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NEWS IN BRIEF

CS anthrax results return negative

The Texas Commission for the Blind and the Texas Rehabilitation Commission in College Station are back in business after results from anthrax tests last week turned up negative.

The building was evacuated, and the College Station Fire Department retrieved the unknown substance and took it to the Texas Veterinary Diagnostic Lab for testing. The fire department received the results of the tests Thursday and notified the commission that it was safe to return to work.

Michelle sweeps Cuba, kills at least 5, floods crops

HAVANA (AP) — Vast portions of Cuba were still without power and communications Monday after Hurricane Michelle swept across the island overnight, killing at least five people and flooding crops before pulling away to strike the Bahamas.

The hurricane, which killed 12 people in Honduras, Nicaragua and Jamaica last week, lost some strength as it moved off Cuba, and it left Florida virtually untouched. Michelle swept past the Bahamas capital of Nassau on Monday with 85 mph winds, flooding houses and cutting power.

PUBLIC EYE

In 1960, 33 cents out of each state dollar went to transportation. Today, 8 cents of each state dollar is appropriated for transportation.

TODAY

AGGIELIFE

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Long-distance relief

• Ags reach out to those in need across country

SPORTS

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Defense only bright spot in 12-0 loss

OPINION

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Ungrateful intolerance

• ROTC programs should be allowed on every campus

WEATHER

TODAY

HIGH 80° F
LOW 50° F

TOMORROW

HIGH 80° F
LOW 50° F

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PHOTOS BY GUY ROGERS • THE BATTALION
Above: Texas Tech fans tear down the south-end goal post after the Texas Tech-Texas A&M football game Saturday and proceeded to shove it in the A&M section. Below: Members of a crew remove the goal post immediately after the Colorado-Texas A&M football game.

Tech officials working on security measures

Staff & Wire
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LUBBOCK — Texas Tech officials are working on new security policies for football games in an effort to prevent a repeat of Saturday's melee after the Red Raiders' upset of Texas A&M.

Tech President David Schmidly said a university investigation into the fight, which injured at least one person, could end with student expulsions.

"We're not going to be tolerant or lenient," Schmidly told the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* for a story in Monday's editions. "To the extent our policies allow us to take action, we're going to do that."

He promised to take steps before Tech's next home game on Nov. 17 against the University of Oklahoma.

"We are looking into installing goal posts that collapse, so after the game, they can be quickly taken down," Schmidly said.

Various types of barriers, such as mesh netting like that used at baseball fields, are being considered to keep fans from pouring onto the field after games.

The fight broke out after the Red Raiders beat the Aggies 12-0. Tech fans tore down the south-end goal posts, marched the uprights down the field and threw them into an area where a group of Aggie fans were holding yell practice. As many as 1,000 students were involved in the scuffle.

"I just don't think some of our students know how to handle winning," said Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers.

Schmidly said the students' behavior over the weekend does not project the image desired by the university.

"I pledge to everybody that Texas Tech is not going to be known as a place that a bunch of ruffians can ruin an athletic event because they can't control their emotions or their tempers," he

said. "We're just not going to have it. I'm not going to sleep until we get it rooted out and fixed."

During the fight, Dr. Mike McKinney suffered a facial cut that required eight stitches. McKinney is the father of A&M player Seth McKinney and is Gov. Rick Perry's chief of staff. Although McKinney initially told Associated Press reporters that the student that punched him was a "guy dressed in red," he has since told the student newspaper at Tech, *The University Daily*, that he now knows that the student was from A&M.

Tech video operations director David Houglund said two of four cameras inside the stadium recorded the incident, and the tapes were turned over to the Texas Tech Police Department.

Schmidly has written a letter to students about Saturday's incident that will be published in Tuesday editions of *The University Daily*.

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Council approves new MSC president

By CHRISTINA HOFFMAN
THE BATTALION

In a closed session Monday, the Memorial Student Center (MSC) Council approved Jennifer Brashares as the new MSC council president for the 2001-2002 school year.

The position was left vacant when former president Josh Rowan resigned after allegations of inappropriate behavior were brought against him.

Brashares, a senior political science and sociology major, served on the MSC Council as executive vice president of programs. In accordance with the council's constitution, she was required to take on the role of interim president when Rowan resigned Sept. 21.

"I have been serving as interim president and executive vice president for programs for the past six weeks," Brashares said. "Since there were no eligible applicants for the position of president, I thought it was in [the council's] best interest for me to apply."

After Brashares applied, the council reviewed the applications

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BRASHARES

Acoustic nomad



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Tim Reynolds plays a solo acoustic performance as part of his Nomadic Wavelength Tour at Rudder Auditorium Monday night.

RHA recommends 24-hour visitation

By C.E. WALTERS
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Campus residents are asking the Texas A&M administration to consider allowing single-sex halls 24-hour visitation.

At its last meeting, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) recommended that

Department of Student Life Director Ron Sasse allow Walton Hall to be the trial residence hall for a 24-hour visitation policy. After a consensus of Walton residents showed that they wanted the visitation policy, Walton Hall representatives brought the proposition to the Oct. 10 general assembly.

Hotard Hall will propose legislation similar to Walton's at the next assembly meeting Nov. 7.

Once the proposal comes across Sasse's desk, he will meet with Staff Council and professional staff and pass the resolution to Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. J. Malon Southerland.

A 24-hour visitation policy, if approved, could not go into affect this year, Sasse said. More than 8,500 residents across campus signed lease contracts this fall that said they would not be living in 24-hour visitation halls.

Residence Life would need

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SILVER TAPS

MATTHEW DAVID HOWTON
Agriculture & Life Sciences

ANTONIO TORRES, II
Business Administration

XAVIER EUSKADI MONGE ORTEGA
Agricultural Economics

10:30 p.m.
ACADEMIC PLAZA

Survey: 7 A&M Ph.D. programs lower than average, 7 above

By DANIEL BAGWELL
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The 2000 National Doctoral Program survey recently released results that ranked seven A&M Ph.D. programs lower than average for their particular fields. Seven other programs were given grades higher than average, and four programs were given average grades. The survey was conducted by the National Association of Graduate and

Professional Students (NAGPS) between March and August 2000.

Approximately 274 A&M students and graduates participated in the survey.

The University's geography department is one of the programs given a lower-than-average grade. Eleven geography doctoral students responded to the survey.

When newly appointed head of the geography department Dr. Doug Sherman

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ABOVE AVERAGE

- Agricultural Education
- Architecture/Landscape Architecture
- Biochemistry/Biophysics
- Chemistry
- Political Science
- Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
- English

Results from the 2000 National Doctoral Program Survey

- Biology
- Electrical Engineering
- Education Curriculum
- Education in Human Resource Development
- Geography
- Geology/Geophysics
- Physics

BELOW AVERAGE

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