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names because those names were not recorded."

The design for the exhibit began in May and finished just in time for the opening. David B. Mellor and the John H. Hinton Endowment provided funding for the event.

The exhibit includes the first published account of the expedition from David B. Mellor's collection, "A Journal of the Voyage of the Corps of Discovery." Published in 1807, the account refers to the journals of Patrick Gass, the chief carpenter of the expedition.

The exhibit also includes a display of C.O. "Pat" Patterson's private collection of Lewis and Clark material such as contemporary newspaper accounts of the expedition and another important published account of the expedition, known as "Biddles Edition," published in 1814.

### Nights

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Salmon said the request for funding for Aggie Nights through student service fees was previously approved, but after the referendum was defeated, the money was taken away.

"When the referendum failed, we received a one-time fund of \$90,000," Salmon said. "I understood that as our responsibility to come up with the funding for the future and keep it going."

It is likely that if Aggie Nights cannot devise a way to generate financial support it may be discontinued next year, Salmon said. "As long as students show interest, we at the university committed to this program," Ford said.

On Average, freshmen and graduate students show a great attendance at Aggie Nights, Ford said.

"I am a freshman, so I don't know a lot of people," said K. Dickinson, a freshman computer engineering major. "Aggie Nights is a great place to meet a lot of people. I try to come often as possible — about once every two weeks."

Aggie Nights is not popular with the majority of students however. One survey revealed that only about one-sixth of Aggie students attend Aggie Nights every semester.

Juniors and seniors collectively make up of only half of Aggie Night attendees, while sophomores are the least likely to attend the event, making up only 15.2 percent of the total attendance. Only about 30 percent of students who attend Aggie Nights live on campus.

On certain nights, fewer than 300 people attend. Salmon said Aggie Nights is committed to bringing what students want, and seeks support for funding.

"Student service fee advisers will ultimately vote on (funding)," Salmon said. "My greatest hope is that the students will keep it going."

### Wheelchair

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arthritis, scleroderma and fibromyalgia. The progression of these diseases eventually caused Rizzo to rely on a wheelchair for mobility.

"When I was at A&M I was not in a wheelchair," Rizzo said. "But I have learned to see life from a different point of view. I have learned instead of standing tall, now I sit tall and be counted."

Ms. Wheelchair America provides opportunities for outstanding women in wheelchairs to educate and advocate for individuals with disabilities. Women from all over the country travel to compete in the week long contest, O'Bryant said.

"The women (at the pageant) represent the breadth and depth of people with disabilities," Rizzo said. "They came from various backgrounds. There were athletes, authors, and accomplished public speakers who all brought their various skill sets to the table."

Ms. Wheelchair America is not a beauty pageant, because contestants are judged based on personal and onstage interviews as well as platform speeches, according to the Ms. Wheelchair America Web site.

Following her crowning, Rizzo will travel the country speaking to and advocating for disabled Americans. Her platform is Power through Participation: Illuminating Opportunities for People with Disabilities.

"Participation is more than being visible in today's society," Rizzo said. "It's finding your identity through personal contributions to society. I am just helping to change society by giving back."

Rizzo has begun traveling the nation to garner support from legislatures, businesses and communities for disabled Americans. She appeared at the Miss America Pageant to support the 13 disability related platforms including the winner, Miss Alabama's. In addition, she will appear in Mississippi, New York, South Carolina, Florida and Texas within the next month in hopes of sharing her message. She would also greatly enjoy the opportunity to speak in Aggieland, Rizzo said.

"The crown is not the destination," Rizzo said. "It's the beginning of an adventure to change the world."

### Ivan

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Hurricane Center said Ivan's rebirth is not the first; there were some similar cases in which tropical cyclones lost their destination and then regenerated.

Ivan formed in the Atlantic on Sept. 2, and was one of the deadliest hurricanes

in U.S. history and the worst since Hurricane Floyd took 56 lives in 1999. It has left a mess of debris in the United States, Caribbean, Grenada, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands as it went through the various hurricane and tropical storm stages. The damages to the United States were estimated at between \$3 billion and \$6 billion, and stretched as far north as Penn.

### CAMPUS BRIEFS

#### Bryant to discuss pollen analysis as forensic tool

During a time when the focus on security and law enforcement is at an all-time high, Texas A&M anthropology professor Vaughn M. Bryant Jr. believes there is a forensic tool the United States has all but ignored: pollen analysis. He added A&M is in the position of having the expertise, laboratories and essential pollen reference collections to conduct forensic research and

train students and professionals in this emerging field.

In a lecture scheduled for Oct. 5, Bryant will outline the history and importance of "forensic palynology" (use of pollen analysis) in legal cases and cite examples where pollen evidence has played a key role in solving crimes. His presentation, "Crime Scene Forensics: Using Pollen to Catch Murderers, Rapists, Thieves and Terrorists" is the topic for the 2004 Fall Marshall Lecture, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Clayton Alumni Center.

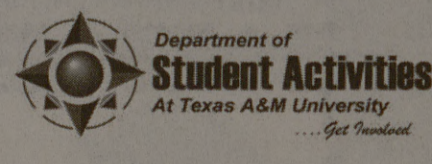
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