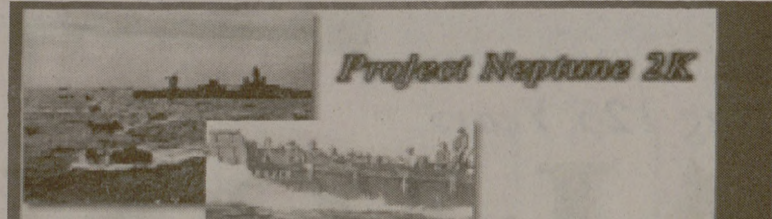


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## ACADEMICS

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for its strict honor code — "Aggies do not lie, cheat or steal, nor do they tolerate those who do" — extensive research has shown that Aggies are academically dishonesty, Kibler said.

Dr. Donald McCabe of Rutgers University, founding president of the Center of Academic Integrity and leading researcher on the topic for the past decade, has found that schools showing the highest incidents of cheating are large public universities.

A 1998 survey conducted by Texas A&M and coordinated by Kibler reported very high incidents of Aggies engaging in academic dishonesty.

"Texas A&M is a large public university, and the results we got when we did this survey three years ago were what you would expect," Kibler said. "We have a lot of work to do here at Texas A&M to draw awareness to the problem and then do some things to try to address that problem."

Faculty and students are welcome to attend the conference, which will include a variety of workshops and sessions over a four-day period.

Today, the conference will host a discussion on academic integrity and the Internet, addressing issues of plagiarism, challenges in distance education and effects on the traditional classroom that result from the use of the Internet.

The regular conference begins Friday evening. Several A&M faculty members are scheduled to either speak or participate in the conference ses-

sions on Saturday and Sunday. Murphy Smith, an A&M professor of accounting, will speak on ethics in business Saturday morning. Dr. Smith will discuss the importance of personal integrity in the business world and society in general.

Smith has collected data from students around the country and concludes that Texas A&M students are more ethical than the average college student in America. Aggies do not have a problem addressing the second part of the honor code, tolerating others who lie or cheat.

"To have the courage to confront somebody else who is not acting ethically is a real challenge, but I think that's the key to the future of academic integrity on Texas A&M's campus or anywhere else," Smith said.

Kibler and Dr. David Parrott, A&M's Dean of Student Life, also will speak.

McCabe has found cheating to be a nationwide problem in large and small institutions, yet schools like A&M that have honor codes and a sense of tradition are less likely to experience high levels of academic dishonesty.

"A well-run, well-implemented honor code does significantly reduce the level of cheating," McCabe said. "Being in College Station, you tend to orient your life towards the campus, so it's much easier to develop a community ethic."

The conference lasts Thursday through Sunday at the George Bush Presidential Conference Center. Students interested in attending the conference may register until Friday evening. The office of the Vice President for Student Affairs will waive the registration fee for all students.

## FORUM

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that, because we'll make A&M less competitive," Bowen said. "The value of your degree depends on our ability to keep our programs on the cutting edge."

A combination of new expenditures and limited funding from the state have contributed to the budget crunch, Bowen said. Faculty members will get a three percent salary increase, and staff members will receive a four percent increase. Although the staff raise is state mandated, the state is shouldering only half the cost, Bowen said. Also, the rising price of energy has resulted in an \$8 million increase in the utilities budget.

Texas A&M also fared poorly in the 2001 Texas legislative session in comparison with other state schools, Bowen said. A&M received a 6 percent general revenue increase from the state, while other schools in the A&M System got a 9.5 percent increase, and the University of

Houston received an 11.7 percent boost.

Because A&M (along with the University of Texas at Austin) have access to the Permanent University Fund, both schools are often excluded from competing for some state funds, Bowen said.

"The budget process is structured to the disadvantage of A&M and the University of Texas," Bowen said. "There are no advocates for this kind of university, nobody to stand up and say that there should be some universities in Texas that are among the best in the nation."

Because it is likely the state will continue shifting the cost of higher education to students, another similar fee increase will be needed in four or five years, Bowen said.

Some of the students at the forum were skeptical that the University had examined other options before raising fees.

"It (excellence fee) may be necessary, but they should at least consider budget cuts," said John Spurlin, a junior engineering technology major. Bowen said A&M was

already operating at a high level of efficiency, and any cuts would severely degrade the quality of programs and services.

"A&M's per student spending is 40 percent below other public schools at our level, and the fact that we're still competing at that level demonstrates that we're pretty efficient," Bowen said.

If implemented, the excellence fee is expected to generate \$9 million for the 2002-2003 fiscal year, and after four years, when most students will be paying the fee, it will bring in \$30 million annually. However, Bowen said, rising deficits produced by spending commitments such as staff and faculty raises will continue to devour all the fee revenue.

Bowen will discuss the fee proposal at the Oct. 26 Board of Regents meeting, but no action will be taken. Bowen said he hopes regents will approve the fee before year's end, so prospective students can take the added expense into account.

## EASTERWOOD

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both pedestrian gates and entrants to keep the gates closed. No security guards were anywhere.

"The security is not visible all times, but there are security measures in place. This is not a dangerous area," Happ said. "We want to cause an unnecessary alarm for people. Terrorism is not going to pick on the planes. They have their bigger targets."

Happ said the airport does not advertise many of the security measures so as "not to give away what goes on."

Michael Chase, FAA manager of aviation, security and men certification law, said it's not unusual for an airport the size of Easterwood not to have strict security on the general side because of the distance between the terminals and the hangars. But a potential threat still exists in relation to unguarded hangars, Chase said.

"The major threat to operations is the air carriers, and it would be impossible for someone to cross a runway without getting caught," Chase said. "There is still the potential threat. In theory, there should be some kind of locks on fences, more stringent security measures, but there is really no way of shutting down access without shutting down the activity."

The FAA does not regulate general aviation sites in which there are no commercial planes like Easterwood's hangars, Chase said.

The FAA has taken a step toward enforcing more security on general aviation following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. A final rule implemented by the Federal Register requires certain aircraft operators to search their aircraft and to screen passengers and crew members and their property prior to departure.


Easterwood operates in conjunction with A&M faculty, students and staff and College Station and Bryan residents provide flights to Houston and to Dallas-Ft. Worth airports.

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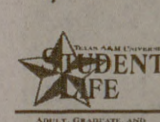

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

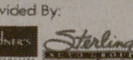
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