a Louis Comfort Tiffany window. The window, which is made from a unique stained glass, is created by overlapping separate color layers instead of the traditional one-layer method used to produce windows such as one would see in a church. The end result is something not achievable with the traditional method — a vast array of colors that cannot be produced in any other form of stained glass.

"The artist, Lewis Comfort Tiffany's

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**J. Wayne Stark Galleries**  
"Artistic Centers in Texas"  
May 17 - July 1  
"Enhancements"  
Functional art work exhibit  
June 14 - July 29

**MSC Forsyth Center Galleries**  
Don Sahli "A Painter's Path"  
May 21 - August 21  
Louis Comfort Tiffany window to go on display this summer - no scheduled date

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## Napster, record companies sign deal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Napster, the song-sharing service, said Tuesday it has struck a distribution deal with three major record labels that are launching a music subscription service this summer.

MusicNet is a venture between record label owners AOL Time Warner Inc., Bertelsmann and EMI Group, as well as Seattle-based RealNetworks, whose software allows users to listen to music and video via the Internet.

The deal makes Napster the third distribution partner for MusicNet, joining AOL RealNetworks and America Online. The MusicNet subscription service is slated to be available to consumers by late summer.

"We are pleased to be able to offer Napster members access to the MusicNet service," said Napster's CEO Hank Barry. He said the deal shows Napster's commitment to "the Napster community — the world's most enthusiastic music fans."

### Song-sharing site becomes third partner for subscription service

Barry said the new Napster service would not deal in unprotected music files, and would instead rely on technology to protect and track the ownership of songs.

"We're not going to be moving raw MP3s around the

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Napster CEO

new network," Barry said. MusicNet would require an additional fee from Napster users, on top of a subscription fee.

Napster's basic subscription service would provide only in-

dependent-label music.

Those who subscribe to MusicNet through Napster will be able to share MusicNet content with other subscribers. But parties to the deal have not said whether people will be able to download, collect and trade MP3 files like they do on Napster, a popular activity that has infuriated music copyright holders.

MusicNet's online subscription service will let music fans listen to songs piped over the Internet for a yet-to-be-determined fee. Napster has also said it hopes to roll out a new version of its service this summer that would ensure royalty payments to artists and labels.

Napster is being sued by the music industry for copyright infringement and has been trying to purge copyright-protected music files from its system under court order. Nap-

ster has yet to satisfy industry concerns.

Warner Music Group said Tuesday that there could still be serious hitches in the deal.

"As previously announced, our content will not be available to Napster as part of the MusicNet service until we are reasonably satisfied that Napster is operating in a legal, non-infringing manner," Warner said in a statement.

EMI also said that Napster's current technology was not quite ready for prime time, despite the pending deal.

"EMI has always said that we'd be prepared to consider licensing our music to Napster, but only when certain critical conditions are met particularly in the area of copyright. Those conditions have not yet been met," it said in a statement.

Napster remains mired in a copyright infringement suit filed by the Big Five record labels — Warner, BMG, EMI, Universal and Sony.

## Allison strikes coast

Tropical storm dumps rain on Texas Gulf area

HOUSTON (AP) — Tropical Storm Allison, the first named system in the Atlantic hurricane season, battered the southeast Texas coast with heavy rains and gusty winds after its surprise development Tuesday.

The National Weather Service issued a tropical storm warning for a 280-mile-long stretch of coastline from Sargent, Texas, on Matagorda Bay to Morgan City in southwestern Louisiana after a reconnaissance flight discovered a cluster of offshore showers had developed into Allison.

The storm, with maximum sustained winds of around 60 mph, was poorly organized as it neared shore before dusk west of Galveston. Satellite images showed the center of the storm stalled about 60 miles southwest of Galveston.

There was only minor damage reported and no injuries, but some street flooding was reported south of Houston, where bumper-deep water clogged streets in Pearland and Friendswood. In downtown Houston, as much as 3 inches of rain from heavy thunderstorms also left some minor flooding.

Flood warnings were posted for Galveston and Harris counties, including the city of Houston, until 6 a.m. Wednesday.

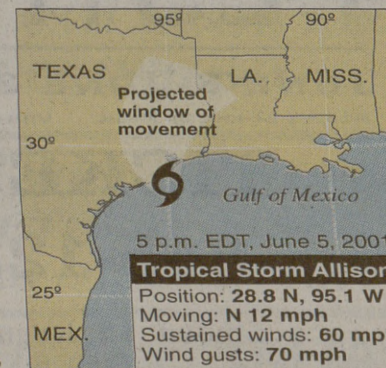
"This is not a textbook case of a tropical storm," Steve Allen, meteorologist at the Houston-Galveston National Weather Service office said Tuesday night. "The surface center is still over the water and has been almost stationary for several hours."

"The heavy weather is not anywhere near the center, but to the northeast and the southeast."

As much as 10 inches of rain was reported in suburbs south of Houston.

Galveston County Emergency Management Coordinator Tesa Duffey said her office

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Basketball fills out roster with new recruits

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Polygamy not seen as religious freedom by court

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