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NEWS IN BRIEF

Baylor building getting rave reviews

WACO (AP) — Students and faculty at the Baylor University Law School are taking a big step into the future with the opening of the school's new law center. The new Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center is open after two years of construction. After one week of classes in the \$31.3 million riverfront center just off Interstate 55, professor Melissa Essary calls it "a fitting environment for the standards to which the law school adheres."

It's a far cry from the old Morrison Constitution Hall, the law school's home since 1955.

The Umphrey Center also is about twice as big as Morrison, with a three-story library, classrooms and offices.

The project to replace the school's outdated law school facilities began almost a decade ago. A Washington, D.C., architecture firm designed the 28,000-square-foot building, which besides more space includes technological aids such as automatic shutters for windows and video recording capability in practice courtrooms.

PUBLIC EYE

Number of students who dined in at Sbsa and Commons Dining Halls Saturday and Sunday

7,575

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No. 18 Ags welcome UTSA

Volleyball opens home schedule

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Unnecessary suspension

Boy sent home for sexual harassment, victim of policies run amok

WEATHER

TODAY
50% HIGH 92° F
LOW 72° F

TOMORROW
60% HIGH 91° F
LOW 71° F

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Rowan removed

By ROLANDO GARCIA
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The Memorial Student Center (MSC) Council removed MSC President Josh Rowan from office Monday in a closed meeting.

Rowan said he will appeal the decision to Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. J. Malon Southerland.

Rowan, a senior agricultural development major, was investigated by Dr. Bill Kibler, associate vice president for student affairs, for allegations of misconduct on a University-sponsored trip to Italy this summer. Members of the MSC council, which consists of both MSC staff and student leaders, refused to say why they voted

to remove Rowan. Ben Moffitt, MSC executive vice president for marketing and a junior

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political science major, said only that the findings in Kibler's report warranted Rowan's removal.

Removal requires a two-

thirds majority, but the council refused to release any records of the vote.

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president of the 52nd
MSC Council

Josh Rowan, MSC Council president and a senior agricultural development major, presides over the MSC Council, possibly for the last time. In a closed session Monday, the council voted to remove Rowan from his position.

Votes cast in a closed meeting

Interpretation of state laws raised

By BRANDIE LIFFICK
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Citing a questionable exemption from state open-meetings laws, Texas A&M students and officials met in a closed session Monday night and removed Memorial Student Center (MSC) Council President Josh Rowan, a senior agricultural development major, from his position.

MSC officials prohibited the public — including Rowan — from attending the meeting. Record of the meeting was not made available, and council members were prohibited from making any comment.

According to the A&M System general counsel, the information discussed in the meeting falls under the protection of the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which gives parents the right to view their child's school records and prohibits these educational records from being released to the media or any other outside organization.

In response, *The Battalion* cited the Open Meetings, or Sunshine Act, of 1976 which

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PTTS dismisses weekend tickets

92 citations given prior to game will be removed for compliance

By AMANDA SMITH
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The Department of Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS) is dismissing 92 citations issued to students whose cars were parked in 12th Man Foundation reserved lots and towed prior to the football game this past weekend, PTTS officials said.

Angela Newman, PTTS public information officer, said the PTTS administration made the decision to dismiss the tickets because students have made efforts to comply with the parking changes this semester.

"It has never happened in the history of PTTS for the administration to dismiss tickets," Newman said. "We want to thank the students who are doing what they are supposed to, but we do realize students are human."

The cars were relocated to Parking Area (PA) 71 on Agronomy Road on West Campus. Citations were given to those students whose cars were still parked in 12th Man lots including PAs 39, 46, 49, 48, 62, 69 and 91.

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Traffic begins to build up at the intersection of Wellborn Road and Old Main as students travel to class.

Vet professors create diagnosis program

By JUSTIN SMITH
THE BATTALION

For three years, Dr. Craig Carter, head of epidemiology and informatics at Texas A&M, felt the effects of a long-lasting cold — severe headaches, weight loss and fatigue. After visiting several doctors who characterized his symptoms as a common cold, one had him fill out a survey that included questions about his workplace.

Carter was diagnosed as having Brucellosis, a disease that usually occurs in cattle.

"I got [Brucellosis] while working in a lab. I had it for almost three years and lost 50 pounds and felt lethargic," Carter said.

Carter said that when diagnosing a patient, doctors and veterinarians have few resources that are reliable, easy to use and comprehensive. He teamed up with Dr. Norman Ronald, research associate for the veterinary medical diagnostic laboratory and Texas Medical Informatics Inc. (TMI), a computer program to help doctors diagnose diseases.

There are several versions of The

Associate, which include infectious diseases of humans, cats and dogs.

The canine and feline versions of the program contain nearly 1,000 infectious diseases. They will be available to more than 8,000 veterinarians across the country through the Veterinary Information Network.

The Associate first began specializing in zoological diseases — animal diseases that can occasionally infect people. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention gave the

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Taps to honor 10 Ags tonight

By NONI SRIDHARA
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The Albritton Tower bells will toll "Amazing Grace" at 10:15 p.m. as the first Silver Taps of the semester is observed.

By 10:20, the campus will be dark as the lights throughout campus are extinguished. The Ross Volunteer firing squad will march across campus and enter the Academic Plaza to fire a 21-gun salute.

Tonight's ceremony honors 10 students who have died since the last Silver Taps was held in April.

The ceremony is a memorial service that brings the community of Texas A&M together, said Jan Zacek, a sub-chair of the Traditions Council and a senior education major.

"Even though A&M is a large university, these students are not just another number," Zacek said. "We have lost 10 important members of the Aggie family and we want to show their families that they are all important to us."

Today, all flags on campus will be flown at half-staff. A list of the names of the honored students will be posted at the base of the flagpole in front of the Academic Building.

A drop box also will be placed near the flagpole for A&M students to leave notes of condolence for the families of those honored tonight, said Traditions Council Chairman Jon McFate, a senior biomedical sciences major.

Families of the students being honored at Silver Taps will attend a reception at the Forsyth Galleries in the Memorial Student Center (MSC) before joining the crowd in front of the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue in the Academic Plaza.

Patsy Lewis is the mother of Melissa Lewis, a senior agricultural development major who was killed in a May 18

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SILVER TAPS 10:30PM ACADEMIC PLAZA

Michael Alan Jackson
Junior Industrial Distribution

Melissa Christine Lewis
Senior Agricultural Development

Samuel I. Hernandez
Senior Industrial Distribution

Chad Burt Garren
Senior Information & Operations Management

Erkut Arcak
Anthropology Graduate Student

Kevin Michael Piskura
Senior Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences

Heidi Heather Hopps
Senior Veterinary Medicine

Laura Lynn Mezger
Senior Finance Major

Lauren Michelle Goulas
Sophomore Business Administration

Justin Lee Stavinoha
Freshman General Studies

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