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A&M, UT presidents switch places Friday

By Dallas Shipp
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Before retirement, Texas A&M University President Dr. Ray M. Bowen gets the chance to be president of one more university, The University of Texas-Austin (UT).

Bowen and UT President Dr. Larry Faulkner will switch schools Friday to learn more about the common traits the two

rivals share, and enjoy the day at a rival University.

"The idea is to have some fun," Bowen said. "We work together on a lot of issues and want to send a signal that the two universities work well together."



FAULKNER

Bowen's schedule in Austin includes meetings with vice-presidents, student leaders, head football coach Mack Brown and a photo session with UT's mascot, Bevo, at Memorial Stadium.

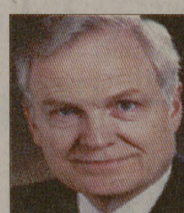
Bowen said he is looking forward to speaking with Coach Brown and hopes he can gain some insight into the team's strategy for the Thanksgiving Day rivalry this year.

"It will be a lot of fun filling

in at UT," Bowen said. "But make no mistake, we both know who we will be supporting on the football field this fall."

Meanwhile, Faulkner will be on the A&M campus engaging in similar meetings. He will also have his photo taken with A&M's mascot, Reveille.

The Aggeland trip will be the second in just over a month for Faulkner, who spoke at a commencement ceremony at



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A&M in May.

In the ceremony, Faulkner added that in addition to serving the same goals for the state of Texas, there is

another common mission for the two schools.

"We both want to beat the

hell out of Oklahoma," Faulkner said.

Barry Hammond, Memorial Student Center president and a senior economics major, will give a tour to the visiting president. He said he is looking forward to showing Faulkner around the campus and is excited to have the opportunity to

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Aggie loses battle with Cystic Fibrosis

By Ruth Ihde
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Zach Barcevac, Class of 1994 and professor at Texas A&M, died Thursday, June 20, at age 30 from complications with Cystic Fibrosis.



BARCEVAC

"In his short life, he accomplished much more than many do during the average 70-year life span," said Lauren Gulde, a close friend of Barcevac since 1993.

According to Gulde, Barcevac graduated from Red Oak High School as valedictorian and came to A&M on the Presidential Scholarship, an award given to students for academic excellence.

While at A&M, Barcevac was drum major in the Corps of Cadets and was highly involved in Student Government. In 1992, Barcevac won the Buck Weirus Spirit Award, an award to recognize outstanding

courage and determination in the face of adversity while attending A&M.

Barcevac received his bachelor's degree in 1994 and master's in 1997, both in mathematics, and returned as a professor in the mathematics department at A&M for two years.

Courtney Gorman, a student and close friend of Barcevac through Saint Mary's Catholic Church, has known him for two years.

"He was an inspiration to us all and really broke the mold on a professional as well as a personal level," she said. "You could really just tell that he loved everything he did, and he taught his students to appreciate every minute of every day."

Due to health complications, after teaching in the math department for two years, Barcevac had to quit teaching in the fall of 2001 in order to have a double lung transplant the following April. The transplant allowed him to live another year and two months, but his health

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Newton appointed new dean of college of science

By Sarah Walch
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Dr. H. Joseph Newton, a statistics professor, is looking forward to his new position as the new dean of the Texas A&M's College of Science on July 1.

Newton served as the interim dean since Oct. 2000 and would like to see more interdisciplinary research between the different colleges.

"Cooperation with the College of Veterinary Medicine, the College of Engineering, and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is something I look forward to strengthening," he said.

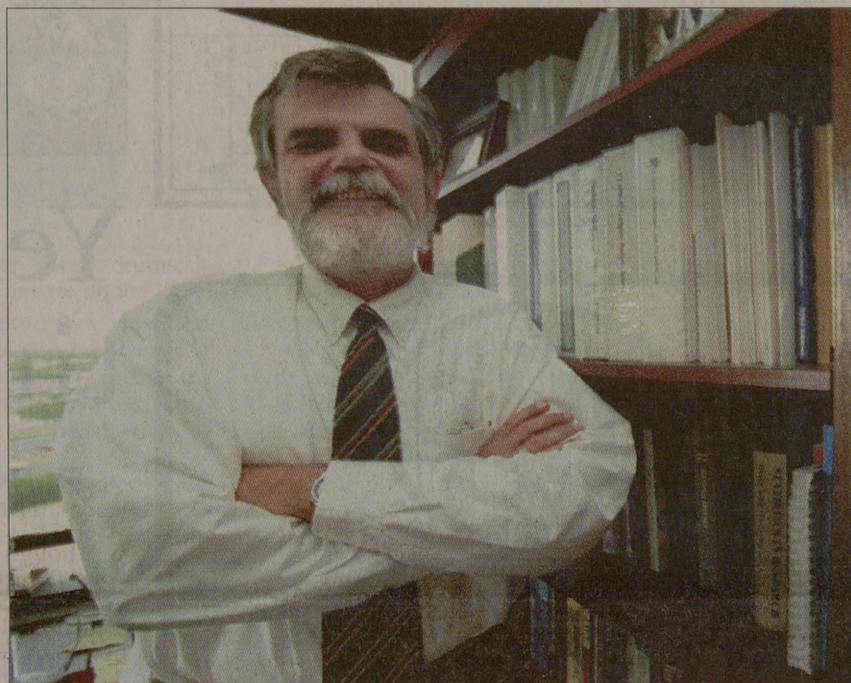
Right now, Newton is particularly interested in projects in bioinformatics, which requires cooperation between the College of Agriculture and the College of Science.

"I hope that these (the cross-college projects) will be a major new initiative for the university," Newton said. "To compete with other world-class universities, A&M needs to lead the way with such modern-era research."

Newton started at A&M in 1978 as an assistant professor after living in New York.

"Because I was from New York, I thought I would only stay in Texas a year," he said. "But A&M proved to have the opportunities to make my time in College Station worthwhile."

"The College of Science, in my opinion, is the largest and best in the country," Newton said. "There are two major roles that this college fulfills: teaching and research. In both fields our faculty go above and beyond the call of duty."



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Dr. H. Joseph Newton, a statistics professor, will take over the position of dean of the College of Science on July 1.

"(Because of core curriculum requirements) 12 percent of the University's faculty teach 20 percent of the student credit hours," Newton said.

Furthermore, the College of Science supplies half of the distinguished faculty university-wide.

"Our faculty has attracted approximately 40 percent of the federal funding for the university as well," Newton added.

Besides Newton's appreciation for his teaching and research faculty,

he also said his favorite sector of the job is faculty development.

"I love that part of the job — to hire somebody and see them grow, to entice them to stay at A&M when other universities compete to hire them," Newton said. "It is a great feeling to see someone you're rooting for really blossom professionally and know that you were a part of that."

Newton earned his bachelor of

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National Association sponsors HIV Day

By Melissa Sullivan
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In order to inform people about the risks of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) is sponsoring the eighth annual National HIV Testing Day today.

Students and Bryan-College Station residents can participate in National HIV Testing day at the Beutal Health Center or other locations in the area.

National HIV Testing Day began in 1995 and is a nationwide event designed to prompt more people to assess their risk of HIV infection and receive regular testing.

"We want to encourage people to go out and get tested," said Margaret Griffith, health education coordinator for Beutal Health Center. "To know early on means living healthier and much much longer."

If anyone is interested in getting tested, they can call the Health Center and make an appointment. Names will be kept anonymous, and it does not cost anything, Griffith said.

Counseling sessions will be available for students who wish to discuss certain issues about the risk factors of HIV, the future of living with HIV and plans to help reduce the risk of HIV, Griffith said.

"It is so nerve wracking to wait the two weeks before the results are available and no one wants to go through that, so this gives them time to think to keep themselves negative (from HIV)," Griffith said.

The AIDS Services of Brazos Valley (ASBV) is also conducting testing at their location on Texas Avenue in Bryan.

"We want people to take the test then take control," said Marla McClure, director of ASBV. National HIV Testing Day also serves as a reminder that people should be tested twice a year, this gives them another opportunity for testing besides National AIDS Day on Dec. 1, Griffith said.

"Half of the new cases involve those who are 25 years and younger," Griffith said. "It is important to know even if you are (HIV) negative how to protect yourself from risk in the future."

Despite the medicines now available, it is still important to get tested and stay negative.

"It has been 21 years since they diagnosed HIV and people have been relaxed in their behavior," McClure said. "If someone is diagnosed with AIDS or HIV

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College Station receives Livability Award

By Diane Xavier
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The City of College Station has made information about city government easily accessible for the past 10 years with its Geographic Information System (GIS).

As a result, the city will be awarded the national "City Livability Award" for "Outstanding Achievement for Cities under 100,000 in population" from the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

The award will be pre-

sented to College Station Mayor Ron Silvia at the City Council meeting Thursday at 7 p.m.

The City Livability Awards are designed to recognize and honor mayors and cities for demonstrating exemplary leadership in developing and implementing programs that improve the quality of life in their communities.

"I'm really proud of the city for receiving this award," Silvia said. "With [the GIS system] we can get

instant information on housing, streets, parks and recreation. It saves everyone time and money."

"Because of this system, we are able to complete projects in a more efficient manner," Silvia said.

GIS is a computer system capable of assembling, storing, manipulating and displaying geographically referenced information and data identified according to their locations. This technology allows emergency planners to easily calculate emer-

gency response times in the event of a natural disaster.

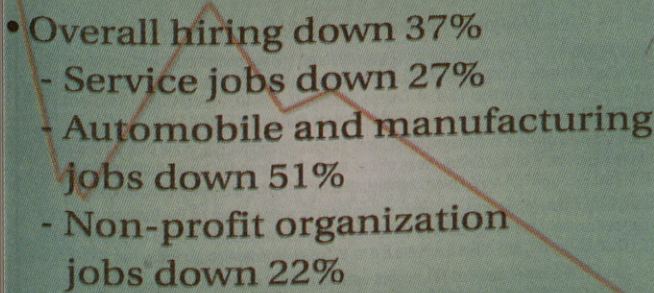
Also, parents sending their children to A&M can look up crime statistics in a specific area where students are thinking of leasing or purchasing property.

Developers and engineers can look up zoning types, building setbacks, and minimum lot areas through the Internet. Realtors can look up

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Job market looks bleak for A&M graduates during nation's economy slump

Fewer jobs for 2002 graduates



Source: National Association of Colleges and Employers
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The slumping economy has resulted in many employers cutting back on job offers and internships for college students. The latest survey results from the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) show just how tough the search is going to be this year.

According to NACE, employers expect to hire 37 percent fewer college graduates in 2002 than in 2000 and 2001.

In the survey, more than 400

employers nationwide responded to the survey conducted from March 26 to April 9. Each employer was asked to predict the number of college graduates to be hired in the fall of 2002.

NACE executive director Marilyn Mackes said the survey indicated bad timing was everything for the Class of 2002.

"Unfortunately, the economic recovery came a little too late for the college class of 2002," Mackes said. "Consequently, we have seen a steep drop in college hiring this academic year."

Joseph Pleasant will graduate

from A&M in August, and he assumed that his good grades, internships and college education would land him a job.

Pleasant, a senior journalism major, still has not found a job.

Pleasant and thousands of other students who are also just weeks away from their summer graduation ceremonies, are encountering much discouragement.

"I was always told growing up that people who had college degrees would easily find a job," Pleasant said. "I just realized that this is not true."

According to NACE survey

reports, hiring is down among service employers by 27 percent. Automotive and mechanical equipment manufacturers dropped 51 percent, and nonprofit employers projected their drop to be down 22 percent.

However federal government employers are not following the trend of hiring less college graduates. They expect to hire 16 percent more new college graduates this year compared to last year.

Marti Boerema, director of

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