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DUNNBOYZ
 by Will Lloyd

Thanks for taking me grocery shopping, Micah.
 Well, I learned my lesso...
 Hour total is \$35.67.
 I have an idea.
 Crap, I forgot my credit card!
 So now what?
 You've been spending way too much time with the Brett.
 "Coupon! Coupon! Coupon! All this guy's groceries are free!"

NOISE POLLUTION
 BY JOSH DARWIN

Russ! I just found out who has been spreading bad rumors about our album!
 It's that nu-metal band "Django and the Demonic Warrior Monkeys!"
 Aren't those the guys who strangle cats onstage?
 No, that's just what their vocals sound like.
 ZING!

waffle cone
 by M.D. Walters

THAT'S GOTTA BE THE SMALLEST THING I'VE NEVER SEEN...
 VROOM! VROOM!
 IT EXPLAINS THE KERRY STICKER ON THE BACK...

Grad Study
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ars Program, which is for high-achieving chemical engineering undergraduate students," Hall said.

A native of Minnesota, Tromblee received his B.S. in chemical engineering in 1956 from Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Ohio. He completed his graduate extension courses in Galveston, where a professor came once a week for a three- or four-hour lecture. He spent two summers in College Station to finish his master's degree

in chemical engineering, living in the Corps dorms with no air conditioning.

"When I attended my first lecture, I had been out of school a few years," Tromblee said. "Dr. Charles D. Holland (then the head of the department) was the instructor, and after the instructions, started writing differential equations on the board representing chemical unit operations. I went into shock, since I had grown up on pump curves and McCabe Thiel diagrams to describe these functions. However, I survived and continued in the extension program."

After graduating from A&M, Tromblee worked with Monsanto as a technical ser-

vice engineer at its Texas City plant in 1986. Tromblee joined the Sterling Group as one of the entrepreneurs who successfully bought the plant from Monsanto. He is now vice president of operations of Sterling Chemical until he retired in 1991. He has been active in volunteer work with several groups, such as the Chemical Engineering Department's advisory council.

"The knowledge I learned and degree earned from Case and Texas A&M gave me the tools to succeed in competition and innovation. We chose to give a gift for others to enjoy and from which to benefit as much as we have from my education at Texas A&M," Tromblee said.

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200 people, will meet at the Albertson's on University Drive at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Harding said anyone may participate in first cut. He said that Student Bonfire asks that students who wish to participate show up at the site with a driver license, long pants, boots (preferably steel-toe), and their own pot, which is a military-style helmet and can be bought at army surplus stores.

Harding said that once students are on site, they must sign consent forms and complete a safety course.

"We teach the basics of being out there (at cut)," Harding said. "It's mostly how to's and what to watch for."

Harding said that first-time participants will be identified with some sort of mark, so that leaders can keep a closer eye on them.

Harding urged all students who are interested in Student Bonfire to participate in cut.

"We'd love to see as many people out there as we can," Harding said.

For more information, visit www.studentbonfire.com.

Funeral
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of the buglers has ties to Matocha; junior cadet Abby Belitzer's father works in the same San Antonio hospital as Matocha's former classmate, Dr. Bill Gordon.

"I'm really honored to be going," Belitzer said after finding out the number of people projected to attend. "I don't really know the family or anything but I hope (the funeral goes well)."

Bartsch said being an Aggie was a big part of Matocha's life.

"For me, most of my memories of him were from his college days," Bartsch said. "(I) went to one Aggie Bonfire with him (when I was a seventh-grader), and that is something I will always treasure."

Bartsch said that in lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to The National League of Families of POW MIA, 1005 North Glebe Rd 170, Arlington, VA 22201.

Vote
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eries to students about covering the 2004 Presidential race and their experiences as reporters.

Earlier this week, Brazos County officials deputized members of the SGA Legislative Relations committee as voter registrars. This allowed these students to register others to vote and assist them with other voting related issues.

"It's a rather serious process, as not just anyone is allowed to handle voter registration," Licata said. "These individuals have the authority to make changes in regards to voter registration, and you mess up the paperwork, you could potentially take away someone's right to vote."

Frazier encouraged any students who had not registered to vote to stop by Rudder Forum next week.

"People care about tuition and student services and many other issues," Frazier said. "Everything on campus is affected by govern-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Study: seat belt use rises in U.S.
 SEATTLE (AP) — Seat belt use among American motorists continues to rise, with a record 80 percent of people buckling up in 2004, federal officials said Thursday. The rate increased by one percentage point from 2003, according to the survey conducted in June.

Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta credited the 21 states that have laws allowing police to stop motorists for failing to buckle up. The District of Columbia and Puerto Rico also have such laws.

The 2004 survey found that use was highest in the West, at 80 percent, and the South, at 80 percent. Those regional rates were unchanged from the previous year.

Although there was slight improvement from last year, seat belt use remained lowest in the Northeast, at 76 percent, and in the Midwest, at 77 percent.

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Mizer said Reslife's refinishing project will soon be underway and the first halls in line to receive the makeover will most likely be the Commons during the summer of next year. The remaining halls are expected to be revamped the next four to five years.

Many students, especially those in newer residence halls, do not have problems with existing furniture.

Freshman mechanical engineering major Brandon Hall, a resident of Lechner Hall, newest hall on campus, and he is satisfied with his furniture. "I don't have real problems with the furniture," Hoy said. "I've gotten used to my surroundings in a couple of days."

Senior mechanical engineering major Adam Williams, three-year resident adviser of same hall, is doubtful that a replacement of furnishings is timely necessary, but said new furniture will be an incentive to live on campus, especially for freshmen.

"This makes campus housing a more attractive option and a better way to include the commons in the picture," Williams said. "There is no way to keep everything perfect, but the resident life is taking the right steps."

In addition to the exhibit, ResLife also plans to post images of the furniture on the ResLife website for more student input.

"We just hope to get a lot of input," Mizer said. "We hope this right."