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A&M summer enrollment drops

By Natalie Younts
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Summer school enrollment at Texas A&M fell by nearly 7,000 students this year, officials at the Office of Institutional Studies and Planning said.

A total of 16,478 students were enrolled during summer session one and 10-week courses this year compared with 17,179 last year, a decrease of 4.1 percent.

Last year, 10,309 students attended summer session two compared to 9,530 this year, a 7.6 percent decrease.

Some colleges saw greater declines in enrollment than others.

In the College of Geosciences, 307 students enrolled in the first summer session and 10-week courses, a 13.5 percent decrease from last year. For the second session, 123 students were enrolled, a 16.9 percent decrease.

General studies students showed similar declines. The first session and 10-week terms showed a 17.5 percent decrease, while the second session had a 23.5 percent decline.

The College of Architecture showed an increase of 3.7 percent for session one, 10-week terms and session two.

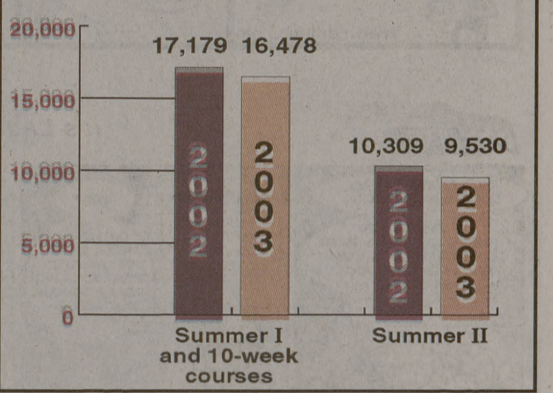
"The only explanation that I can give is that we had a large graduation in May of undergraduate students," said Registrar Donald Carter. "This was reflective of a large freshman class that entered five years ago."

Carter said he did not know why summer enrollment was down, but that the decreased enrollment is primarily at the undergraduate level.

Frank Ashley, director of admissions, said students may be taking less expensive courses offered by community colleges or working more because of the general economic climate.

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Summer school enrollment down



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SOURCE: OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Lieutenant killed in Iraq given Aggie, Army funeral

By Justin Smith
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Jonathan David Rozier was buried Wednesday in Houston as "The Spirit of Aggieland" played and a chorus of whoops from family and fellow Aggies resounded.

Former Texas A&M student Rozier died in Iraq July 19, three days after his 25th birthday, when his Army unit, providing security at a municipal building in Baghdad, came under attack by rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire.

Rozier had been promoted to first lieutenant on June 15 and was a member of Bravo Company 2-70 Armor Battalion 1st Armor Division stationed in Fort Riley, Kan.

Jessica Rozier, Jonathan's wife, said her husband was wholly dedicated to the Army.

"He wanted to go all the way to the top," she said. "We would take walks around base and go by these enormous houses that belonged to the lieutenants and colonels and Jon would say 'We will be in there one day.'"

Rozier led a tank platoon of 16 men in four tanks, including one he commanded.

"He loved being a tankerman," Jessica said. "He would sit around and read books about tanks when he had the chance."

Rozier was born in Desoto, Texas and later moved to Katy, where he became a serious but funny home-schooled young man, said his father, David.

"He was very studious and he wasn't a troublemaker," he said.

David described his son as someone who had faith in God, his country and his family. He graduated from A&M in 2001 with a degree in economics.



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SOURCE: ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS

"Jonathan was the kind of kid who turned into everything you could want in a child," David said.

Jonathan's sister, Elisabeth, who also graduated from A&M in 2001, said when the two were young her brother was her hero and she was his sidekick.

"He had a very dry sense of humor," Elisabeth said. "When we were kids, we would play practical jokes on our younger brothers."

Jonathan fell in love with A&M when he came to take a tour. In his sophomore year, he decided to join the Corps of Cadets. During his junior year he signed a contract to join the Army as

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Here kitty kitty



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Shirley Kraemer shows off cloned cat "cc," short for copycat, to participants of the two-day Silver Rebels Cat Show Sunday morning in Reed Arena. Kraemer, whose husband Dr. Duane C.

Kraemer was part of the team of Texas A&M scientists who cloned cc at the College of Veterinary Medicine, has been the 18-month-old cat's permanent caretaker for more than a year.

Hopes rise as Liberians await promised peace deployment

By Glenn McKenzie
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONROVIA, Liberia — West African advance officers aided by U.S. contractors scouted out camp sites, aid groups flew in some of the first food shipments, and hopes of rescue rose in Liberia's bloodied capital on Sunday — eve of a promised multinational peace deployment.

On Monrovia's Atlantic Ocean beaches, fishermen and fighters glanced at the horizon, where the U.S. Defense Department said two of three U.S. warships sent to support the West African peace force waited, newly arrived but still out of sight.

"We want peace!" said refugee Love Marshall, 16, singing as she danced with a broom across the floor of a war-ravaged abandoned hotel. Refugees crowded onto the battered buildings lower levels, while President Charles

Taylor's gunmen lay in wait on its top levels, overlooking Monrovia's rebel-held port.

Sporadic fighting persisted, focusing on the Old Bridge leading from the port to the downtown, the last stronghold of Taylor's government. Bursts of gunfire downtown sent children running into their parents' arms.

Monday is to bring deployment of 300 Nigerian troops, vanguard of a 3,250-member West African force promised to come between Taylor's forces and insurgents that have waged two months of bloody attacks the capital.

Taylor, a former warlord, pledged Saturday to cede power on Aug. 11 — meeting one demand by fellow African leaders and the United States.

Ominously, however, Taylor's camp on Sunday hedged on the president's promise to go into exile in Nigeria, saying his agreement to yield power should be enough.

"The international community should give him a break. He's made the ultimate sacrifice,"

Taylor to step down Aug. 11

Liberian President Charles Taylor promised Saturday to resign Aug. 11 after the expected arrival of peacekeepers. He refused to say when he would leave Liberia as he promised earlier. He has been offered asylum in Nigeria.

Profile

► Taylor, 54, was born in Liberia and earned an economics degree from Bentley College in Waltham, Mass., in the 1970's.

► Returned to Liberia after the 1979 regime change and took a job as head of the General Services Administration there.

► After embezzling \$1 million, he escaped to the United States



Charles Taylor

and later was jailed in Boston.

► He escaped from jail and fled to Libya where he became a revolutionary under Moammar Gadhafi's regime.

► Respected in Liberia as the country's strongest war lord, he won the presidency in 1997.

► He was indicted for war crimes June 4, 2003 for his involvement in Sierra Leone civil war, promised to leave Liberia.

► After rebel fighting in Monrovia and pressure from West African leaders, Taylor promised Saturday to cede power.

SOURCE: Associated Press

by handing over power, Information Minister Reginald Goodrich told The Associated Press. "No one should ask him to do more than that."

Taylor has been promising to yield power since June 4, when a U.N.-Sierra Leone court revealed a war-crimes indictment against him for

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Iraq's new president ready to reconstruct

By Niko Price
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Asked where he lives, Iraq's new president-of-the-moment has a simple answer: "London."

Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a shy general practitioner with a trimmed gray beard and a striped blue suit, hasn't lived in Iraq since 1980, when Saddam Hussein's repression of his Shiite Muslim al-Dawa Party forced him to flee — to Iran, Syria and Britain.

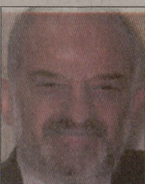
He still hasn't settled in here. His wife and five children remain in London. He is staying at a friend's house. And he seems a bit out of place in his office in the manicured resthouse of Saddam's son-in-law, quickly transformed by the Americans from a looted shell into a government headquarters.

But in an interview with The Associated Press, al-Jaafari seemed upbeat about the Iraq Governing Council's task of cobbling together a government in a nation ravaged by dictatorship and war and occupied by the U.S. military.

"I don't fear the responsibility. I don't feel depressed or hopeless," he said. "But of course I know the path is difficult."

Then again, as presidencies go, al-Jaafari's is a humble one.

Iraq's American occupiers have veto power over anything he does. The U.S.-appointed Governing Council he heads isn't recognized by a single foreign government. And when August ends, so does al-Jaafari's term, which will rotate among nine council members through April.



AL-JAAFARI

School of creativity to educate Brazos Valley students

By Brandi Foster
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To help with globalization and diversity, The American International School of Inquiry and Creativity will open on the Texas A&M campus next month to educate middle and high school students in the Brazos Valley.

The private school was founded by Robert O. Slater, a professor of

education at A&M.

"I've been working on this idea for about 10 years," he said. "I deal with questions like: What kind of schools do we need for the 21st century knowledge society. What qualities or capacities do people need if they are to contribute to economic development and democratization in 21st century knowledge societies?"

The inquiry-creativity school is

a school that answers these questions, he said.

The school is part of the A&M Technology Transfer and Commercialization Initiative, part of Vision 2020, Slater said.

There has been a working prototype of the school in north Bryan since 1999, while the A&M school was established this year and is housed in Research Park.

Slater said the most obvious sign

of the school's innovation is the way it looks. The inside is a large, open, clean and well-lit space with lots of plants and a computer for every student.

Students will be encouraged to engage in research activities and express their results in a creative manner. Assignments will be handed out on Mondays, and will

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