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NEWS IN BRIEF

Aggies Can seeks donations at Kyle Field Saturday

The second annual Aggies Can food drive will be held Saturday at the A&M-Baylor football game. Sponsored by the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and Aggie Athletes involved, members will begin collecting non-perishable food items two hours prior to game kickoff at nine drop-off stations around Kyle Field.

Donations will also be accepted at the Albertson's and H.E.B. grocery stores in College Station, and the Sears at Post Oak Mall through Sunday.

All items will be donated to the Brazos Valley Food Bank.

Organizers hope to top last year's total collection of 10,000 cans.

Texas A&M leaders announce a new fundraising drive

Texas A&M leaders publicly announced plans for a new capital funds campaign at the 125th anniversary gala Thursday night.

Dubbed "One Spirit, One Vision," the program will aim to provide financial assistance to raise the University's level of prominence and quality.

Jon Hagler, Class of 1958, said the University has financial commitments from several alumni.

"This is the first vital step toward creating momentum for this decade," Hagler said.

PUBLIC EYE

Since opening, Texas A&M has awarded more than

265,000

degrees

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The music style has evolved throughout the years and is still changing today

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Rec Center blues

Women should have a separate area for working out

WEATHER

TODAY

HIGH 83° F

LOW 68° F

TOMORROW

HIGH 78° F

LOW 58° F

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Dean of faculty, **Janis Stuart** (carrying the University Mace, the symbol of the authority of the University) leads a procession of representatives from 165 universities and learned organizations across campus to the Texas A&M academic convocation.

125th draws scholars from across the U.S.

By ERIC AMBROSO
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Focusing on projected a budget shortfall, Texas A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen said inadequate funding could derail the University's efforts to join the ranks of the nation's top public universities.

"I am sure Texas can solve this problem if they try," Bowen said in his State of the University address.

Bowen delivered the address Thursday at the Texas A&M Academic Convocation 2001, where delegates from prestigious universities across the country gathered to celebrate

A&M's 125th anniversary. The Academic Convocation began with delegates dressed in their academic regalia marching to Rudder Auditorium.

The convocation's keynote speaker, Harold T. Shapiro, focused on the moral and ethical aspect of science that is often not considered when new technologies are being created, in his speech "Science, Anxiety, and Meaning."

Shapiro was president of Princeton University until May 2001 when he retired and took the title president emeritus. He is also a professor of economics and public

affairs at Princeton. "Today we are compelled to science, but lack morals," he said.

The example Shapiro used was genetics and cloning in the field of biomedical science. Shapiro, a genetics expert, was appointed by President Clinton in 1996 to chair the Bioethics Advisory Committee that produced the report "Cloning Human Beings" the following year.

Shapiro said that altering genes and cloning people is changing the future and many people are anxious about what will happen. The only way to calm nerves and be sure science is mindful of

morals is "if different people will discuss discoveries and be willing to change their minds," he said.

The theme of Wednesday's conference was "Higher Education In and For a Just Society" with several speeches and panel discussions.

Shirley Strum Kenny, president of State University of New York at Stony Brook, said the government should guarantee a college education to those who want it.

"A college education should be our birthright," Kenny said. "Anyone who wants it should be able to get it. Cost should not be a factor in getting an education."

Student Senate to face railroad problem

By ELIZABETH RAINES
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Student senators are urging students to attend an on-campus meeting Oct. 24 to discuss alternative routes for the railroad tracks that run parallel to Wellborn Road.

"There are a lot of political pressures from a whole lot of sides but mostly from the people who do not want the railroad moved" said Kevin Capps, chairman of the senate's external affairs committee and a sophomore

history major. "They are not necessarily the majority, but they are the ones making all the noise."

Representatives from the Bryan-College Station Metropolitan Planning Organization will be in the John J. Koldus Student Services Building from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to answer questions and listen to students' opinions on moving the railroad.

Capps said students should be aware that construction will occur on the A&M campus regardless of what route

is chosen, and that students should speak up to ensure the railroad is moved.

At Wednesday night's senate meeting, senators also discussed the process to fill vacant senate seats. Speaker Pro Tempore Kimberly Schell, a junior biomedical science major, said senators are urged to find constituents who would like to apply.

Vacant seats include three in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, one in the College of Geosciences, two off-campus positions

and one representing the south side of campus.

"I was hoping to have fewer vacancies at this time," Shell said. "It is hard to keep a full senate."

Shell encourages anyone, including freshmen, who belong to one of the two academic colleges that are vacant or who live off campus or on the south side to apply.

Student Senate applications are available in the student government offices in Koldus and are due Friday Oct. 12.

Kelly Howard wins Class '05 president

By C.E. WALTERS
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Kelly Howard was elected Class of 2005 president Wednesday night, capping off the runoff elections for Class of 2005 officer positions.

Howard received 420 votes, or 55 percent, against opponent T.J. Waller, who received 346 votes, or 45 percent.

"I think this is an amazing accomplishment and I think we both worked equally hard

for this," Howard said. Howard said she exhausted herself by campaigning to the point of cutting class for two days to catch up on sleep.

Howard said one of her objectives is to ensure that Aggie Bonfire 2002 is a success.

"I really want to work on Bonfire," she said. "It really means a lot to me. In my whole life I've only missed four and, one of my friends

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WINNERS from Freshman election runoffs

	# of votes	%
President Kelly Howard	420	54.83
Vice President Tommy Slocum Jr.	616	82.16
Secretary Jared Crisam	496	67.30
Social Secretary Christopher White	562	75.23
Historian Courtney Fairchild	472	64.46

Information provided by Kaylie Sarantis, election commissioner
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Fun run will donate to NYC relief efforts

By TANYA NADING
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Half of the proceeds from this Saturday's Run to the Chicken will benefit the relief effort in New York City, organizers said.

Started by Delta Zeta five years ago, the run raised more than \$14,000 last year for the Houston Ear Research Foundation and Delta Zeta Foundation, a scholarship program. The group hopes to raise \$20,000 this year.

"The first year we started with about 50 runners, the second year we had several hundred and by the third year there were 1600," said Katie McClosky, a member of Delta Zeta and a Run to the Chicken organizer.

Nineteen Corps of Cadets outfits, several fraternities and other student organizations will join members of the community in what organizers hope will be a record turnout.

"We participate because it's

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