

## Day of Mourning

Texas A&M has canceled classes on Friday in honor of former President Ronald Reagan. The closing will allow students and employees to participate in the public expression of grief and remembrance.

# CS task force deals with residential complaints

By James Twine  
THE BATTALION

A College Station community task force has presented a report to the College Station City Council for possible solutions regarding noise and parking problems caused by students living in single family homes.

The 28-member task force consisting of students, community members and community leaders recommended to the City Council on May 27 that established codes and regulations be enforced rather than making drastic changes because of a few complaints.

Glenn Brown, assistant city manager and the person in charge of establishing the task force, said the task force is comprised of realtors, students, members of the community and representatives from homeowners associations.

Brown said there have been a few occurrences that have created some specific problems in a few neighborhoods.

"Sometimes there will be a group of students living together that creates noise from parties and creates problems for families living in those residential areas," Brown said.

Brown said he hoped that the recommendations made to the City Council will present a solution to these problems.

"Bottom line is we hope to change some ordinances to get a balance between all the members of the community," Brown said. "We tried to come up with a solution so that neither group was taken advantage of and made sure that everyone's interests are being heard."

Some of the recommendations, according to the executive summary presented by the task force to the City Council, were to limit parking to one side of a street to limit congestion, provide more personnel and resources for code enforcement, to make current police and code enforcement more stringent, to increase noise violation fines and to fine landlords when violations occur.

The task force also voted for implementing a

rental registration program, as well as for the continued limit of no more than four unrelated people living in a single family home.

College Station Mayor Ron Silvia said he would like to see a compromise worked out and that there will be workshops that will evaluate the report from the task force before any major action will take place.

"I would like to see an outcome that is acceptable and beneficial to the community," Silvia said.

Chris Diem, a member of the student representation among the task force, said he thought it was inappropriate to limit the number of unrelated people in a single family house because of a few isolated incidents.

"It is ridiculous to punish all students for a couple of incidents, and I think the number of unrelated persons living in a home is not the problem," Diem said.

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## TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL

For the first three issues, potential actions were ranked in order of preference, with the first action being preferred for dealing with each issue:

### PARKING

1. Parking limited to one side of the street (opposite fire hydrants)
2. Change requirement to one off-street space per bedroom
3. Limit on-street parking hours
4. Investigate an on-street parking permit system

### CODE ENFORCEMENT POWER

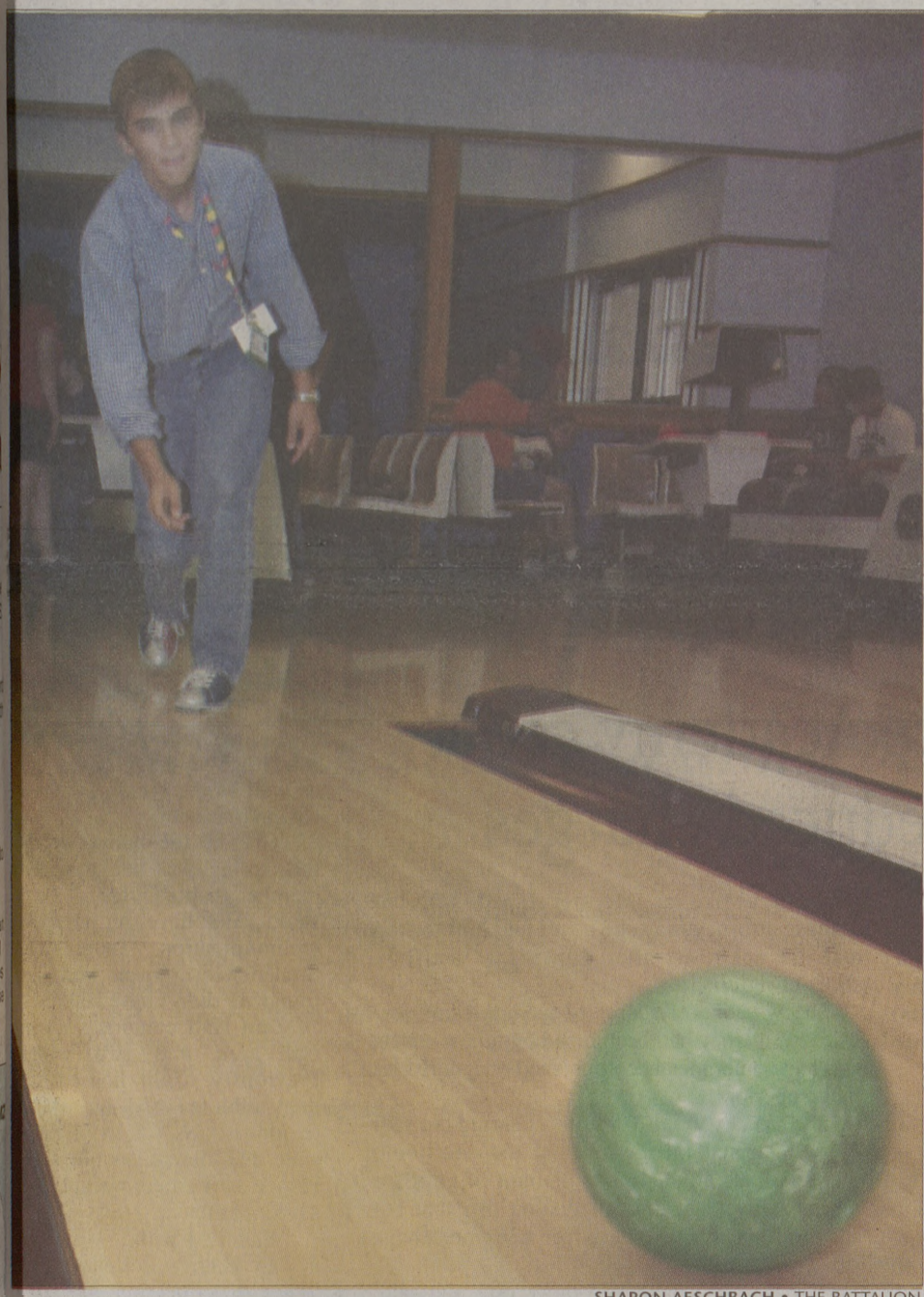
1. Provide more personnel and resources
2. Provide education (informing and involving the public)
3. Work to speed up the process

### NOISE

1. Increase fines for violations
2. More stringent police and code enforcement
3. Fine landlords where violations occur
4. Police response / TABC / Code Enforcement

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## King pin



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Drew Rhea, a 4-H Club roundup contestant from Portland, Texas, bowls in the Memorial Student Center Tuesday evening. Rhea spent the day at the

4-H roundup competition held at Reed Arena. The weeklong competition includes a fashion show, photo exhibit and rifle contest.

# Student Life to occupy Cain

By Chelsea Sledge  
THE BATTALION

By late July, the Department of Student Life will be housed in one building for the first time. These plans are part of the conversion of Cain Hall from a residence hall to an administrative office building.

Currently, Student Life is located in Grove modulars, Hart Hall, Sbis and Koldus.

"This project will bring the Department of Student Life together in one place which is something they have been wanting for a long time," said Bill Perry, vice provost and chairman of the Council of Built Environment.

When Cain Hall is finished in July, Student Life will be joined by Computing and Information Services Operations and Measurement and Research Services. CIS and MARS will

be moving temporarily until the General Service Complex is finished, said James Massey, director of Facilities Coordination.

The General Service Complex is a new building to be completed in the summer of 2006. It will be located on the corner of F&B Road and Agronomy Boulevard.

Over the next four years, the University has planned to hire 447 new faculty members. Renovations, such as those of Cain Hall, provide room to accommodate such growth, Perry said.

"With the investment of hiring new faculty that will arrive this fall, we had to find space," Perry said. "We (the Council on the Built Environment) looked at a lot of options. One was to work with the Athletic Department which was using

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## CAIN'S CONVERSION

Cain Hall is currently being renovated from a residence hall to an administrative office building.

- The process will be complete in late July
- This conversion will allow the entire Department of Student Life to be housed in one building
- The building will also house CIS Operations offices as well as Measurement and Research Services (MARS)
- A&M athletes formerly living in Cain Hall will be moved to off-campus residence halls



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# Center appoints new leaders

By Shawn Millender  
THE BATTALION

The Center for New Ventures and Entrepreneurship at Texas A&M has appointed Richard Scruggs and Dan Daniels to leadership positions in the center.

According to the organization, The Center for New Ventures and Entrepreneurship supports entrepreneurship education on campus. Founded in 1999, the center is in the Department of Management in the Mays Business School.

Scruggs will succeed Bert Cannella as director of



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the center. Cannella left to assume a teaching position at Arizona State University.

Daniels, who served for two years on the center's executive committee, will take over as committee chairman. His predecessor, Jack Matz, will stay involved with the committee.

Scruggs, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from A&M in 1977 and a Master of Business Administration in 1979, will face the challenge of filling Cannella's shoes.

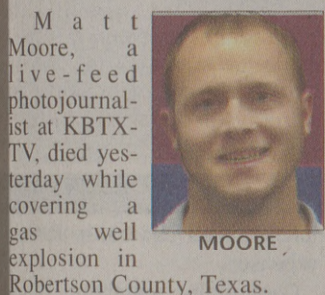
"Dr. Cannella was the one who really brought the Center to the limelight," said Assistant Director Lenae Huebner.

"Richard Scruggs has a long track record of

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# KBTX cameraman dies

By Brian D. Cain  
THE BATTALION



MOORE

Matt Moore, a live-feed photojournalist at KBTX-TV, died yesterday while covering a gas well explosion in Robertson County, Texas.

Moore, 23, graduated from Texas A&M in May 2003 with a degree in journalism. Mike Wright, general manager of KBTX-TV, said Moore was setting up for a live news report next to Wood Field in Hearne around 6 p.m. when the 15-foot mast on the live-news van came into contact with high voltage wiring. The van was parked at the time of the accident.

Wright said the accident is still under investigation.

Moore, who is from Temple, had been working for KBTX-TV since September 2003,

Wright said. Michelle Peltier, a news anchor at KBTX-TV, said the van's mast is raised to ensure better reception during live news reports from the field.

"Matt was very hard-working and passionate about his job," Peltier said. "He had a quick wit and a great sense of humor — he was really a guy you hoped they would send on assignment with you."

Peltier said Moore's death is particularly hard because of the family environment at KBTX-TV.

Charlie Haldeman, a former KBTX-TV anchorman who is now a broadcast media specialist for the City of College Station, went to the KBTX-TV studio to help out his colleagues when he heard of the tragedy.

"I remember Matt as an easygoing guy who had an awesome sense of humor. If you weren't paying attention, you wouldn't catch his wit," Haldeman said.

KBTX-TV is a CBS affiliate serving the Bryan-College Station area.

# Big-power summit opens on upbeat note

## Issues remain over plan to promote democracy in Iraq

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEA ISLAND, Ga. — President Bush and other world leaders showcased a new harmony on Iraq on Tuesday as they met at their annual summit, but prickly issues remained over both Iraq and Bush's plan to promote democracy across the wider Middle East.

Bush hailed the passage of a new U.N. Security Council resolution on Iraq as "a great victory for the Iraqi people" and thanked President Vladimir Putin for Russia's help in winning the vote.

Putin, who had opposed the U.S.-led war in Iraq, called the U.N. vote "a major step forward."

Despite the vote, Bush lowered expectations of gaining other countries' military support in Iraq — one of the original hopes behind the resolution.

"I expect nations to contribute as they see fit," Bush said as he met with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi on the opening day of the Group of Eight summit.

Of the powerful countries attending the summit on this secluded coastal resort island, only the United States, Britain, Italy and Japan have troops in Iraq. Japan's noncombat troops perform humanitarian missions.

Germany, France, Canada and Russia do not have troops in Iraq, and have said they will not send forces.

A social dinner Tuesday evening marked the formal opening of the summit, but Bush first had one-on-one meetings with Koizumi and the leaders of Canada, Germany and Russia.

Police and journalists far outnumbered protesters, disappointing activists who said heavy security scared away many others. Protest marches in Brunswick, the nearest coastal city, and Savannah, 80 miles to the north, drew around 100

activists each Tuesday. The Security Council agreement on Iraq, approved by a 15-0 vote Tuesday, was an important victory for Bush, tak-

ing the sting out of recent disagreements with Europe.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Bush's key ally in the war, called it "an important milestone." And German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, a leading opponent of the war, called it "a good foundation for enhancing stability."

But Bush's proposal to promote democracy across the Muslim world has run into resistance from Arab and European governments that see it as heavy-handed and American interference.

Turkey's prime minister told reporters the plan's success depends on first resolving conflicts in Iraq and between Israel and the Palestinians.

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