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Carter: Anti-piracy legislation to be passed

By Lauren Smith
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next session of Congress," he said. "It will be on the fast track and quickly turn into a law."

Carter compared the industry of Internet piracy to the drug industry in terms of what it costs the American economy. However, no one will be sent to the federal prison for stealing music on a first offense, but people could be put on probation.

Attaway expressed his excitement that society is entering a digital age of abundance that will benefit the industry and consumers.

"I foresee an age where you will be able to access every television show and movie ever produced on demand at a reasonable price," Attaway said.

Though Attaway sees these expansions of technology in the future, he said there are some hurdles to overcome.

"This philosophy that there is a free lunch, a tooth fairy ... file sharing is redistribution, reproduc-

tion, and it does have consequences for the tens of thousands of people who depend on the market to make a living," Attaway said.

DeLong said he feels the whole problem of downloading is mischaracterized, and it is not the motion picture, music or gaming industries that have the problem.

"You have the problem," DeLong said. "Unless you want to limit viewing to the community access channel, you have to find a way to pay."

With the enactment of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), McCabe was designated as A&M's first DMCA Agent, the intermediary between the RIAA, MPAA, other businesses and copyright infringers.

"When we receive an allegation, we determine who the infringer is based on the Internet address, contact the individual and ask them to 'take down,'" McCabe said. "The infringer can contest this if he

feels he is sharing lawfully. If he applies and he is not a recurrent offender, the case is closed."

Although accusations of extensive file sharing are usually correct, Internet "police" sometimes make mistakes.

"Occasionally, you get someone who was not doing it," DeLong said. "In that case, call your lawyer and your travel agent in that order because a record company will be paying for your next vacation."

With the recent verdict of the Recording Industry Association of America v. Verizon case, in which Verizon was required to turn over the identity of an Internet user who violated copyright infringement through file sharing online, A&M is now obligated to reveal the name of a student who has shared files.

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Students urged to donate blood

By Lindsay Broomes
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400 units of blood a day have been collected.

This time, numbers are falling a little short, said Daren Coats, donor recruitment representative for ARC. Monday's goal was set for 190 units, but at the end of the day they were four short. Tuesday's expectation of 280 units was missed by 45.

"Many students say they are waiting until Thursday or Friday due to busy schedules," Coats said.

It only takes 45 minutes to

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A lil' Van Gogh



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Five-year-old Kyle Mimmich of College Station paints a picture of bright red tepees at the Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley Wednesday morning. Mimmich and his sister regularly attend the museum to

participate in various workshops and arts and crafts days. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and is closed on Sundays.

BLOOD DRIVE

Aggies can donate blood to the local American Red Cross at various locations on campus Thursday and Friday.

Location	Thursday	Friday
•Sbisa Dining Hall	11 a.m. - 7 p.m.	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
•Commons Lobby	12 p.m. - 7 p.m.	12 p.m. - 7 p.m.
•Zachry Building	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
•Biochemistry and Biophysics	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
•Rudder Fountain	10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
•Wehner	10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	none

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A&M denied request for students to use character witnesses

By Kim Katopodis
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Wednesday, Laura Sosh-Lightsy recounted interviews with the 23 students who are suing A&M in which they said they would like to bring in character witnesses to testify on their behalf, a request that A&M officials denied.

Sosh-Lightsy is a Department of Student Life employee and primary investigator in the hazing actions of members of Parsons Mounted Cavalry.

"We are seeking a permanent injunction that would keep the University from prosecuting any student from the flawed system they currently have," said plaintiff attorney Ronald Hole, whose son was among those charged.

Hole and other defense attorneys said the stu-

dents were denied due process in their original hearings conducted by A&M.

Twenty-three members of Parsons Mounted Cavalry are suing A&M for an injunction placed upon 77 members accused of hazing.

The students are seeking a court order to halt disciplinary actions against them. The cavalry was suspended in October 2002 by Lt. Gen. John Van Alstyne, the Corps of Cadets commandant, for alleged hazing violations. In April, disciplinary hearings were held for the students involved.

Hole questioned Sosh-Lightsy as to the rules about student witnesses. Sosh-Lightsy said it is the Department of Student Life's long-standing practice to only allow fact witnesses in a student's defense.

"Character witnesses come in the form of writing," Sosh-Lightsy said. "We have fact witnesses during the hearing."

Sosh-Lightsy's testimony also focused on how punishments were decided.

"In terms of giving a sanction, we look at past behavior," she said.

Hole brought forth the relevance of cavalry members' parents presence in their proceedings. Hole wanted to know the relevance of Sosh-Lightsy's asking how students' parents felt about their involvement in hazing incidences.

"We typically ask questions to gain an understanding in events," Sosh-Lightsy said. "We use that information in crafting and educational or developmental sanction."

The students' parents were not allowed to represent or make requests on their sons' behalf during the A&M proceedings, Hole said. The students' attorneys have contended that access to charges, evidence and accusers were neither specific nor made

readily available to accused cavalry members.

Several students' parents had requested that their sons' hearings be postponed due to lack of time to review evidence and were denied.

Sosh-Lightsy said that, had the students made the requests, they may have been granted. She said proceedings were between the University and the individual student, not the student and his parents.

Hole also brought forth evidence that senior Yell Leader John Magruder, who chose to remain silent in initial interviews, was charged with providing false information to A&M officials. Sosh-Lightsy did not deny the allegation.

Attorneys are expected to continue their questioning of Sosh-Lightsy at 9 a.m. Thursday in the 272nd District Courtroom of the Brazos County Courthouse in Bryan.

McInnis may receive new visiting hours

By Rhannon Meyers
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Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Bill Kibler before it can take effect.

The legislation, proposed by McInnis Hall Council, has already passed through the council and the Area Coordinator. Members of the council also obtained a 98.5 percent vote from current residents in favor of the policy.

McInnis Hall Council stated in the legislation that it favored 24-hour visitation because it is a "responsibility

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Business program helps at-risk youth

By Dan Orth
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adults and other students.

"It has been very positive for these boys," said Ann Lessem. "It took an activity that once had gotten them in trouble and turned it into something that got them praise."

Lessem, an assistant research scientist, evaluates the program through Texas A&M's Public Policy Research Institute and talks with participants from T-TEEM programs around the state.

The T-TEEM program is a partnership between the Texas Cooperative Extension Service and Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program.

Pam Brown, a co-director for the program and associate professor and Extension Consumer Sciences specialist, said the program is about passing along business skills to at-risk students more than anything else.

"The program focuses more on getting

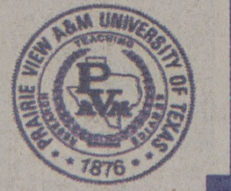
T-TEEM

Texas Teens Exploring Entrepreneurial Minds program gives "at risk" youths business knowledge.

T-TEEM is a partnership between the Texas Cooperative Extension Service and a program at Prairie View A&M University.

The program started five years ago.

It was implemented in Brazos, Bexar and Starr counties.



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SOURCE: T-TEEM

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