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**News in Brief**

**Campus**

**Funeral Wednesday for senior who died in Houston flooding**

Senior information and operations management major Chad Garren was killed Saturday in the Houston floods. The circumstances surrounding Garren's death are not yet known by *The Battalion* as his parents, Joe and Cindy Garren of Weatherford, could not be reached. Funeral services will be held for Garren Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church in Weatherford.

**State**

**Maintenance man crushed by elevator**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 44-year-old maintenance man was killed Monday after he was crushed by an elevator in an office building. Police said James May went to the elevator shaft to install some equipment and an elevator accidentally descended on top of him. He was rushed between the elevator and the shaft at the second floor door level, police said. Police are investigating the death as an accident.

**Journey, Frampton change concert to benefit for victims**

HOUSTON (AP) — Tropical storm Allison's torrential rains were not very inviting for Journey and Peter Frampton. The artists, along with John Vaite, postponed the Houston date of their Arrival 2001 tour to Aug. 22 from June 10 at the C.W. Pavilion. The scheduled concert will be a benefit for flood victims.

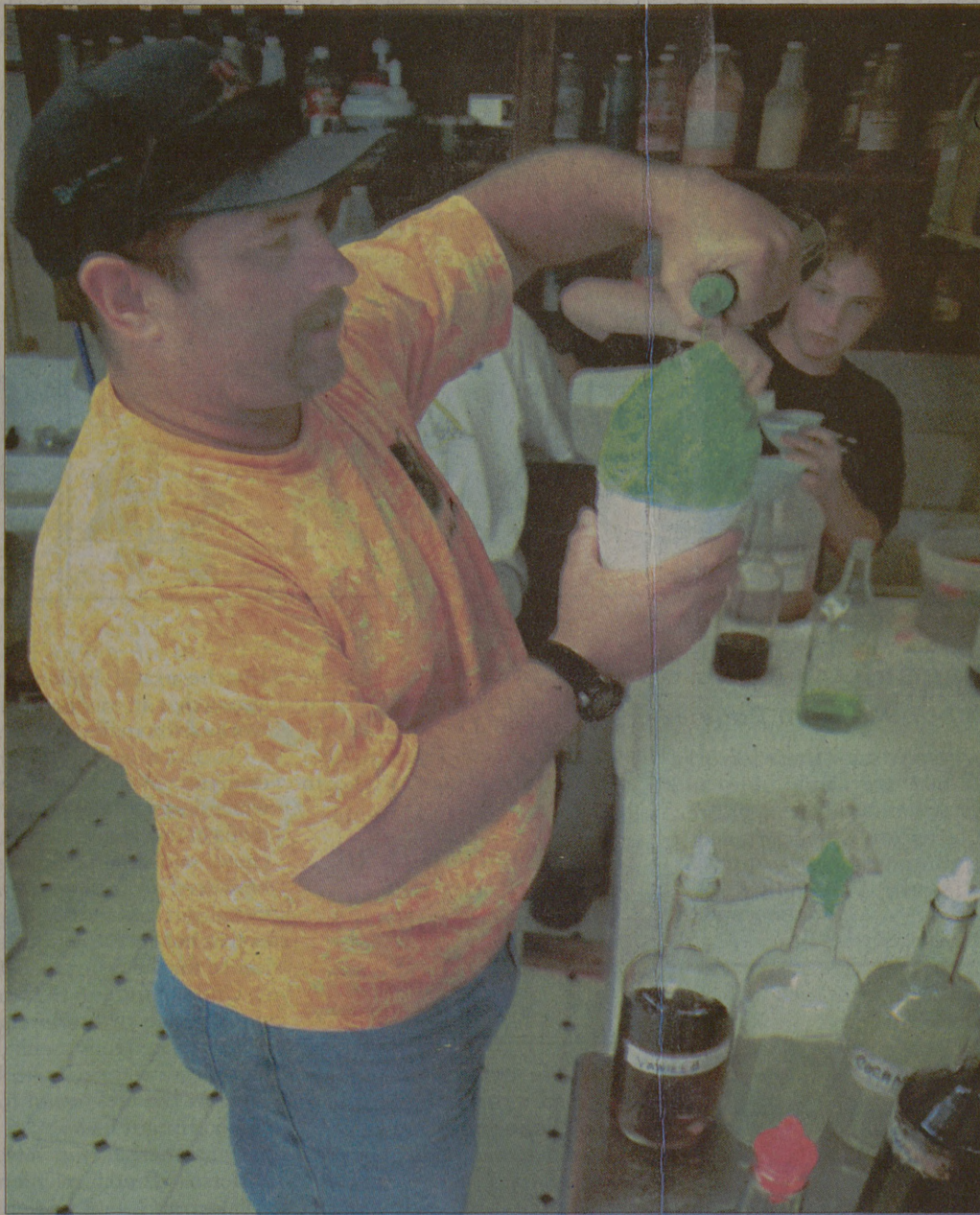
"Our hearts go out to the people of Houston who have lost their lives, loved ones and their property," Journey guitarist Neal Schon said.

The first named storm of the 2001 Atlantic hurricane season hit Galveston and southeast Texas on June 5. The ground was soon saturated, leaving water no place to go but up as rain continued to pound parts of the city through Sunday.

The storm killed at least 17 people and caused up to \$500 million in damage.

Flooding also prompted the Arena Theater in southeast Houston to reschedule Tuesday's concert with comedy stand-up comedian Dennis Miller to June 28.

**Snow cones**



Andy Hancock/The Battalion  
Bryan Apperson, prepares a snow cone for a customer. As the temperatures rise, the lines are getting longer for Apperson, who runs a snow cone stand.

## McVeigh's execution carried out

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — Stony-faced to the end, Timothy McVeigh was put to death Monday without uttering a word. More than 600 miles away, those whose lives were shattered by his bomb watched the execution via a video camera, finding neither the apology they hoped to hear nor the suffering some wanted to see.

McVeigh's eyes rolled back, his lips turned slightly blue and his skin appeared jaundiced as he was pronounced dead at 8:14 a.m. EDT at the U.S. Penitentiary.

In his last moments, his face was as blank as it was that April day six years ago when America first saw him escorted out of an Oklahoma jail.

Instead of speaking, McVeigh released a handwritten copy of the 1875 poem "Invictus," which concludes with the lines: "I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul."

The 33-year-old decorated Gulf War veteran was the first inmate executed by the U.S. government in 38 years. He was convicted of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City that killed 168 people, 19 of them children, and injured hundreds.

To the nation, it was the worst act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

To Timothy McVeigh, planting a 7,000-pound truck bomb

at a building filled with innocent people was a "legit tactic" for his one-man war against the government.

In Oklahoma City, 232 survivors and victims' relatives watched the execution on a closed-circuit TV broadcast, sent in a feed encrypted to guard against interception. McVeigh appeared to be looking into a small camera that had been installed overhead in his death chamber.

McVeigh "just gave us that same glare that makes me think he got what he wanted," said Karen Jones, whose 46-year-old husband, Larry, was killed in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Kathleen Treanor, also at the broadcast, carried a photo of her 4-year-old daughter, Ashley Eckles, who died along with Treanor's in-laws.

"I thought of her every step of the way," she said of her little girl.

"I needed to know in my heart that I was done with this man," she added. "(But) I don't think anything can bring me any peace."

Frances Cummins, whose husband, Richard, died in the bombing, said McVeigh's head and shoulders took up the entire screen and he "never took his eyes off that camera."

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## Con artists targeting B-CS area

Stuart Hutson  
The Battalion

It was a rainy Friday night when a well-groomed man dressed in College Station Medical Center hospital scrubs knocked on my front door. The short, African-American man wiped the rain from his glasses as he hastily explained that his wife was in a Houston hospital about to give birth, and that he needed 20 or 30 dollars for gas so that he could drive his van to be with her.

He explained that his ATM card was not working and he was out of checks, but if I was good enough to lend him the money he would gladly pay it back as soon as he arrived back in town.

To convince me, he produced a picture of his wife, and that was where his story fell apart.

The picture was of a white, dark-haired woman who, only a few weeks

prior, had asked me for money to get to Houston to visit her husband who was hurt in a car accident. She was clearly not pregnant at the time and he did not appear to be badly hurt.

Luckily, this con artist had come to the wrong house, and was sent on his way without so much as a dime, but police say that hundreds of Bryan-College Station residents fall victim to con artists every year.

"For cons like that, the person is playing off some-

body's willingness to help," said Dan Jones, public information officer for the College Station Police Department.

"These seams are popular in this area."

"Unfortunately, they can take advantage of one of an Aggie's best qualities. A&M students believe that they should help people who are in trouble."

Jones said no statistics are available for these kind of scams because they can only be prosecuted if the person can be proven to be lying and because people seldom report them.

**TIPS to avoid SCAMS**

1. ASK DOOR-TO-DOOR SALESPERSONS FOR CITY PERMIT
2. BE SUSPICIOUS OF ANYONE ASKING FOR MONEY
3. REFER PEOPLE TO LOCAL CHURCHES OR TWIN CITIES MISSION
4. IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS

Ruben Deluna/The Battalion

"Usually one of two things will happen," Jones said. "Either the person will give them money and not suspect anything, or the person won't give any money, so they don't see the need to report it."

Jones said anyone randomly approached for money should be very suspicious of the situation, and should direct the person to a local church or an organization like Twin City Mission which has procedures for aiding people in need of temporary help.

"These places have specific mechanisms in place to take care of the types of situations the people are claiming to be experiencing," he said. "The thing to remember is to just be careful — you never know when a person might decide that their scam isn't working and try to just rob you."

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## A&M to help future of cotton industry

Elizabeth Raines  
The Battalion

Twenty years ago, Texas A&M University revolutionized the cotton industry with Texas A&M agriculture engineering faculty member Lambert Wilkes' invention of the Cotton Modular builder.

Now with the help of an agriculture equipment company, Case IH, and its recent \$35,000 donation, A&M will continue to aid the evolution of the cotton industry.

Case IH's donation is one of many made in the past three years to the Endowed Chair in Cotton Engineering, Ginning and Mechanization, part of the Bright Matching Chair Program.

"The Bright Matching Chair was established by Texas A&M President Dr. Ray Bowen as a

way to create matching program throughout the University," said J. Warren Evans, assistant to the vice chancellor for resource development in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "Currently, [the chair] is right at about \$700,000, \$200,000 over our initial [matching] goal."

The chair began in the Spring of 1998 with its first donation coming from the Texas Cotton Ginning Association in April of 1998. To help make the \$500,000 goal a reality, leaders from all segments of the cotton industry met in 1998 and formed the Cotton Industry Support Group which campaigned to endow the chair.

"The Texas Cotton Ginning Association started [the chair] out with \$100,000 challenge to the rest of the industry to raise money," said Ben Avant, execu-

tive director of Texas Food and Fiber and member of the chair volunteer committee and Aggie Class of '75. "Case IH's significant contribution of \$35,000 [helped to make the goal] of \$500,000 a reality."

Evans said that the entire cotton industry has supported the chair.

Later this fall an advisory committee will be selected from people throughout the cotton industry. Once selected, the committee will meet with faculty from the department of Agriculture Engineering to discuss the needs of the industry and choose someone to fill the Chair, who can work to meet those needs.

"Cotton is very important to me both personally and professionally," Avant said. "I think it

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## Researcher develops terrorism predictor

Justin Smith  
The Battalion

Timothy McVeigh was put to death Monday morning for the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995. This was an act of terrorism that if foreseen by authorities may not have taken the lives of 168 men, women and children.

Kathryn Lucchese, a cultural geographer who was recently awarded her doctorate from the College of Geosciences, has devised a tool that might aid in predicting terrorist activities.

Lucchese's tool is called the Terror Grid. The Terror Grid is a "three dimensional matrix based on site, situation and time," she said.

Each of these factors has two parts. The two parts of "site" are common place and cultural monument. If a common

place is attacked and people are killed, people will be morally outraged. If a cultural monument is assaulted, but few people were harmed, then people will feel a great cultural loss.

"Time" indicates whether the area that was attacked was crowded or if it was deserted. Obviously, the more people present at an attack site, the higher the number of casualties and fatalities.

Finally, "situation" describes the accessibility of the area. If the site is very difficult to approach, then the attacker would be called "suicidal." If the area is wide open and easy to reach, then the attack would be described as "cowardly."

Terrorism may be seen as a form of communicating one's thoughts or beliefs. Jonathan Smith from the Department of

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