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Applications due by Friday, April 11, 5:00 p.m.

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WHY DIVERSITY? 12:00 - 1:15 pm
with President Gates, R. C. Slocum, & Randy Wilson - Rudder 601

30-MINUTE WORKSHOPS 1:15 - 3:30 pm
MSC Asian Cultural Education Committee (MSC ACE)
What Does it Feel Like to be Asian? - MSC 228

Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA)
The Miseducation of Aggies - MSC 229

The Corps of Cadets
Looking Past the Uniform - MSC 231

Hispanic Graduate Student Association (HGSA)
Cultural Awareness through Music - MSC 507

Hillel Foundation
What it's Like to be Jewish on Campus - Rudder 302

InterFraternity Council (IFC) & Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC)
Walking in Our Shoes: Moving Beyond "Animal House" - Rudder 308

International Student Services (ISS)
Albatross - Rudder 410, (Special Session: 2:00 - 3:00 only)

Muslim Students' Association (MSA)
Islam: Dispelling the Stereotypes - Rudder 504

Race and Ethnic Studies Institute (RESI)
How Diverse Can You Be? Cultural Competency in Higher Education - Rudder 502

Rainbow Graduate Students Association (RGSA)
Understanding the Coming out Experience - Rudder 704

Services for Students with Disabilities
Disability is a Diversity Issue? You Bet! - Rudder 707

Women's Center
The "F-word" - Rudder 709

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?: A GROUP CONVERSATION 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Rudder 601

For registration and more information visit the **IGSA** web site
<http://igsa.tamu.edu/university>

UniDiversity Day

Doggy in the window



RANDAL FORD • THE BATTALION

Civil engineering major **Wes Wright** picks up a group of Labrador Retriever puppies in his backyard this week. The litter of 12 pup-

pies was born to **Wright's** 2-year-old lab, Sadie, nearly five weeks ago in College Station.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Comptroller predicts declines in sales tax for another year

AUSTIN (AP) — A day after revealing that state sales tax collections dropped for the month of March, Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn predicted Wednesday that Texas will experience a second consecutive year of sales tax declines.

"I really do believe that we're going to have a historic first of back-to-back — two years in a row — loss in sales tax for the first time in history, an unfortunate historic first," Strayhorn said.

That's further bad news for state legislators, who are grappling with a \$9.9 billion budget shortfall and are expected to begin debate on a proposed budget full of cuts on the House floor next week.

Though there have been worries that the comptroller might soon make a downward adjustment in her already dismal revenue estimate, which tells legislators how much money is available to spend, Strayhorn declined to say when or if she would come up with a new estimate. She said franchise tax collections in mid-May will be an important factor.

"When you're on razor's edge on revenue estimate, everything counts. I'll be very anxious to see

those franchise taxes," she said, adding that could be May 20 before the information is assembled.

HealthSouth faces congressional investigation for fraud

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Fired HealthSouth CEO Richard Scrusby refused to answer questions in federal court Wednesday about claims that company overstated earnings by \$2.5 billion to meet Wall Street expectations.

Scrusby faced more than 50 questions from Hicks of the Securities and Exchange Commission but repeatedly invoked his Fifth Amendment to avoid self-incrimination.

The SEC filed a lawsuit last month accusing Scrusby and the health care giant he founded of overstating earnings. The hearing was to determine whether Scrusby's personal assets should remain frozen while the government investigates what it calls a massive accounting fraud at HealthSouth.

Eight former HealthSouth executives already have pleaded guilty and a ninth has agreed to do so.

SEARCH CONTINUED

The Texas A&M University Student Media Board is accepting applications for

Editor THE BATTALION

— Including radio and online editions —

Fall 2003

(The fall editor will serve from Aug. 18 through Dec. 17, 2003)

Qualifications for editor in chief of *The Battalion* are:

- Be a Texas A&M student in good standing with the University and enrolled in at least six credit hours (4 if a graduate student) during the term of office (unless fewer credits are required to graduate);
- Have at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point ratio (3.00 if a graduate student) and at least a 2.00 grade point ratio (3.00 if a graduate student) in the semester immediately prior to the appointment, the semester of appointment and semester during the term of office. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (4 if a graduate student) must have been taken for that semester;
- Have completed JOUR 301 (Mass Communication, Law and Society), or equivalent;
- Have at least one year experience in a responsible editorial position on *The Battalion* or comparable daily college newspaper,
 - OR —
 - Have at least one year editorial experience on a commercial newspaper,
 - OR —
 - Have completed at least 12 hours journalism, including JOUR 203 and 303 (Media Writing I and II), and JOUR 304 (Editing for the Mass Media), or equivalent.

Application forms should be picked up and returned to Dell Bomnskie, Student Media business coordinator, in room 011A Reed McDonald Building. Deadline for submitting application: noon Monday, April 14, 2003. Applicants will be interviewed during the Student Media Board Meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, in room 221F Reed McDonald.

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