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## Walton president appeals censure

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The president of Walton Hall is appealing his expulsion from campus as punishment for allowing Walton residents to shout inappropriate yells at a yell practice earlier this year.

If Walton President Justin "Chuck" Faith is kicked off campus, he will no longer be a Residence Hall Association (RHA) member and will no longer represent Walton in the RHA General Assembly, said RHA President John Casares.

Faith's appeal is going through Student Conflict Resolution Services.

Since University President Dr. Robert M. Gates' arrival, Gates has stressed the importance of maintaining the University's reputation and ensuring a family-friendly, positive atmosphere at all Texas A&M events, said Craig Rotter, the coordinator for leadership development in the Department of

Residence Life and the RHA adviser.

At one of the first yell practices this semester, Walton Hall residents shouted obscenities as part of their hall yells. After the first inappropriate yell, police began to congregate near the Walton residents, Faith said. The second yell, Walton's grody yell, attracted the attention of several University officials, including Rotter. Two Walton residents were escorted out of Kyle Field, Faith said.

Faith, already on conduct probation with Student Life, was about to leave the stadium, but changed his mind when Rotter asked him to stop the Walton residents from continuing their yells. He stopped the obscene yells, but after he left, Walton residents shouted, "Beat the hell outta Craig Rotter," Faith said.

He received no warnings that he might be punished for Walton residents' behavior, Faith said.

Faith is appealing his expulsion because he does not believe he should be responsible for the actions of Walton residents after he left Kyle Field, he said. The first yell practice was an issue for the

University due to the behavior of several groups, said Assistant Director for the Department of Student Life Michael Collins, who oversees Student Conflict Resolution Services.

Collins said every student who has a hearing has a right to appeal the decision. Any sanction that is deferred suspension or above goes to the University Appeals Panel. Students are only allowed one appeal.

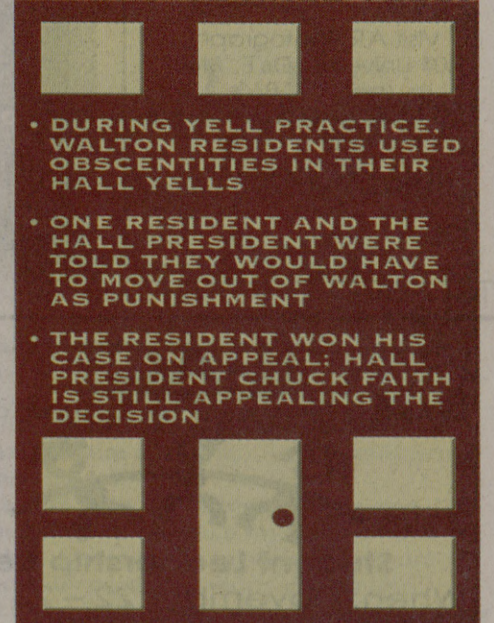
A&M officials spoke with several Walton residents following the incident, Walton Hall Director Shannon Ensom said.

Another Walton resident was also punished in the incident, but he won his appeal and remains housed in the hall.

Rotter said behavior at yell practices has been better than in recent years.

"Our students are expected to uphold themselves as Aggies," Rotter said. "This year has had the best yell practices I've seen at A&M since the early 1990s. It's been good to see the current student body uphold A&M's values."

### OFFENSIVE HALL YELLS



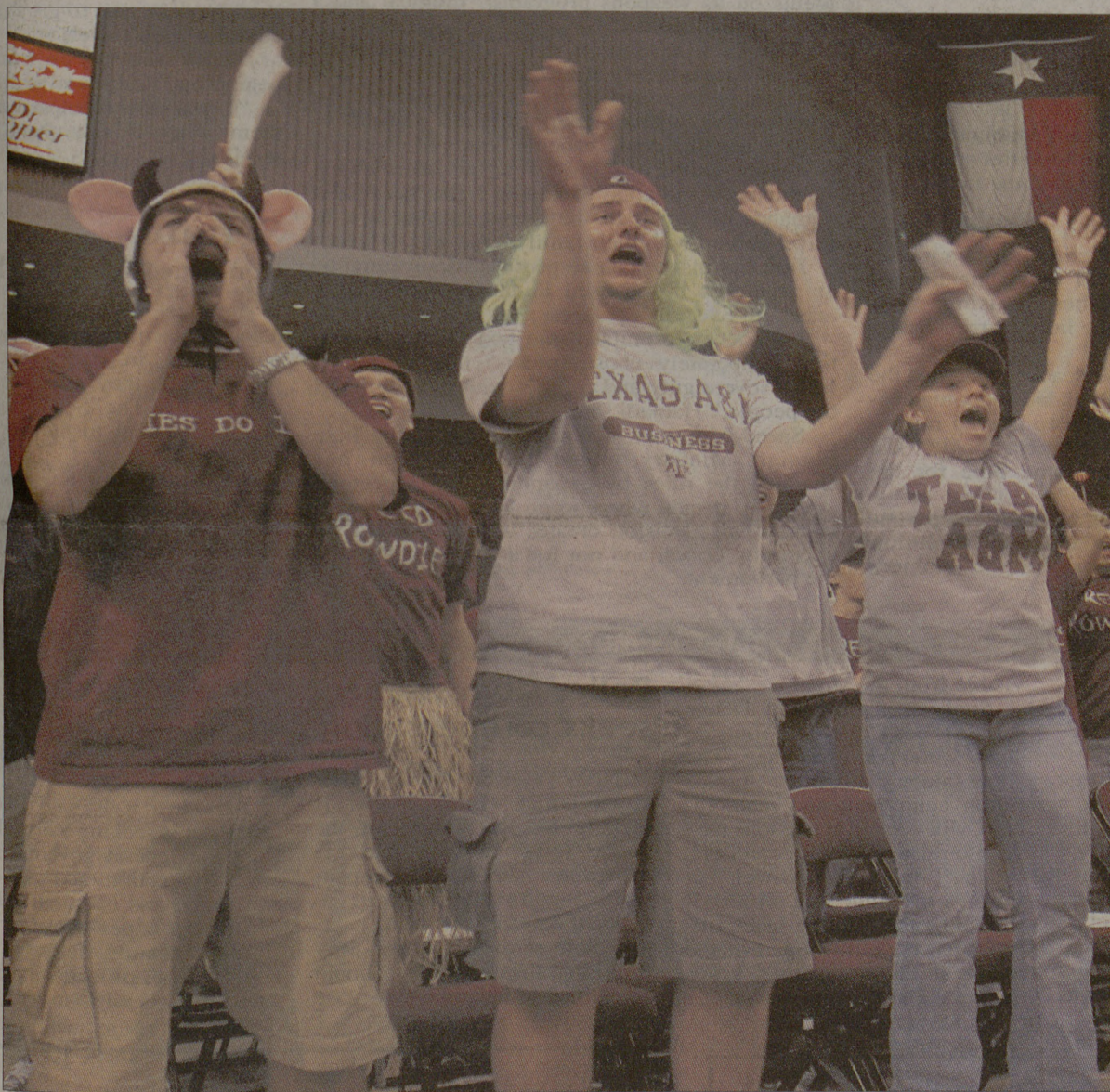
• DURING YELL PRACTICE, WALTON RESIDENTS USED OBSCENITIES IN THEIR HALL YELLS

• ONE RESIDENT AND THE HALL PRESIDENT WERE TOLD THEY WOULD HAVE TO MOVE OUT OF WALTON AS PUNISHMENT

• THE RESIDENT WON HIS CASE ON APPEAL; HALL PRESIDENT CHUCK FAITH IS STILL APPEALING THE DECISION

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### A rowdy howdy

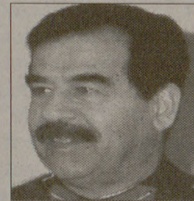


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Freshmen business administration majors **Grant Longmire** (left), **Ian Rudebusch** (center), and the rest of the Reed Rowdies, heckle Ukraine's MBC Nicolaev basketball players in Reed Arena Monday night. The Aggies opened up the exhibition season with a 86-73 victory in front of 2,831 fans.

## Iraqis reject dishonest inspection resolution

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi lawmakers denounced a tough, new U.N. resolution on weapons inspections Monday as dishonest, provocative and worthy of rejection — despite the risk of war. But parliament said it ultimately will trust whatever President Saddam Hussein decides.



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One after the other, senior lawmakers rejected the resolution, the latest in a long effort to ensure Iraq scraps its weapons of mass destruction. This time, however, the United States and Britain have made clear they will attack Iraq if it does not fully comply.

Parliament speaker Saadoun Hamadi said the resolution was stacked with "ill intentions", "falsehood", "lies" and "dishonesty." Salim al-Koubaisi, head of parliament's foreign relations committee, recommended rejecting the resolution but also advised deferring to the "wise Iraqi leadership" to act as it sees fit to defend Iraq's people and dignity.

"The committee advises ... the rejection of Security Council Resolution 1441, and to not agree to it in response to the opinions of our people, who put their trust in us," al-Koubaisi told fellow lawmakers.

Saddam has used parliament's action as cover for difficult decisions in the past, and harsh rhetoric does not necessarily mean parliament will reject the proposal. Saddam ordered parliament to recommend a formal response, and lawmakers were expected to vote on recommendations for the Iraqi leadership Tuesday.

According to the resolution, Iraq has until Friday to accept or reject the resolution, approved unanimously last week by the U.N. Security Council.

U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said

there are numerous interpretations for the deadline — the minute the resolution was adopted, the minute Iraq was notified, the end of business Friday, or midnight on Friday. It is up to the Security Council to interpret its own resolution, Eckhard said.

Anne Power, a spokeswoman with the British mission at the United Nations, said Britain interpreted the deadline to be seven 24-hour periods from the minute the resolution was adopted. That would mean that Iraq has until 10:17 a.m. EST Friday, Nov. 15 to respond. Other Security Council members could have different interpretations however. Chinese deputy ambassador Zhang Yishan, the current council president, said he was checking on the exact deadline.

If Saddam fails to follow through, a Pentagon plan calls for more than 200,000 troops to invade Iraq.

Parliament's advice on the new U.N. resolution, which demands Iraq cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors or face "serious consequences," will go to the Revolutionary Command Council, Iraq's ruling body headed by Saddam.

Should parliament recommend acceptance, it would allow Saddam to claim the decision was the will of the Iraqi people and more smoothly retreat from previous objections to any new resolution governing weapons inspections.

In Washington, President Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, rejected the legitimacy of the parliament debate.

"One has to be a bit skeptical of the independence of the Iraqi parliament from Saddam Hussein," she said. "I don't think anyone believes this is anything but an absolute dictatorship and this decision is up to Saddam Hussein." She also said Iraq has no right to accept

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## Class dismissal on Labor Day discussed at Senate meeting

By Sarah Darr  
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The proposed academic calendar for the 2003-2004 school year captivated most of the attention during Monday's Faculty Senate meeting.

Most of the discussion revolved around the request for no classes on Labor Day.

Sen. Mike Greenwald from the College of Liberal Arts brought up the topic while the Senate was discussing the proposed academic calendar. Greenwald suggested that another holiday on the calendar be substituted for Labor Day, since state law requires a certain number of days that students must attend class.

Greenwald said he feels that Labor Day is a "rite of passage" and the last day of summer. He argued that there are many events that occur around the community on that day that students and faculty do not get to attend.

"Labor Day is a day that needs to be set aside to honor the work-

ing men and women of America," Greenwald said.

Sen. and chemistry professor Kenn Harding expressed concern about amending the calendar because it would mess up the redefined days. Harding said that having a day off would cost him a week of lab classes and would cause a problem with trying to have an equal number of days in the fall and spring semesters.

"This is not a simple solution of changing one day," Harding said.

A vote to have the semester begin on Friday, Aug. 29, 2003 instead of Monday, Sept. 1 to allow Labor Day a vacation day was taken by the Senate, but failed. Because the day has to be substituted for another holiday, the Senate took a vote to reevaluate the calendar and find a day to substitute so that classes would not be held on Sept. 1.

This vote passed 26-25, and the proposed calendar will be reevaluated.

In other business, the Personnel

and Welfare Committee requested that changes be made to the rules for faculty participation in the selection, evaluation and retention of deans in order to have more faculty voice in the process. The faculty will be asked to rank the candidates and make known any candidates

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| Proposed Curriculum Changes   |  |
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| • Five classes may be added to the curriculum for the International and Cultural Diversity Program                              |  |
| • The Master of Industrial Distribution degree program requirements may drop from 36 to 30 hours                                |  |
| • A 5-year joint Bachelors and Masters degree in Comparative Literature and Cultural Memorandum of Understanding may be offered |  |

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## Attorney: Court should bar John Malvo's confession

McLEAN, Va. (AP) — Lawyers for the sniper suspects criticized the police interrogation of 17-year-old John Lee Malvo and said they would seek to bar his alleged confession from court.

Malvo reportedly confessed to being the triggerman in several of the Washington-area sniper shootings, including the Virginia slaying in which his alleged accomplice, 41-year-old John Allen Muhammad, is charged with murder.

Malvo's lawyer, Michael Arif, criticized police for questioning Malvo without his court-appointed guardian or attorney and for leaking the alleged confession to *The Washington Post*.

"The police are flooding the media and poisoning the jury pool with their own paraphrasing and subjective interpretations of statements made during an unconstitutional interrogation," Arif said.

He said the leak "suggests an insecurity on the part of the commonwealth with the admissibility of these statements."

Malvo talked to investigators for seven hours after he and Muhammad were handed over to Virginia authorities Thursday for prosecution on death-penalty murder charges. Sources told the *Post* that Malvo

was talkative and even bragged in some of his responses, but kept quiet about Muhammad.

For a murder conviction, prosecutors must show that the defendant was the triggerman. However, under the state's post-Sept. 11 anti-terrorism law, Muhammad could face the death penalty even if he is not found to be the gunman.

A Fairfax County police spokesman declined to comment on the interrogation, and Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Robert F. Horan Jr. did not return calls.

One of the shootings for which Malvo reportedly took responsibility is the Oct. 14 slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin. Fairfax County prosecutors charged Malvo with capital murder in that killing.

Muhammad is being prosecuted in Prince William County for the Oct. 9 slaying of Dean Harold Meyers. It is unclear how Malvo's alleged confession to that crime might affect Muhammad's case.

Muhammad's attorney, Peter Greenspun, declined to comment on the case directly, but

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