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Faculty senate approves college name changes

By Jessi Watkins
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The Texas A&M Faculty Senate approved name changes for the Lowry Mays College and Graduate School of Business and the College of Education on Monday afternoon.

change from Lowry Mays College and Graduate School of Business to the Mays Business School.

Jerry Strawser, dean of the College of Business, said the reason for the name change was to help in marketing the college. "Other universities are using the moniker 'business school'

not 'school of business,'" Strawser said.

The Senate also approved a name change from the College of Education to the College of Education and Human Development.

Bruce Thompson, professor of educational psychology, said this name change shows that the

college has programs other than teacher education.

"We have programs that have nothing to do with teaching. This is a motion to communicate that we have a broader range of programs than teacher education," Thompson said.

The Faculty Senate also approved a change in curriculum

for two undergraduate programs in the Department of Educational Psychology.

The changes add three new courses to the undergraduate program in generic special education and four new courses to the undergraduate program in Hispanic bilingual education.

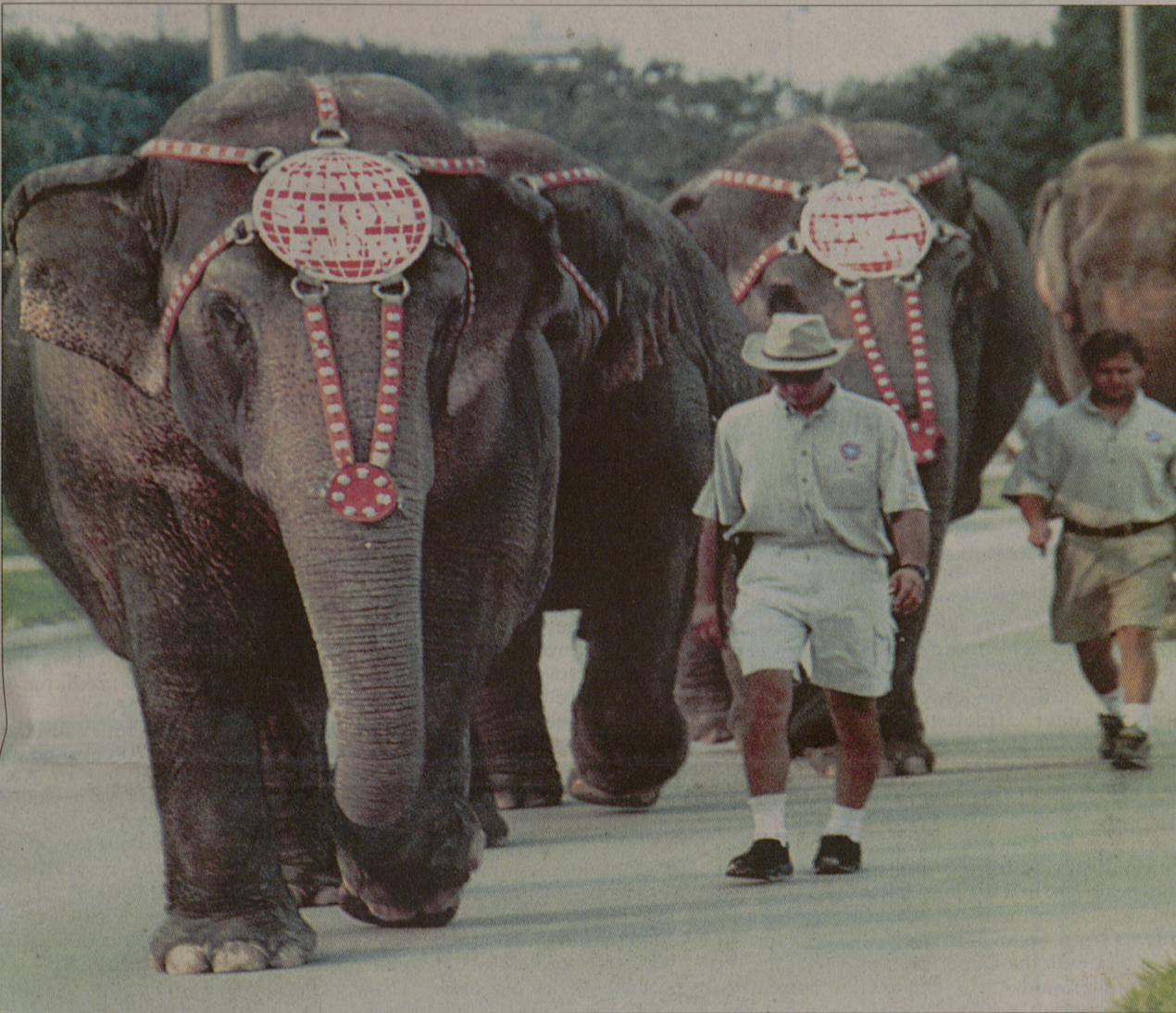
The purpose of both of these

programs is to help meet demand for teachers in Texas, specifically the high demand for teachers who are qualified to work with special education and bilingual students, senate members said.

Carol Wagner, an academic

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Circus animals



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Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey elephant trainers escort elephants down Olsen drive during Monday evening's circus entrance. The circus departed from

its train and walked from Agronomy Drive to Reed Arena, which is where the circus will perform Tuesday and Wednesday.

AggiE-Pay allows fee payment online

By Molly McCullough
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Texas A&M, through an agreement with Texas Online, introduced a new Internet based payment system, called AggieE-Pay, that allows students to pay all registration and tuition fees online in hopes of making payments more convenient for students and improving customer service.

The AggieE-Pay project is a division of finance initiative, directed by Student Financial Services. A&M is the first university in the state to use this system. Other universities are examining A&M's network to determine if the new technology will succeed or not, said Kathy Symank, financial manager of Student Financial Services.

"Students may want to pay at two in the morning and we wanted to make that option available to them," Symank said.

According to Symank, since AggieE-Pay started July 1, an estimated 300 students have taken advantage of the new system.

"It'll be more convenient and faster," said Julie Davis, a freshman industrial distribution major. "Now I can pay anywhere I have access to the Internet."

Students can pay by e-check from their personal checking account or by credit card.

For students paying by e-check, a convenience fee of \$2 is charged in order to help pay the costs of processing the check.

For Mastercard, Discover, or American Express users, a convenience fee of 2.5 percent of the total bill with a minimum of \$3 is added to the payment. The convenience fee is added so A&M is reimbursed for the fee charged to A&M by the credit card companies.

Visa card users are excluded because Visa does not allow a percentage of the payment to be added to the total bill.

A&M does not want to use the flat dollar rate because it would be difficult to estimate the cost it would be charged to use each particular Visa card, Symank said.

Symank also said A&M does not want to make a profit by charging students too much for using a credit card, but would rather break even between the fee charged to the Visa user and the fee charged to A&M.

"Students who would like to use their Visa card should contact Visa directly and suggest to them to allow the percentage rate to be charged instead of the flat dollar rate fee," Symank said.

The convenience fee was originally set by Texas Online, the company who processes the e-checks and credit cards, based on the estimated number of students and staff who use the website.

"As soon as more people use this website we hope to negotiate with Texas Online to bring fees down," Symank said.

"I think it is a good thing," said Chinelo Nwawka, a senior psychology major. However, Nwawka also expressed concern for the safety of her credit card number.

Students or staff planning on using credit cards to pay bills will have their credit card number protected by Verisign, a company known for providing credit card confidentiality. Verisign has a good reputation and is used by other enterprises such as Bank of America, Texas Instruments, and

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Trailer brings Aggie football to big screen

By Doug Fuentes
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Lights, camera...Texas A&M football?

A&M football is the action this summer at movie theaters thanks to a movie trailer put out by the 12th Man Foundation.

The trailer, which is the centerpiece of the 12th Man Foundation's advertising campaign and unique in college athletics advertising, stars former A&M linebacker Antonio Armstrong and is narrated by Ashton Smith, Class of 1984.

Smith, who has done numerous trailers, including Men In Black and Mission Impossible, has tentatively agreed to donate his royalties back to the Capital Campaign. The trailer is being shown at AMC Theaters in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio on 377 screens.

Every movie on every screen will show the trailer except Walt Disney productions due to a no advertisement clause.

"We had set up our marketing budget this year and we felt that this was something that we could consider," said Miles Marks, president of the 12th Man Foundation. "We were brought three ideas

and the two others were not real appealing to us. We thought the movie trailer was a real home run so we decided to go with that."

The trailer begins with a trip through a science-fiction type tunnel, narrated by Smith. When the tunnel ends, it shows Armstrong looking down on someone he just tackled and he says, "I told you not to come over the middle anymore, not in my house."

The trailer then cuts to the 12th Man Foundation logo as the Aggie War Hymn plays in the background.

Armstrong, was an All-American in 1994 and defensive MVP of the 1994 Cotton Bowl, said he thoroughly enjoyed working on the trailer.

"When they asked me to do it, there was no doubt in my mind," Armstrong said. "A&M has been very good to me and instrumental in my life. They have taught me a lot. If I need anything I can call on anyone from A&M and they will help."

"It's not just the football players either. Anytime I meet anyone, there is an automatic camaraderie. So, of course I'd love to give to give back to the school."

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Candidates named for vice chancellor

By Christina Hoffman
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A list of five candidates for the position of vice chancellor and dean of the Dwight Look College of Engineering at Texas A&M was released Monday after a search advisory committee began a review process on Feb. 15.

The search committee will now schedule campus interviews with the five candidates.

The candidates are George K. Bennett and John Junkins from A&M, Mark Kushner and Daniel Reed from the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, and Jeffrey Vitter from Duke University.

The search committee chaired by Dr. Edward A. Hiler, A&M's vice chancellor and dean of agricultural and life sciences, began accepting applications for the position in January when current Vice Chancellor and Dean Dr. Roland Haden announced he would retire.

He is scheduled to retire Aug. 1, said Ann Kellelt, spokeswoman for the Texas A&M University system.

According to Kellelt and the A&M website, the vice chancellor and dean is a leadership role in management to enhance leadership and strategic direction toward Vision 2020.

The dean is also responsible for

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Search for Dean/Vice Chancellor of Engineering and Director, TEES

George K. Bennett
Associate Vice Chancellor of Engineering and Director, TEES
Texas A&M University

John Junkins
Department of Aerospace Engineering
Texas A&M University

Mark Kushner
Department of Electrical and Computing Engineering
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Daniel Reed
Director, National Center for Supercomputing Applications
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Jeffrey Vitter
Department of Computer Science
Duke University

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College Board adds several changes to SAT

SAT Changes Effective in 2005

- A Writing section added**
- B Analogies replaced by critical reading questions**
- C Verbal Reasoning Test now titled Critical Reading Test**
- D Math Portion includes Algebra II**
- E Quantitative comparisons eliminated**

RUBEN DELUNA • THE BATTALION

By Sarah Walch
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The Board of Trustees for the College Board debated and voted for several changes to the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), the world's most widely used admissions test. As a result, students applying to A&M in the fall of 2006 will face a more challenging admissions test.

Kristin Carnahan, associate director of public affairs at the College Board said the College Board has changed the SAT I several times over the course of its 76-year history.

Recently, the SAT I came under scrutiny after the University of California (UC) debated whether to require only the SAT II because they felt the SAT I was no longer an accurate predictor of an incom-

ing college student's academic success, Carnahan said.

"President Atkinson announced his proposal that UC use only the SAT II for admissions about a year and half ago," she said. "[The controversy this created] was certainly a factor in the current revisions. The ideas laid forth underwent a lot of discussion, and we were definitely more focused on making the changes sooner than otherwise."

Joseph Estrada, assistant provost for enrollment at A&M and a member of the College Board advisory committee said that the measure of young people's success is an ever-changing process.

"The Board wants to ensure that the examination is testing the right skills," he

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