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## Study claims coaches' high salaries unethical

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The more coaches are paid, the more their ethics erode, according to findings of a recent doctoral study at Texas A&M.

Brian Wigley, a former doctoral student at A&M, concluded that the ethical values of coaches in NCAA Division III are superior to those of Division I. Wigley's doctoral dissertation, "Ethical Values and Behavioral Intentions of Head Coaches in NCAA Division I and Division III Collegiate Athletic Departments," touches on the popular belief that

money is directly correlated with ethics in coaching.

Wigley, now a professor at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va., said winning is everything for Division I coaches. In his study, Wigley compares coaches who have signed multi-million dollar deals to those who don't plan on making it into big college and university locker rooms.

To conduct his research, Wigley used the Hahm-Beller Values Choice Inventory, which measures the ethical standards of honesty, responsibility, and justice in coaches, ranking the

responses on a scale of one to five, with five being the most ethical behavior. More than 600 Division I and Division III coaches nationwide were asked how they would respond to certain high stress situations.

The survey revealed that, overall, Division I coaches received a score of 2.77, while Division III coaches scored slightly higher, at 2.94.

When broken down even more, the males surveyed received a 2.76 while the women scored a 3.07, nearly 6 percent higher.

To further scrutinize his research, Wigley surveyed coach-

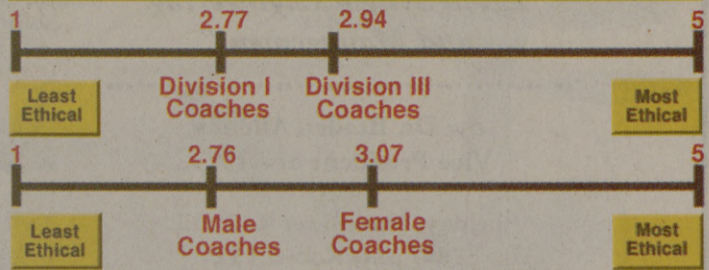
es in different stages of their careers: the beginning, middle and latter portions. In the beginning, Division I and Division III coaches appeared to be ethically equal.

By the middle of their careers, Wigley said, Division I coaches' ethical values decreased while Division III coaches' ethical values increased.

Wigley said money, media exposure and pressure to win took hold of the Division I coaches and then fizzled when the coaches decided it was time to

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Hahm-Beller Values Choice Inventory defines ethical behavior as: a coaches honesty, responsibility and justice in dealing with given situations



SOURCE: BRIAN WIGLEY'S TEXAS A&M DOCTORAL DISSERTATION  
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### Shaking hands, kissing babies



Sen. Phil Gramm, left, stops to shake hands with Andrew Gillespie, a senior economics major, during a campaign stop for Land Commissioner David Dewhurst. Dewhurst is running for Lieutenant Governor in the upcoming November elections. He and Gramm spoke to the College Republicans at the Koldus building Wednesday afternoon before heading to Temple.

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## Students in struggle may face charges

By Sarah Szuminski  
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Several Aggies may face misdemeanor charges of assault or disorderly conduct resulting in up to \$500 in fines as well as disciplinary action from the University once an investigation of the brawl at Saturday's football game is complete.

Following Nebraska's 38-31 victory over Texas A&M, several Cornhusker fans rushed past security guards onto Kyle Field and were met by Corps of Cadets members and other Aggies, where a short-lived struggle ensued.

"The Office of the Commandant along with the Department of Student Life is conducting a joint investigation to establish the facts," Corps media relations coordinator Maj. Joseph "Doc" Mills said.

Dean of Student Life, Dr. David Parrott, said information is currently being reviewed, including witness statements and videos of the incident. Only a small number of Aggies are believed to have participated, he said.

"We are still in the process of identifying the people involved," Parrott said. "We have some pretty clear information."

One Nebraska fan has been identified as being struck during the struggle, along with the cadet who struck him, University Police Department (UPD) officer Bob Wiatt said.

Mills said the cadet who was alleged to have been involved was a 'cadet of the day' whose job was to maintain order and discipline among the cadets and to represent the University and the Corps.

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## New mobile lab provides training

By Amy Adams  
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Texas A&M's Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) has built a new mobile lab designed to train students and citizens in testing water quality in everyday and emergency situations.

The one-of-a-kind lab, pulled by a modified Ford F-650 diesel, will take the latest in waste and wastewater testing procedures to cities, municipalities, private industries, chemical companies and regulatory agencies.

The lab will be used to correctly perform laboratory tests on drinking water and wastewater. Students will be taught a variety of tests ranging from how to identify harmful bacteria that may be present in drinking water to determining what level of toxic chemicals may be present in wastewater.

These are the same tests performed by scientists at water treatment facilities to determine whether the water is safe to drink and whether or not wastewater is safe to release into rivers, lakes and streams.

The 41-foot, self-contained mobile lab can accommodate up to 14 students, said Marilyn Martell, public information director for TEEX.

"The greatest benefit of the lab is it provides students with a place to perform laboratory analysis that cannot be read about in a textbook or heard in

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**TEEX'S New Mobile Lab**

- Used to perform lab tests on drinking and waste water
- Valued at \$300,000
- Accommodates up to 14 students
- Pulled by a modified Ford F-650 diesel
- Can be used as an emergency response lab to ensure water safety

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## Carter depends on conservative support

By Rolando Garcia  
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Campaigning for Congress in a staunchly conservative district with rapidly growing suburban areas, GOP candidate John Carter is combining a pro-life, anti-tax agenda with a plan to address the district's traffic congestion problems.

Carter, a former state district judge in Williamson County, is running in the newly created District 31, which runs from Houston to suburbs north of Austin and includes Brazos County. Most of the county is currently represented by Rep. Kevin Brady.

Carter said traffic congestion and

transportation infrastructure plague the district's communities, and bringing home more federal transportation dollars will be one of his top priorities in Congress. If sent to Washington, Carter said he will lobby for an assignment to the House transportation committee, which earmarks federal highway funds for specific projects.

Although transportation dilemmas in Austin and Houston require the costly revamping of interstate highways that span several states, the

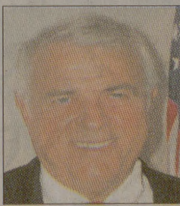
needs of Brazos Valley, which lacks a four-lane road connecting it to a major highway, are not as daunting.

"(Building a four-lane highway) is a do-able project that we can do now," Carter said. "To best concentrate limited funds where they would be most effective, we would start in Brazos."

Carter, who earned a reputation for being tough on crime during his years on the bench, said his experience as judge gives him a track record of leadership unique among most congressional candidates.

"I've been in the trenches, made the hard calls and taken the licks," Carter said.

His experience listening to all



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## Bagley looks to represent with local flair

By Rolando Garcia  
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Not since Phil Gramm served in the U.S. House of Representatives in the early 1980s has the Brazos Valley had one of its own in Congress, and David Bagley, the Democratic nominee for District 31, says that needs to change.

"We've been left behind for too long, and we need federal dollars here for transportation," Bagley said.

The newly created District 31 includes Brazos County. College Station is currently represented by Rep. Kevin Brady, a Houston Republican.

Transportation infrastructure is the district's most pressing need, Bagley said. Bagley, who owns a small web design firm in Caldwell, said he will fight to secure necessary funds to build a four-lane road connecting Brazos Valley to a major highway.

Bagley said his other top priorities are expand-

ing access to higher education and reforming Social Security. Bagley proposes that the federal government provide grants to help students pay for college, and in return, students will commit themselves to two years of government service. Creating a more highly-skilled workforce will ensure long-term economic prosperity.

With Social Security heading towards insolvency by 2041, Bagley said Congress must plan for the future and reform the system, but he opposes efforts by Republicans to give workers the option of privately investing a small portion of their social security tax.

"We can't afford to raid the social security trust fund," Bagley said.

Bagley said he opposes President Bush's call for additional tax cuts. With the economy in

recession and a potentially expensive war with Iraq on the horizon, Bagley said further tax cuts would result in skyrocketing budget deficits.

Future tax plans should focus on tax relief for middle class families rather than the high income groups that benefited from Bush's tax cut, Bagley said.

However, he said he supported authorizing Bush to use military force in Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein.

"We can't let (Saddam) get nuclear weapons, and we can't put this off to another day. The time has come to act," Bagley said.

National Democratic party strategists have written off the 31st congressional district race as unwinnable, but Bagley said he plans to confound the political pundits on election night by scoring an upset victory.

"This race is much closer than the pundits

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sides of an argument, analyzing the evidence and making a decision will help him be an effective congressman, Carter said.

Even though many observers believe his election is a mere formality in this Republican stronghold, Carter says he is campaigning as if he were the underdog.