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WOW! NO WAY

MAN, HE'S OUR AGE! DOESN'T THAT SEEM YOUNG TO BE GETTING MARRIED??

I MEAN, THAT'S A PRETTY SERIOUS COMMITMENT

WELL, I'M READY. ONCE I FIND THE RIGHT GIRL, SHE'LL BE THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO BE COMMITTED!

WE ALL CAUGHT THE PUN. NO NEED TO MAKE AN INSANE ASYLUM JOKE

I SHOULD LICK YOUR HAND FOR RUINING MY TIMING.

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by R. DeLuna

Mays

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to have someone of his stature serving as chairman. In its list of the 400 richest Americans, Forbes Magazine estimated Mays' personal net worth at \$1 billion.

Mays recently testified before a congressional committee to fend off criticism. Clear Channel is a company that engages in unethical business practices to muscle out competitors.

Before the meeting, Mays and White were sworn in as former Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hill.

White and Nye are Aggie graduates. Nye said he is proud of the A&M University System's progress during his years as regent, but there is much work to be done. "I still have my unworn law school T-shirt," said Mays, chairman of TXU Corp., a Dallas-based energy conglomerate.

White, a Houston attorney, said he was honored that he chose him to help lead the A&M System.

"When my term is over, I hope people can say I served well, that I served with integrity and courage," White said.

Iraq

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Ibrahim Hasan al-Tikriti, believed to be.

The half brother once headed the Iraqi intelligence service and the building in Ar Ramadi, 60 miles west of Baghdad, served as an intelligence operations site, said Marine Brad Bartelt, a spokesman for the U.S. Central Command in the Persian Gulf. It was known immediately whether Tikriti was hit.

Increasingly, the U.S. military focus was away from Baghdad. Kurdish troops set up celebrations in Kirkuk when they moved in, and there were hopes that Iraqis would surrender in Mosul, another northern city, on Friday.

Nearly 100 miles to the north of Baghdad, U.S. commandos said Tikrit was the likely site of the last stand by Iraqi forces — there is to be one. Iraqi defenders were believed to have moved there from other parts of the country. U.S. commandos were in the region, and warplanes were attacking.

U.S.-led fighters and bombers also hit Iraqi positions near the border with Syria, where special forces were trying to prevent regime loyalists from slipping out of Iraq and to keep foreign fighters from entering.

Every year the Parents' Weekend committee gives the Parents of the Year award to a couple who has shown support for Aggie. The 2003-2004 parents of the year will be announced at the All-University Awards Ceremony Sunday morning. Last year's parents of the year were Keith and Kathi Wilson from Plano, Texas.

A complete schedule of events for the weekend are posted at <http://parentsweekend.tamu.edu>.

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HOWDY! WOULD YA LIKE TO DONATE SOME BLOOD!

GWAAAH!

NO THANKS. I LIKE TO KEEP MY BLOOD PRESSURE AT A LEVEL THAT LETS ME SURVIVE SCARES LIKE THOSE.

OH COME NOW. LOOK HOW YOUNG AND HEALTHY YOU ARE. AND SUCH A STRONG PULSE. I'LL BET YOUR BLOOD IS JUST PERFECTLY DELICIOUS!

AND SWEET.

HEY WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

ERM... I GUESSED I REALLY OUGHT TO STOP THE WHOLE VAMPIRE ST.

By C.J.

Noise Pollution

CHECK IT OUT, GUYS! THIS IS MY NEW LOOK. NOW NO ONE WILL MAKE FUN OF MY BALD HEAD.

UM, SORRY TO SAY THIS RUSS, BUT THAT MAKES YOU LOOK LIKE ONE OF THOSE GUYS WHO'S IN A WUSSY BOY BAND BUT STILL WANTS TO LOOK TOUGH.

AAAAUGHH!!!

WHAT HAVE I DONE??!

BYE, BYE, BYE!

by Josh Darwin

Culture

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by promoting understanding among students.

"This bill was brought to us by students from public universities in Texas, who are concerned with the lack of understanding and sensitivity at our universities," Chavez said. Various forms of HB 2555 have failed to pass in the legislature for the past 10 years. Critics have expressed concerns that the extra requirement would place too much pressure on students.

"We grant the institutions of higher education the flexibility they need to appropriately incorporate this requirement into their degree plans, meaning that students will not have to take more hours than they currently take, but will attain a more complete education," Chavez said.

A&M currently requires students to take six hours of social science as part of the University core curriculum.

"A&M went through this process several years ago. We

have course requirements that draw from those areas," said Martha Louder, chair of the subcommittee on the status of women for the A&M Faculty Senate.

While the list of classes that satisfy the social science requirement includes multicultural and gender studies, other classes on the list include economics and horticulture. HB 2555 would specifically require multicultural or gender studies and allow these classes to count for more than one requirement.

Students' opinions about the bill are mixed.

"Studying a different culture would be helpful to anyone," said Bereket Bisrat, a junior international studies major and press secretary for the African American Student Coalition. "Students won't take it unless they are compelled to. You're going to have to deal with people from different cultures in the corporate and public world. Many employers have commented that A&M graduates are leav-

ing handicapped in this way. From a practical viewpoint, it's very important to have this requirement."

Other students say they feel that the current requirements are more than enough.

"Students come to A&M to pursue their field of study. This bill is redundant and has little educational value," said Mark McCaig, a junior finance major and vice chairman of legislative affairs for the A&M Young Conservatives of Texas chapter. "This is just an attempt to force political correctness and politically liberal views on the students."

Several state universities already require multicultural and gender studies, including Texas Tech and the University of North Texas.

Under HB 2555, most current students would be grandfathered, meaning only students graduating after January 1, 2006 would have to take the class.

HB 2555 is currently assigned to the House Higher Education Committee with a

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make for a great afternoon of Aggie football. Franchione said he is looking forward to attending his first yell practice Friday.

"I hope to see you there, and yes my wife Kim will be there when the lights go out," he said.

Admission to the game is free with a

valid student I.D. and for children under age 12. Tickets for the game are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the gate.

Sophomore sociology major Kate Mullins said her parents are looking forward to the Maroon and White game and are excited to see the Aggie Band.

"I think (Parents' Weekend) is really neat because your family gets to meet your friends and the people you've been talking about all year," she said.

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