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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**To readers:**

The *Battalion* arrived late Thursday because of mechanical difficulties at the press in Huntsville. If you were unable to get a copy of the newspaper, all stories in Thursday's issue are available online at [www.thebatt.com](http://www.thebatt.com).

**City of College Station to flush water system**

Do not be alarmed if the water in your house is a little discolored this month. The city of College Station began to flush out its water distribution system Thursday. The city's water/wastewater division will flush out one section of the system each week. The purpose of flushing the water system is to reduce the amount of sediment in the lines to avoid future problems and discolored water. The entire process is expected to take five weeks. To minimize inconvenience, the flushing will begin at 10 p.m. and should be completed by 6 a.m. each Friday morning. If you experience any problems with your water service call the College Station public utilities office at 764-3638.

**PUBLIC EYE**

**Number of African-American students in the freshman class**

Fall 2000  
**174**  
Fall 2001  
**189**

**TODAY**

**AGGIELIFE**

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**Release the energy**

• Haywood celebrates CD release at Shadow Canyon

**SPORTS**

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**Ags head to Tech**

• No. 24 football squad looks to notch first win in Lubbock since 1993

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**Tease me, please**

• Political humor is necessary for the healing process and should not be lost

**WEATHER**

**TODAY**

**HIGH**  
86° F  
**LOW**  
66° F

**TOMORROW**

**HIGH**  
81° F  
**LOW**  
63° F

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## Corps Fish Drill Team reinstated

By TANYA NADING  
THE BATTALION

Disbanded in 1997 for hazing violations, the Corps of Cadets Fish Drill Team will be reinstated for Spring 2001, Texas A&M officials said.

In 1997, a complaint arose from a freshman cadet who said the upperclassmen advisers were physically assaulting him. Further complaints

developed and resulted in the suspension of nine upperclassmen student advisers from the Corps.

Shortly after the nine students were suspended, a decision was made to disband the team for the 1997-1998 school year with no set reactivation time.

Trevor Voelkel, Corps public relations officer and a senior finance major, said special regulations will be instituted to prevent hazing from occurring.

"There'll be a lot more rules and reg-

ulations for the advisors and participants to use to stop any hazing from occurring," Voelkel said. "There's a whole different mentality in the Corps now than there was in the late 1980's and early 1990's. Cadets know that it's not necessary to haze to produce a strong drill team."

Col. Anthony Groves, Corps assistant commandant for training and operations, said juniors Jerry Aymond, a history major and Michelle Peters, an interdis-

plinary studies major, were chosen Tuesdays as senior advisors.

"I'm really pumped," Aymond said. "Peters will be the first woman to be a senior advisor to the drill team."

"I'm looking forward to helping to bring back a tradition in the Corps," Peters said. "This is a positive opportunity that will represent the Corps in national competitions."

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### Hoop dreams



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Texas A&M men's head basketball coach Melvin Watkins addresses students in Reed Arena Thursday evening. Watkins spoke and answered questions about the team, the upcoming season and the future of Aggie basketball. Watkins also said that

they are working on putting "post-season" into the Aggie vocabulary. The Aggies will host two exhibition games, one on Nov. 8 and another on Nov. 14, before the regular season opens against George Washington University on Nov. 19.

## 'Hullabaloo Caneck,' correct?

By C.E. WALTERS  
THE BATTALION

A recently proposed Residence Hall Association resolution would encourage Aggies to sing both verses of the Aggie War Hymn, rather than repeating the second verse twice.

The resolution was proposed at the Oct. 24 RHA General Assembly by Carrie Edstrom, a junior political science major.

The motion was tabled so delegates could go back to their halls and get student input.

Many members expressed concern

that it was not an appropriate time, while supporters argued that it had to be done soon so future freshman might learn it at Fish Camp.

"It's always bothered me that we have two verses and only sing one," Edstrom said. "I really like the idea of being about what we're about instead of what we're against."

Edstrom distributed lyrics before the Iowa State game and said she was encouraged when many students sang both verses. Edstrom said she has also been sending out her proposal in emails and posting it on forums.

She and RHA Public Relations

Director Matt Speight have also been talking with Yell Leaders, whose support is essential if the effort is to be successful, Edstrom said, but added that she hopes students make up their own minds.

"I think it really depends on what the yell leaders want, but I would like the student body to decide for themselves," she said.

Edstrom said yell leaders have not supported past measures to introduce both verses.

"If the student body doesn't support singing both verses then I'll let it drop," she said.

## Wiatt continues to fight crime after 50 years

By AMANDA SMITH  
THE BATTALION

At age 75 and with 50 years of service under his belt, Texas A&M Police Department Director Bob Wiatt said he plans to continue his work indefinitely and has no plans to retire.

"I have a wonderful wife, Ann, who tells me I better not sit around the house and contemplate retirement," Wiatt said. "I have no hobbies. I have never really had a lot of time for them."

Wiatt, who has a law degree, began his career in law enforcement as an FBI agent in 1951. His assignments with the FBI included working with the assassination investigations of President John F. Kennedy and federal Judge John Wood.

Before being transferred to Bryan in 1958, his duty assignments included work in Atlanta, New York, Puerto Rico, Phoenix and Houston.

"We fell in love with the Texas A&M community when we came here," Wiatt said. "We decided to stay here."

After Wiatt retired from the FBI in 1980, he served

two years as a chief investigator and intake attorney for the Brazos County District Attorney's Office in Bryan.

In 1983, Wiatt was hired as the director of the University Police Department, which, at the time, was also responsible for parking until the Department of Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS) was created in 1989.

"We then became a pure police department," Wiatt said. "So we were able to supplement our parking people with security people. With that, we became a police department, rather than a hybrid department."

Wiatt said he inherited a police department that was not favored by the community.

"When I came here, our police department was not looked upon with too much favor," Wiatt said. "I think we have since established the fact that we are professional. We have superb personnel."

Among his staff, Wiatt is favored for his commitment to enhancing law enforcement at A&M.

Lt. Bert Kretzschmar, who was appointed to supervise UPD's Crime Prevention Unit in 1989, said Wiatt shows a great deal of compassion for the community.

**Bob Wiatt**



"I can truthfully say that Bob really cares about the safety and security of the A&M community," Kretzschmar said. "He supports sound police work, investigations, and preventative education. He has a deep compassion for the victims of crime. This can be reflected in the fact he is on several victims community-oriented boards. Mr. Wiatt truly believes in the fellowship of law enforcement and his community."

Sgt. Betty Lemay, a 16-year veteran of UPD and a member of the crime prevention team, said Wiatt has responded to the change and growth within the Texas A&M community.

"This campus and our department have experienced

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