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Football, visitor parking revenue less than expected

WEST CAMPUS PARKING GARAGE The West Campus Parking Garage has sold 1,340 student parking permits of an anticipated 1,500.

> Green parking permit, valid for 12 months, costs \$390

> Game day parking spot in the garage costs \$15

The garage alone has generated \$31,438.05 and cost \$31,788,000 to construct

RUBEN DELUNA . THE BATTALION SOURCE: TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

By Natalie Younts THE BATTALION

Although the construction of the West Campus Garage cost Transportation Services \$31. 8.7 million it has generated \$31,438 as of Sept. 28, said TS director Rodney

"Operationally, we are very pleased with the way things are going in the new garage and passageway," Weis said.

Weis said it is rare for a parking garage to break even, considering all the costs involved in the construction of a garage.

"Interest costs alone on the garage

space of this garage is actually quite reasonable when compared to others built mits cost \$141. in the United States.

Most of the revenue the garage has generated comes from the sale of game day spaces at \$15 per vehicle for this fall's three home games. True visitor parking outside of football events is also included in this total, which has generated \$9,254.05, Weis said.

In addition to the visitor parking in the garage, 1,340 permits have been sold, generating another \$522,600 in

The green parking permits used for the West Campus Garage are valid

amount to approximately \$700 per space for 12 months and cost \$390. The have a parking area gated from visitor nanually," Weis said. "The cost per nine-month red resident passes and parking. They park on a first-come, firstnine-month blue commuter lot per-

"We anticipated selling 1,500 permits this year," Weis said. "I am very confident that it will fill as people realize it is a very convenient option for access to the (Memorial Student Center), Rudder Tower, Koldus and other highuse buildings on campus."

Kayla Cook, a business major, and Blake Mayerhoff, a computer engineering major, are two of the Texas A&M freshmen campus residents with green parking permits valid in the West Campus Garage.

Permit holders in the garage do not

parking. They park on a first-come, firstserve basis, along with visitors.

Neither Mayerhoff or Cook have ever had to drive up or down a level to find parking in the seven-level garage.

"The \$39012-month permit was a good investment because there is always a free space on the first floor," Mayerhoff said.

Cook said she likes having a West Campus Garage permit, even though it is a 16-minute walk from her Mosher Hall residence.

"I bought a bicycle so I could make

See Garage on page 2

Gun control has limited effects

By Kristen Wyatt THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — A sweeping deral review of the nation's un control laws — including nandatory waiting periods and ans on certain weapons found no proof they reduce

The findings from the nters for Disease Control d Prevention could be used undercut the gun-control

The CDC said its report, released Thursday, suggests more study is needed, not that gun laws don't work. But the agency said it has no plans to spend more money on firearms

Some conservatives have said that the CDC should limit itself to studying diseases, and some have complained in the past that the agency has used freams-tracking data to subtly sush gun control. In fact, since a 9% fight in Congress, the CDC has been prohibited from using funds to press for gun control

Since then, an independent CDC task force reviewed 51

Gun control laws questioned

A Center for Disease Control and Prevention review of gun control laws, including waiting periods and bans on certain guns, found no proof they reduce firearm violence. Gun-related injuries were the second leading cause of injury deaths in 2000.

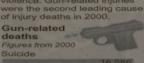
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effectiveness of eight types of gun-control laws. The laws included bans on specific firearms or ammunition,



Homicides

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Undetermined intent

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published studies about the



Senior yell leader John Magruder surfs on Company E-1 before the yell Corps of Cadets holds arch yell every Thursday before an away football

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practice held in front of the Quadrangle's arches Thursday evening. The game. The A&M football team will play in Lubbock this Saturday.

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By April Castro THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

aggressively try-AUSTIN — Sounding more The Democratic conciliatory than usual, Republican House Speaker Tom ained roughly raddick indicated Thursday ing dispute over West Texas may be nearing an end.

Senate negotiators, however, were far from optimistic.

"I think West Texas is pretty close to being worked out if it's not done," Craddick said.

Craddick has stood firm on his desire for a congressman to represent the Midland/Odessa Randy Neugebauer.

area, his home district. Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, has opposed a separate district, causing a clash between Republicans in the two chambers.

Redistricting dispute solution close

"I have a very strong feel that Midland/Odessa and Tom Green County and the West Texas area out there have not had fair representation for the last 40 years and we've not had any oil and gas representation and really want and deserve that," Craddick said.

The current map pairs Midland with Lubbock and is represented by Lubbock Rep.

While Craddick seemed pos-itive, Duncan said that after meeting into the early morning hours Thursday, no progress had been made on the layout of West Dewhurst said that Duncan and Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, put forth several proposals Wednesday night that "everyone felt should have been quickly embraced.'

All of a sudden we saw additional requirements and at this late hour, I think we need to come together on a map that is

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By Lindsay Broomes THE BATTALION

The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band will still perform during halftime at Saturday's football game against Texas Tech University in Lubbock despite recent concerns about security at the game.

Due to the incident in 2001 when Red Raider fans tore down a goal post and threw it into Aggie fans in the stands, there was concern about the band's safety.

"The band is definitely going to Texas Tech," said Director of Bands Dr. Timothy Ray.

The decision was finalized during a meeting held Tuesday

Class of 2007 President

between University President Robert M. Gates and other University officials.

Tech security increased for game

Tech has increased its security, and A&M will be traveling with four University police officers for extra security, Ray said.

Ray said many opinionated and verbally negative Tech fans create an unsafe environment.

The incident two years ago was an eye opener due to a lack of respect from Tech, said Ryan Knape, a senior band commander and finance major.

"With beefed up security, I don't think anything will go wrong, "Knape said. "We are a disciplined organization and no matter what the circumstances are I believe we will still display that discipline.

M The class of 2007 voted Wednesday and Thursday to elect its

class council. Results were announced at midnight Friday.

FRESHMAN ELECTION RESULTS

Michael Bartle, a senior band member and political science major, said he was surprised by the violence at the Tech game in 2001.

"I remember my sophomore year before we went to Lubbock when people said it would be rowdy, but I never expected anything like them pulling up a goal post and trying to shove it in our fans' stands," Bartle said. George Martinez, a senior

band member and political science major, said the show for this weekend is intense and is one of the hardest shows he has ever been involved in.

'We have high expectations and will be holding ourselves to the highest standards this weekend," he said.

Oldest Aggie grad Dabney dies at 103

By Lauren Smith THE BATTALION

Virgil C. Dabney, who was Texas A&M's oldest graduate, died on Sept. 28 in Kerrville, Texas, at age 103.

Born on Dec. 2, 1899, in Colony (Flatonia), Texas, Dabney, a Corps of Cadets member, graduated from A&M in 1923.

Dabney spent 38 years teaching engineering drawing, machine design, architectural drawing and wood shop at San Jacinto High School in Houston.

In 1965, Dabney and his wife, Katie Mae Wilcox Dabney, left Houston for Bandera County where the couple retired to ranching and farming, according to the Bryan-College tation Eagle. His wife died in 1991, and Dabney continued to farm until age 97.

He helped celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Corps in September 2001 and was honored during halftime of many football games at



FILE PHOTO. THE BATTALION

Virgil Dabney was presented an award during the 125th Anniversary of the Corps of Cadets in 2001.

Kyle Field as the oldest living Aggie.

Dabney is survived by his two sons, Robert C. and Thomas W. Dabney, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. His sons attended A&M, as well as several of his grandchildren.

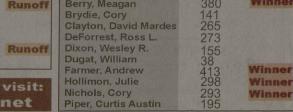
Funeral services were held yesterday in Houston. Donations may be made to the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Association Scholarship Program.

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