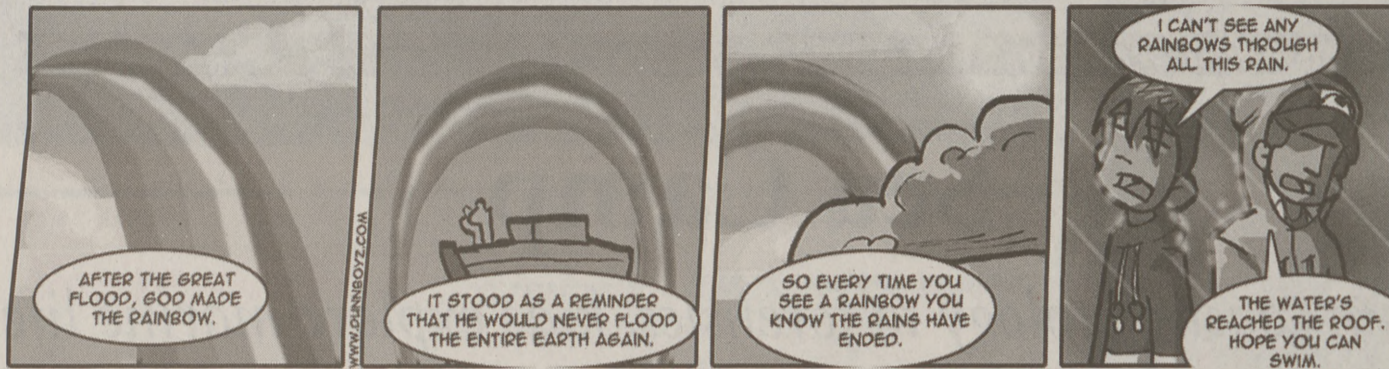


# DUNNBOYZ

by Will Lloyd



## Sea Camp

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Jaclyn Wright, a 15-year-old from Katy attended her fourth Sea Camp this summer. When she graduates high school, she wants to major in marine biology at A&M-Galveston and eventually open a research facility.

Tidwell said she also wants to major in marine biology at A&M-Galveston after graduating from high school.

"It was not our intent to do recruiting for the University, but we

find we're accidentally a recruiter," Wern said.

Sea Camp was founded by Sammy Ray, a biological researcher, in 1986.

"I didn't want to be a researcher," he said. "I was a dean myself, because I was a dean (school administrators) said I did a survey and found that would be a losing proposition. Well, I didn't believe it."

Since 1986, 10,000 students have attended the camp. Ray takes 40 to 50 campers out on an oyster boat every Wednesday and July.

## Research

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Initiative. A&M submitted the winning bid on a proposal from the United States Air Force.

Bowersox said that each member of the team has complementary expertise. "My role is setting up the infrastructure and experimental techniques for the new wind tunnel research facility."

The new facility will explore the effect of high-temperature gas dynamics on aerodynamics, Bowersox said.

"In addition to the new facility, this program will provide funding for graduate studies and new avenues of research," Bowersox said. "This program is very basic in the sense that it can be applied to many different areas."

Bowersox said that about \$3 million of the grant would stay at A&M in the form of new facilities and student salaries.

While primarily initiated for military purposes, the project may have some benefits for private citizens as well.

"This project absolutely benefits consumers," Bowersox said.

"Putting things like communication satellites into orbit is very expensive. We can develop less expensive and more efficient ways of getting things into space."

At first glance, North seems like the odd man out as the only member of the team outside of the engineering department. However, as he explains, "In order to describe this phenomenon we have to start at the molecular level. It all boils down to chemistry."

North said A&M's benefits from this project will be more than just funding and a new research facility.

"This research will require high-level calculations and we will develop the computer resources to do them," North said. "That will also develop long-term research that will put us at the forefront of these new technologies."

North said that diverse backgrounds are vital in order to research thoroughly and effectively.

"Increasingly, we as scientists encounter problems that need an interdisciplinary approach," North said. "This project will exhibit the advantages of having a broad group of collaborators. We all learn from each other. This is a great opportunity to expand our horizons."

## Theft

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Matt Friemel, senior finance major. "I don't have one of those automatic lock things and it can be a pain trying to fish out my keys."

BPD is promoting the program to inform citizens that theft is a reality in the community. BPD hopes to educate people about dangers and teach prevention strategies by sending information to news stations and appearing on local radio stations such as 101.9, Manry said.

"My truck got broken into at (The Ptarmigan, a local shot bar)," said Kyle Cramer, a senior industrial distribution major. "They took my CDs and my backpack that had all my notes and a \$100 calculator in it. It was bad because I lost all my notes right before finals."

Car stereos rank the highest among items taken from automobiles. The problem arises when people blare their stereos so loud that they can be heard from outside of their cars. In addition to violating a city ordinance, it is an advertisement to burglars that the vehicle has a valuable stereo system, according to BPD.

"People leave valuables sitting on the seat in plain sight," Manry said. "Items such as purses and items that can be traded for cash become primary targets."

Another risk factor common in the Bryan-College Station area is a large congregation of vehicles. High volumes of vehi-

cles in a small area, such as parties, apartment complexes at the mall creates a high environment, Manry said.

BPD is reminding people to always lock their homes, vehicles, to take pictures of valuable jewelry and to note the serial numbers of valuable items such as CD players, TVs, televisions and game cases they are stolen.

They are also asking citizens to be watchful of their surroundings and to report any suspicious activity immediately.

"We would rather respond to a suspicious activity call than a burglary," Manry said. "I recently had a situation where a person watched someone enter and hide stolen property. They didn't call us and we track the property owners as a result the suspect is now in prison."

Unfortunately, the theft problem in the College Station area is older than the Crime Prevention program. Fatter said a friend, Mitchell, Class of 2001, a victim of burglary on two separate occasions while parked in front of A-Plus Tutoring in College Station.

Crime prevention techniques are not infallible, but Manry hopes this program will educate citizens to become more aware and lessen their chances of being victims.

"People get very complacent and feel like, 'Oh, it won't happen to me,' and they don't take their stuff up," Manry said. "This effort is a partnership and we need help."

## Center

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Although many professors from the biology department may occupy the building, the facility will not house a department, the administration has said.

Due to recent grievances that were noted by the advisory group, an additional draft of the project was made that increases the scope and capabilities of the facility, with a dramatic increase in price.

Draft D, the most current draft, has the square footage increased from 175,000 to 230,000, making the building more comparable to the new Brown Chemical Engineering building that contains a little less than 205,000 total square feet.

The new draft has a vivarium, or "mouse house" for animal testing, a partially duplicative NMR and imaging facility, more office and desk space and more sophisticated lab space. The cost of the newest draft is approximately \$131 million.

Various interdisciplinary science centers across the country were visited for ideas, but administrative officials at the forum said that the facility at A&M will be one of a kind and will not be modeled after any of the centers.

Some faculty dissented on the idea of the building's occupancy being merit-

based. Although it is still unclear as to whom exactly will occupy the facility, some faculty feel that due to the nonspecific layout of the center no one will wish to occupy it at all.

"We're going to end up with this generic building that's not going to be a life sciences center; it's going to be a life sciences mausoleum," said Dr. Mike Manson at the forum on Wednesday.

Considering the large population of faculty on campus, the attendance at both open forums was relatively low. Manson attributed the lack of attendance to be a direct result of a general division being expressed by members of the Department of Biology. "People that you would consider being the major stakeholders are extremely disaffected," Manson said.

Other faculty members had qualms with the minimal amount of faculty input that the project has amassed throughout the planning process. Dr. Jim Hu of Biochemistry and Biophysics said that the plan for the building itself is not connected to the academic needs of the University.

"It's not just the students that don't get listened to, the faculty feel the exact same way," Hu said at Friday's open forum.

Vice President for Research Richard E. Ewing was adamant that the administration is trying to build a dialogue with faculty,

but there are certain obstacles that remain between the two groups.

"How do you get faculty input with a room of 15 people that each have their own agenda?" Ewing asked faculty members at the Friday forum.

Dr. Joseph Newton, Dean and Professor of Statistics, called the facility a "placeholder" for future campus development that will enable the University to start somewhere.

"We're competing with our sister system schools that are growing much faster than we are," Newton said at the Friday forum.

The process of defining, planning and ultimately designing and building the life science center facility was described at the meeting as peeling the layers of an onion.

Now that the few faculty who attended the meeting have voiced their opinions, the administration can choose to modify the existing plans, continue on only moderately affected or go back to the drawing board.

Dr. Jim Grau of Psychology and member of the advisory group stated that the program underway now is not an architectural design, and is still malleable by the opinions of concerned stakeholders.

"This is an evolutionary process," Grau said.

Currently, the project is slated to start construction in August 2006 and reach post-commissioning completion December 2008.

# Militants threaten to behead two hostages, one a U.S. Marine

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Arab television broadcast videotape Sunday of two men taken hostage by militants, one described as a U.S. Marine lured from his base and the other a Pakistani driver for an American contractor. Insurgents threatened to behead them both.

Also, militants hit a coalition transport plane with small arms fire after takeoff from Baghdad's airport, killing an American passenger and forcing the aircraft to return. Turkey rejected demands by militants threatening to behead three Turkish hostages unless Turkish companies cease business with U.S. forces in Iraq.

Death threats against hostages

as well as insurgent attacks on U.S. and Iraqi security forces have accelerated as Iraq's interim government prepares to assume sovereignty Wednesday.

The U.S. military confirmed that a Marine named Wassef Ali Hassoun had been missing from his unit for nearly a week. It said it was unclear if he had been taken hostage, but Hassoun's name was on a Marine "active duty" identification card shown by militants in the videotape aired by the Al-Jazeera network.

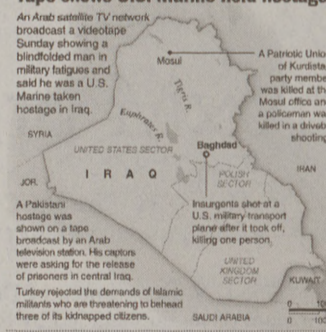
In the video, the hostage had a white blindfold covering his eyes. He wore military fatigues, and his mustache was trimmed. The U.S. military said Hassoun was of Lebanese descent, though the Al-Jazeera report said the hostage's origins were Pakistani.

The kidnapers claimed to have infiltrated a Marine outpost, lured Hassoun outside and abducted him. Al-Jazeera said the militants demanded the release of all Iraqis "in occupation jails" or the hostage would be killed.

They identified themselves as part of "Islamic Response," the security wing of the "National Islamic Resistance — 1920 Revolution Brigades." The name refers to the uprising against the British after World War I.

The group, which has claimed responsibility for previous anti-American attacks, first surfaced in an Aug. 12 statement claiming the United States was hiding its casualty tolls in Iraq to help President Bush's election chances.

### Tape shows U.S. Marine held hostage



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