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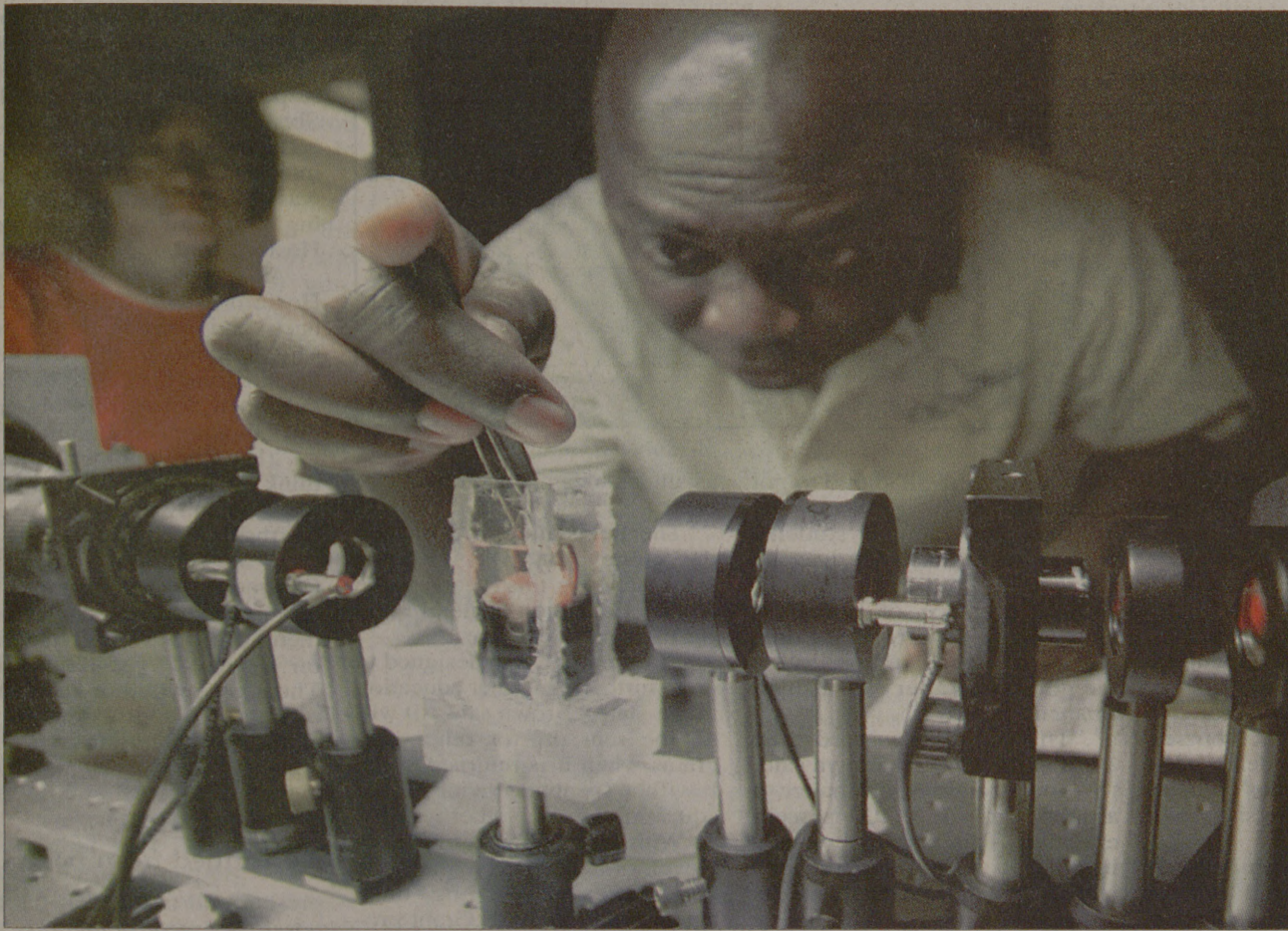
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Sweet testing



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Biomedical engineering graduate student **Justin Baba** sets up a laser to test the amount of glucose and blood sugar levels in a rabbit's eye, which is directly correlated to the body's blood sugar levels. The system's goal is to develop a way for diabetics to test blood sugar

levels using lasers instead of needles. The research, which is pioneered by **Dr. Cote** of the Biomedical engineering department, will hopefully replace the painful methods currently used by diabetics and others to test blood sugar levels.

Senate condemns acts of plagiarism

By Don White
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The Faculty Senate condemned plagiarism and other acts of academic dishonesty by University professors in its meeting Monday in response to the controversy and dismissal of Dr. Mary Zey, professor of agricultural economics.

The decision will potentially allow for strict consequences to any professors involved in plagiarism, despite tenure or rank.

Zey was fired in March when a University Investigation Committee concluded she published information belonging to faculty member Harland Prechel and former faculty member John Boies.

University president Dr. Ray M. Bowen fired Zey, then reversed the decision after the Committee on Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure (CAFRT) said Zey's offense did not warrant dismissal.

The CAFRT has limitations when

determining whether or not a dismissal is for a good cause.

The case was placed on the Faculty Senate's agenda in May with the intent to receive faculty response.

The Faculty Senate represents faculty interests on campus and decided an official response to a situation involving a faculty member was necessary.

Dr. Michael L. Greenwald, a Senate member and former member of the Senate's executive committee, said the Senate felt the need to reassert the importance of integrity.

"This certainly expresses the sentiments of the faculty at Texas A&M," he said. "It was basically non-controversial and passed very easily," he said.

The lack of debate during this meeting was in contrast to the original proposal at the Senate's meeting in May, which was met with some resistance. Senators objected to the lack of information

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Northside residents unable to use Sbisa

By Melissa Sullivan
& Christina Hoffman
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Over 600 students living on campus this summer can expect a challenge when trying to find places to eat because of the closure of Sbisa Dining Hall to residents. Sbisa will only be open Tuesdays and Thursdays for lunch during new student conferences.

Housing officials say students attending summer school and living on campus are required to live in Northside residence halls because of new student conferences and other group activities which are being housed on the south side of campus.

However, the only dining option available on the Northside to students is the Underground Food Court, open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The only dining facility open all day to students is the Commons Dining Center located on Southside.

"We find that students want to eat at the Underground anyway because of the number of options available," said Cindy Zawieja, associate director of Food Services.

Joy Hosford, a resident hall adviser at Lechner Hall and a senior biomedical sciences major, said it is helpful that the Underground is open but she prefers Sbisa because they provide healthier food.

Before Sbisa closed for renovations in the Fall of 2000, Zawieja said they

opened The Underground for dinner during the summer months, but due to the amount of customers they received, that option did not work out this summer.

"If we get business we open, if we do not, we close," she said.

Sbisa is open during new student orientation and is available to anyone with cash, a meal plan or Aggie Bucks, not just parents and new students, Zawieja said.

"In the past we have opened Duncan Dining Hall during orientation but students have no idea what an all-you-can-eat experience is like," Zawieja said. "We just recently renovated Sbisa and we feel it is a real showcase which shows the history of Food Services."

An estimated record 17,000 students are attending summer school at A&M, and roughly 800 students have purchased a meal plan. It is these numbers Food Services uses to determine what they will open and what they do not, says Zawieja.

Most students attending summer school live off campus and usually look at what is near their class when deciding where to eat, and Food Services tries to accommodate that as much as possible, Zawieja said.

"We have opened the Memorial Student Center Cafeteria and 12th Man International Food Court because new people usually do not see the Hullabaloo Food Court located

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A&M returns state grant money

By Kevin Espenlaub
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Texas A&M failed to distribute over \$850,000 allocated from the state legislature for student scholarships through the TEXAS Grant program this past school year, according to a report by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The money was part of the \$5.6 million the school received to help put highly successful yet economically disadvantaged students from the state through college.

"Obviously, it is very disappointing that this money was not used for what it was originally intended for," said State Representative and Vice-Chairman of the Higher Education Committee Fred Brown. "I was one of the co-sponsors of that bill and it was designed to give all of Texas' best and brightest students the opportunity to attend college, so it is a shame that every dime of it wasn't used."

The TEXAS Grant, also known as the Toward Excellence, Access, and Success Grant, was originally established in 1999 and provided almost \$18 million to state schools to provide grants to students who completed

Top ten public universities in Texas that returned the most grant scholarship money to the state this year:

University	Allocation	Amount returned
Prairie View A&M	\$5.1 million	\$2.9 million
University of Texas-Pan American	\$8.4 million	\$1.9 million
UT-El Paso	\$5.8 million	\$1.6 million
UT-San Antonio	\$4.3 million	\$1.2 million
UT-Arlington	\$2.8 million	\$1.04 million
UT-Dallas	\$1.8 million	\$884,222
Texas A&M	\$5.6 million	\$850,105
Texas Southern	\$2.2 million	\$797,164
University of Houston-Downtown	\$1.8 million	\$726,497
Lamar University-Beaumont	\$1.9 million	\$700,117

Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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Bush takes on plan for homeland security agency

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — President Bush asked congressional Republicans and Democrats on Tuesday to work together on expediting creation of his new domestic security agency. He received noncommittal assurances of action "in the not-too-distant future."

The president assembled congressional leaders from both parties in the White House Cabinet Room to press for bipartisan action on his massive proposal, the most extensive restructuring of the federal government in more than 50 years.

"What I've heard is there's a commitment to get this done in a way that takes any partisanship out of the issue, and at the same time strives for a date certain" for approval, Bush told reporters at the close of the meeting. He echoed a call by House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., to pass legislation creating a Department of Homeland Security by Sept. 11.

From the White House, Bush headed to Kansas City, Mo., where he hoped a visit to the city's water treatment plant would show Americans how his plan to improve the domestic security bureaucracy in

Washington would better protect them in their everyday lives.

But lawmakers who must approve Bush's proposal told him it will undergo careful and patient scrutiny.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, a Republican, and Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, a Democrat, were equally vague about suggestions that the plan could be enacted by Sept. 11.

"That's certainly an area that we'd like to aim to get done," Hastert said.

Daschle said Bush's plan leaves a lot of unanswered questions about the efficiency of the FBI and CIA — questions that the Senate must review in detail "so that at some point in the not-too-distant future we're able to answer them with greater confidence than we can today."

In Missouri, Bush hoped to address some of those questions, said White House spokesman Gordon Johndroe. The president has proposed having the new department analyze intelligence from the CIA, FBI, National Security Agency and others, but without any direct authority over the gathering of the information.

Bomber kills 6, hurts 8 in Israeli restaurant

HERZLIYA, Israel (AP) — A Palestinian bomber blew himself up in a restaurant just north of Tel Aviv on Tuesday, killing one Israeli teenager and wounding eight other people in one in a series of violent incidents that left six other Palestinians dead.

The violence erupted as Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was in Washington trying to persuade congressional leaders that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is not a partner for peace talks because of persistent Palestinian violence. Israeli forces surrounded Arafat's West Bank headquarters for a second day.

The bomber blew himself up inside a small, downtown restaurant in the city of Herzliya at 7:50 p.m., killing himself and the teen-ager and wounding eight other people, witnesses and rescue workers said.

David Baker, an official in Sharon's office, denounced the attack, saying, "The Herzliya terror attack is another example of the Palestinians' intention to commit murder for the sake of murder."

Herzliya Mayor Yael German arrived at the scene a few minutes after the blast.

"It's horrible when innocent civilians, men, women and children, who were just out to get a bite to eat, are hurt in a despicable terror attack," she said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. The Palestinian leadership denounced the attack because "it gives Israel a reason to attack the Palestinian people."

Later Tuesday, a 9-year-old Palestinian boy was killed and another 13-year-old boy was injured when Israeli soldiers shot at them near the Jewish settlement of Netzarim in the Gaza Strip, Palestinian security and hospital officials said. The army said troops responded to intense firing at an army outpost in the area.

Earlier, in the West Bank city of Hebron, Palestinians killed two fellow Palestinians suspected of collaborating with Israel. One body was dragged to the place where Marwan Zalloum, local leader of

Bombings continue

A suicide bomber exploded a bomb in a restaurant in Herzliya, Israel, Tuesday. Three Israelis were also injured in an explosion in the West Bank.



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI AP

the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades militia, was killed in an April 22 Israeli helicopter strike on his car.

The burned-out hulk of the car was still there, a grisly memorial to the militia leader blamed by Israel for directing and carrying out many attacks. The Al Aqsa group claimed responsibility for killing the suspected collaborator, saying in a leaflet that the pair helped Israel.