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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Tau Kappa Epsilon under investigation

The Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity is under investigation, and disciplinary action for unnamed offenses is pending, said Dean of Student Life Dr. Dave Parrott Tuesday night.

Parrott said allegations against TKE were brought to him in September. Parrott declined to discuss the content of the allegations. He said his office has completed an investigation and recommended disciplinary sanctions, but declined to reveal the decision until an appeals process has been completed.

#### The Battalion Online launches new Website

The Battalion Online introduced its new Website Tuesday.

Developed by Digital Partners of Lincoln, Neb., and coordinated by Battalion Webmaster Kevin Thurman, the new site offers readers easier accessibility and navigation. The color scheme matches that of the print version of *The Battalion*.

Battalion Online stories since 1996 will be available in the online archives.

### PUBLIC EYE

#### Percent of Aggies who used a condom during their last sexual intercourse

# 27

Source: American College Health Association

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- Gov. Perry should not reinstate prayer in schools

### WEATHER

TODAY

HIGH 82° F  
LOW 50° F

TOMORROW

HIGH 82° F  
LOW 53° F

FORECASTS COURTESY OF www.weathermanted.com

## Web registration not perfected, yet

By JONATHAN KOLMETZ  
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At 6:30 a.m. Monday, Texas A&M ended the tradition of incessant redialing and busy signals when registering for classes by making registration available via the Internet.

However, many students had to use a combination of phone, Internet or terminal services because of flaws in programming.

One problem occurred when students were not allowed to register for electrical engineering 485.

Larry Malota, assistant director of Student Information Management Services (SIMS), said that for about an hour and a half, from 6:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., the Internet registration was closed to fix the glitch with the 485 course.

Two other glitches were encountered on the first day of Internet registration, both displaying program errors.

"The kinesiology 199 page would only view the first page of the 415 sections, and chemistry 102 was shown as not an option," Malota said. "Both problems were fixed on the go and did not cause the Internet registration to be stopped."

Thomas Putnam, director of Computing and Information Services (CIS), said A&M is not the first college to have problems when implementing Internet registration.

"Many colleges had dismal first days and even semesters with their registration," Putnam said. "We were able to see and use their mistakes to make our Web registration the success that it was."

Number of students who registered on Monday	3,401
Number of students who used the internet	1,541
Number of students who used the phone system	969

Malota said that the A&M system was not fully utilizing the systems' abilities, with only 3 percent of the CPU maximum

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load being used at any time.

"The average number of students on the 128 telephone slots

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Fans climb the wall of Jones SBC Stadium at Lubbock Saturday, seconds before Dr. Mike McKinney, center, was hit in the eye by the man on the right. The Associated Press reported that the fan's name is Reginald Wallace, a student at Texas A&M.

## Fan who hit McKinney identified, talks to UPD

By BRADY CREEL  
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The person who hit Dr. Mike McKinney after Saturday's Texas Tech game has been identified as Texas A&M student Reginald Wallace, according to a report from The Associated Press.

McKinney, who serves as chief of staff for Gov. Rick Perry, is the father of A&M center Seth McKinney. He received eight stitches after being hit while trying to keep Texas Tech fans with goal posts from climbing into the A&M section of the stands.

Initial reports and statements by McKinney indicated that he was hit by a "kid in a red shirt." However, statements made by Tech officials contra-

dicted McKinney's story, which he later amended, saying he is now unsure.

Wallace, a senior kinesiology major, could not be reached for comment Tuesday. Wallace's father said his son gave a statement to the Texas Tech University Police Department, but Tech UPD officials refused to comment or release the document.

Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for news and information at Texas Tech, said Tech's UPD has taken a statement, but that the subject's name has not been released to her. The statement will be given to the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office today.

"Not because we think there's going to be any action, but because we want fresh, unbiased eyes to look at it," she said.

Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. J. Malon Southerland said Tuesday that he had communicated security concerns to Michael Shonrock, Tech's vice president for student affairs, before Saturday's game.

"I told them, 'We have a level of concern,'" Southerland said.

Tech administrators perceived no security threat, Southerland said, and Shonrock noted to Southerland Saturday that Tech fans were not throwing tortillas or batteries as profusely as they had in previous years.

Rugeley said she was unaware of communication about security between A&M and Tech administrators.

"I don't share everyone's belief that there was a security problem," Rugeley said. "We didn't anticipate this to happen. Frankly, we expected to beat Texas A&M."

## Family endows leadership program

By TANYA NADING  
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The family of a student killed in March 2000 has endowed a leadership program designed to help African-American students.

The Advanced Leadership Institute (ALI), a part of the Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference (SBSLC), was endowed by the family of Charles E. Williams II, who was killed in a car accident.

Established in 1999, the ALI was recently changed to the Charles E. Williams Advanced Leadership Institute.

"We gave the money to the Advanced Leadership Institute because my son, who was a leader at Texas A&M, was unable to complete his steps in life," said Charles E. Williams Sr. of Galveston. "By giving this money, it allows another student the opportunity to follow in the steps that my son was unable to complete."

Williams was chairman of the University Hearing Board and was Judicial

Board Chairman of the Student Government Association. He also served as an assistant to Houston City Council member Carroll G. Robinson in 1999.

"We want to pass on the spirit of his excitement, motivation and vibrant spirituality," Williams Sr. said.

The SBSLC was started in 1989 by students at A&M for African-American students who needed a forum to address and discuss issues they faced in their communities, said Karisha Hearn, SBSLC chair and a senior industrial distributions major.

### Have you picked your prof?

### Pickaprof.com upgrades site

By EMILY PETERS  
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Pickaprof.com, the Internet site that offers grade histories and student-written professor reviews, is making changes to accommodate student demands and professor criticism.

Founders John Cunningham and Chris Chitek, both Class of 1999, have expanded the site's services to include 45 colleges in 22 states since April 2000. Recent improvements include an upgraded schedule planner and easier ways to reserve books online.

Cunningham and Chitek said they hope to add more information about professors soon.

Chitek said they get all the information from the A&M-

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### College expenses surging

By TONYA NADING  
THE BATTALION

College tuition and fees have increased as much as 7.7 percent at four-year institutions and 5.8 percent at two-year institutions this year, according to a recent report filed by the College Board.

The report was conducted before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, which worsened an already dwindling economy. After reports released last week by the federal government stated that the unemployment rate rose from July to September, and the country experienced negative economic growth for the first time since the early 1990s, economists say the United States is now in a recession.

In times of economic slowdown, a college degree becomes more valuable as people leave the job market and go back to school. The increasing demand for a college degree, in part, results in the rising cost of education, said A&M economics

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