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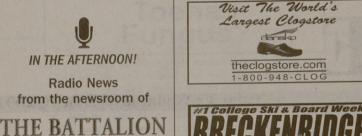
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It's time to study for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) in the Texas A&M community. It's that time of year when students who wish to be attorneys must face the dreaded assessment test that determines whether they get into the law school of their choice or must contend with a lesser fate than they might prefer.

Some Aggies have been preparing for months to ensure their success on the LSAT. They have taken the Princeton Review class for the LSAT, but just taking a review course does not guarantee a good score

"It helped somewhat, but you have to do most of the work yourself. You have to put in your own study time," said Glenn George, a senior management information systems major, regarding the Princeton Review.

George said he postponed his test date from the October 5, 2002 test date to December to give himself more time to prepare because he wasn't satisfied with the scores he was making on practice tests

"I wish I had prepared more during the summer," George said. "It's hard to find time now that classes have started."

LSAT performance is essential to starting a potential law student down the road to a career in law. Therefore, many people tend to experience a great deal of stress and put added pressure on themselves, thinking they will be a failure if they do not do well or get into the law school of their choice.

Emily Vincent, a junior animal science and agriculture economics major, who will be taking the test in February, is able to put the test in perspective.

"Standardized testing is not a great representation of what you are capable



Vincent said she believes taking the test is merely one facet of being successful in law school and as a lawyer.

'Test-taking is just a skill, like other skills; some people have it and some do not," Vincent said. "The skills necessary for being a lawyer go way beyond being able to take a test."

Brook Barnes, a senior psychology major, also thinks that far too much importance is placed on the LSAT. "Being a lawyer has less to do with that test than the law school admissions people would like to believe," Barnes said. "How could one test on one day be indicative of your performance as a lawyer?

"I like environmental law because I'll be able to shape the future policy of it, instead of debating tired policies and issues in other areas of law." Vincent views the skills of being a lawyer as more impor-

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tant than realizing her goal of being the best lawyer.

"While in London this summer, Iw able to get a different perspective on the Enron and Worldcom scandals," Vincen said. "It made me want to study bankn cy law and do what I can to be success in terms of promoting fairness in them ness world.'

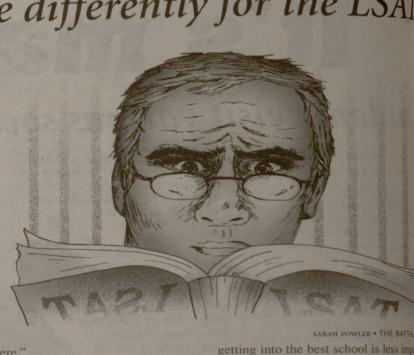
Barnes is going to law school so he can fight for what he believes in.

"With the upcoming environmenta issues and the politics involved, such a the waste issues, standards for car emi sions, fuel efficiency problems and the countless other issues, I feel that lawye are going to play a huge role in shaping those policies," Barnes said.

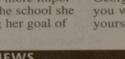
"It is important to take the LSAT and become a lawyer for the right reasons George said. "If you keep that in mind

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