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TS

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Renfrow, one of the authors of the TS resolution, amended the resolution to read: "The Texas A&M University Student Senate at this juncture will work with Southside residents, Transportation Services and the task force to achieve the best solution possible" in place of: "supports the current system of assigned reserved spaces."

Explaining his reasons for the change, Renfrow said he thought the situation was under control.

"It was originally to appease some people, but now they've been appeased," he said. "I am very confident nothing is going to happen this year."

Co-sponsoring Sen. Willy Benza also spoke in support of the changes.

"We're gonna work with both (sides)," said Benza, a senior computer science major.

The senators did not debate the resolution, and it passed unanimously.

Weis and A&M President Robert M. Gates spoke to a packed house.

All three branches of the Student Government Association were in attendance, with Student Body President Matt Josefy and Chief Justice Daniel Jones both on hand.

The Senate unanimously passed the Open Governance Bill. At the next Senate meeting Oct. 8, during Senate Listens Week, any student may sign up to address the senators for a period of two minutes each, as provided for in this

bill. According to the bill, the time allotted for students designed for convenience, the beginning of the sometimes lengthy meetings.

Sponsoring Sen. Natalie Eubanks said there will be a dress code for students wishing to speak.

Students who want to speak are asked to show up at 7 p.m., said Speaker of the Senate Matthew Wilkins, a junior philosophy major. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Senate had an emergency addition at the end of the night: A resolution removing from the ballot a request to change the way the editor-in-chief of The Battalion is chosen. Graham expressed a concern that freshmen voting in next week's elections would draw a suitably experienced pool from the student body.

The measure passed by a two-thirds majority.

The budget for SGA also passed on first reading. The SGA Diversity committee's allocation of \$8,500 stimulates debate and prompted senators to question SGA's Vice President for Diversity Pablo Rodriguez about why the money is needed. The Diversity committee has been in existence for three years, and previously used a grant of \$10,000 from H-E-B to fund its programs over two years.

Rodriguez said the diversity symposium that has drawn up to 500 in attendance in the past is worth the investment.

The third annual diversity symposium will be held Nov. 20.

"If we're going to talk the talk, we need to walk the walk," Rodriguez said.

Qatar

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The campus is a result of a joint effort between A&M and the Qatar Foundation. The Qatar Foundation was founded by the Emir of Qatar to support community services and education.

Prior said state funds will not be used to operate the Qatar campus or to build facilities there — all funding will come from the Qatar Foundation.

"It's a condition the Texas Higher Education Board made," he said.

Prior said the new campus is a step forward in achieving

A&M's future goals.

"The campus is important to us because it fits with the Vision 2020 plan," he said. "It's more global and provides more opportunities for students and faculty."

Holste said two graduate students from College Station have already had the opportunity to visit the campus.

"I don't know of anyone from Texas A&M who has visited this project and not become enthusiastic about the tremendous potential," he said, "both for a contribution to the world and to the reputation of Texas A&M."

NEWS IN BRIEF

FDA seeks to deter fake medicine use

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tagging bottles of pills with tiny transmitters may one day help keep counterfeiters out of the drug supply, but until that or other protective technology arrives, patients must watch for fake medicines, a Food and Drug Administration official said Thursday.

"We need to raise the level of concern," said FDA pharmacy chief Tom McGinnis, who heads a new agency task force hunting ways to stop the growing problem of counterfeit medicine.

Drug manufacturers are anxiously awaiting that task force's conclusions.

Drug makers and sellers are urging FDA to consider a high-tech safeguard, tagging medicine with tiny radiofrequency chips that could let drugstores automatically tell the source of each bottle, McGinnis said.

Economy impacted by war on terror

WASHINGTON — Two years into the war on terror-

ism, hopes that the struggle would be only a brief drag on the economy are fading. Businesses and consumers are facing a growing list of security-related burdens, the federal deficit is ballooning from increased military spending and Americans are jittery about the future.

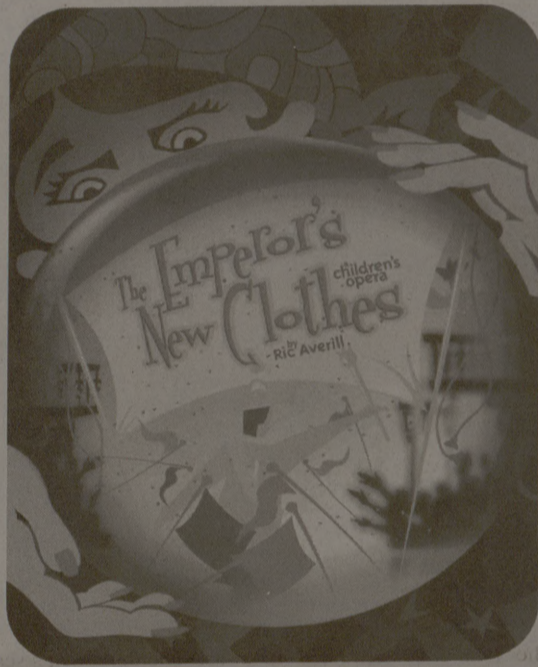
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But now, Congress is debating President Bush's request for an additional \$87 billion for the Iraq occupation, and soaring spending on defense and homeland security has brought back the era of massive budget deficits.

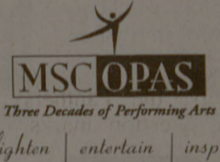
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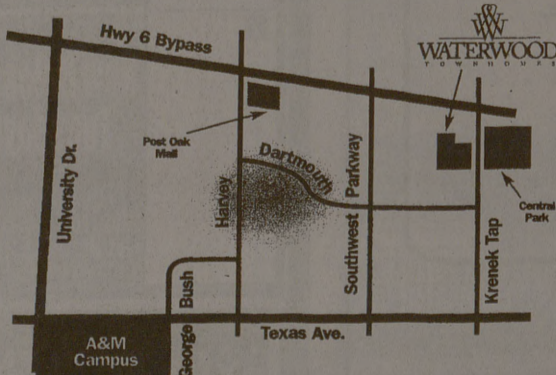
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