



Gametime decision

Football Head Coach Mike Sherman discusses final team preparations heading into the 2008 season at the Big 12 media conference ■ 3

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The Aggies groHome was awarded in the U.S. Department of Energy's 2007 Solar Decathlon last October.

■ Solar powered Aggie groHome represents energy efficient houses could look like



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A view of the groHome's porch outside

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Drive by the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and you will see Aggie ingenuity and innovation outside near the parking lot.

The Aggie groHome was designed to respond to the present and future needs of American families and the approach to home building. The groHome was also Texas A&M's award-winning entry in the U.S. Department of Energy's 2007 Solar Decathlon held in Washington D.C. last October.

The Solar Decathlon competition had 20 teams of college students from across the United States and Europe. Students competed to design and build the most attractive and energy efficient solar powered house.

"The Aggie groHome was apart of the solar village that was erected in the Washington Mall," said

Phillip Rolling, director of communications for the College of Architecture.

"The competition itself was based on the groHome concept and the one that was designed by A&M students is very unique."

The groHome features 42 solar panels that provide energy for the 800 square-foot structure, including the electricity, water, appliances, and also the solar powered carport used to charge an electric car.

According to the Texas A&M Solar Decathlon website, the groHome system was designed to allow the homeowner to upgrade or enhance the home at their desire. Homeowners could pay off the home piece by piece rather than taking out large loans.

A&M students spent the majority of the 2007

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A&M still searches for next Reveille



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Texas A&M students and the Aggie family will have to continue to wait for the introduction of Reveille VIII, as the search for the new mascot continues.

Kevin Jackson, the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, said administrators are working thoroughly to find the replacement for the retired Reveille VII.

"We have been working with several training organizations to try to narrow down the search," Jackson said.

Jackson said that the search has been narrowed down to about ten different training organizations, but did not give specific details about what breed the next Reveille will be or when she will be selected.

Jackson stressed that while there is no deadline for the introduction of the next mascot, the tradition

that is Reveille remains important. It was announced in February that Reveille VII would retire at the end of the 2008 spring semester. A 16-person committee was formed to make recommendations on the type of dog that would best fit the role of mascot. Their findings were released in May.

The most significant recommendation given by the search committee was that Reveille VIII must already have certain levels of service dog training before being

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AggielandHelpWanted.com helps students offset tuition costs

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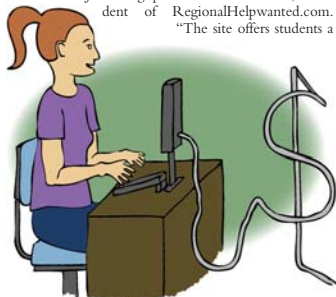
College is often referred to as the poorest time of life, and many students offset the cost by working. AggieLandHelpWanted.com is a website that offers daily job postings.

The site targets job seekers between 18 and 54 years old in the Bryan-College Station area.

The site allows users to post their resume online for employers to view it. The site offers job listings similar to daily newspapers.

"Students should use the site because it has the most job listings posted" said Eric Straus, President of RegionalHelpwanted.com.

"The site offers students a



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Other helpful sites

Other websites offering free job listings for students are jobsforaggies.tamu.edu, kbtx.com, theeagle.com, and thethebatt.com.

free way to search for jobs."

The site was created to offer job seekers in the area a resource in finding a job.

"We knew that job classified dollars were moving online...away from print" Straus said, "And we also knew that radio reached jobseekers in each market better than any other medium...so we came up with the idea of partnering with radio stations to promote local job boards."

Lani Early, a new user of the site, said it is great because it allows users to contact the employers much faster than newspapers.

"[It's a] wonderful way to job hunt" Early said, "Started looking for a job last week, sent out six resumes via attachment, got three interviews, and was hired the following day."

Employers use the site because it has job seekers information available 24 hours a day.

"So far we have found the company to be a valuable alternative to print advertising," said Jeffrey Berg, Human Resources Manager of The Right Stuff International, Inc. "We have already hired a couple of new employees who located us through the website. As a small company, we greatly appreciate the lower cost of your service as compared to newspaper classified ads."



Sports

Astros trade for Wolf

The Houston Astros acquired pitcher Randy Wolf from San Diego on Tuesday in exchange for minor leaguer Chad Reineke. ■ 3



Interview with golf assistant

The Battalion reports on recently hired golf assistant coach Jonathan Dismuke. ■ 3



National

McCain still looking for V.P. mate

Speculation swirled Tuesday that McCain might name his vice presidential partner within the next few days — right in the middle of Barack Obama's overseas tour. ■ 5



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Iraq looks to tourism for economy

Iraq's government is beginning to promote tourism. It will be a tough sell — and even if officials can grab the attention of the adventuresome, Iraq's tourism facilities are shabby. ■ 6