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## Corps holds sunset memorial in remembrance of Captain Joseph Klenczar

By Amanda Barbato, '19



Photo: Amanda Barbato, Nautilus Staff

Major Claude Davidson renders a salute in honor of Captain Joseph Klenczar's passing. Klenczar served as the master of the *USTS General Rudder*.

Captain Joseph J.W. Klenczar, Master of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy training ship *General Rudder*, passed on January 30. His death was due to a complications from surgery, as stated in Texas A&M University at Galveston's press release.

The Corps of Cadets held an informal sunset salute to honor and remember Klenczar on February 6. The Corps of Cadets, faculty, staff, and friends joined on the T.S. *General Rudder* dock to honor his passing.

TMA Superintendent, Captain Michael Rodriguez, began the ceremony. Following his message, Corps Commander Cole Manders spoke of the quiet nature of Klenczar and his contribu-

tions to the Merchant Marine.

The Mariner's Prayer was then recited marking Klenczar's "end of his final watch." A salute from the Corps was held for one minute and thirty seconds, signifying Klenczar's end of watch date 1/30.

Klenczar previously vacated his position as Captain of the T.S. *General Rudder* due to medical reasons previous to the fall 2016 semester.

According to TAMUG's press release, Klenczar graduated from Texas Maritime Academy in 1979 with a degree in marine sciences. After graduating he held various deck licensed positions and served as Master of container and roll-on/roll-off vessels.

He served as Master of vessels during Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. Klenczar returned to Texas Maritime in 2013. He first held the position of Chief Mate before becoming Master of the *General Rudder*.

Captain Scott Putty, Associate Professor of the Practice of Marine Transportation, attended Texas Maritime Academy and graduated with Klenczar. "Joe was my dear friend and I will miss him," said Putty in TAMUG's press release.

"Scores of cadets will remember and benefit from the leadership of Capt. Klenczar", said Dr. Doug Palmer, Interim COO in TAMUG's press release.

## Danielle Thompson runs as incumbent in SGA election

By Israel Gomez, '20

Student Body President Danielle Thompson, is running as the incumbent in the Student Body Presidential election against Gregory Grimm. A debate will be held on February 15, prior to the start of voting.

Thompson plans to discuss parking issues and club organizations.

Thompson is hoping to create more transparency between SGA and students. Thompson wants to be more open with the students and have better communication so that way more issues can be resolved.

"The biggest thing I want [SGA] to do is branch out and talk to the students," said Thompson.

She feels she should be reelected because she loves TAMUG and is fully committed to SGA. She sees herself as a team player, gaining a large sum of input before she makes a decision.

Thompson is a junior maritime administration major from Spring, Texas. Thompson has been a member of SGA since her freshman year. More recently, Thompson acted as the Vice President for Student Body President Devin Paul. After Paul's graduation in December, Thompson assumed the role of Student Body President.

Voting begins February 27 and ends March 1st. The SGA Student Body Presidential Debate will be held on February 15 at 6:00p.m. in CLB 100.

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#### Editor's note:

In volume 27 Issue 6 of The Nautilus we inaccurately reported the groundbreaking of Academic Complex Phase 2. Phase 2 has not yet broken ground, however the Waterfront Pavillion construction has.

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## Nash Industries donates hammocks to TAMUG for Hullabaloo hammock farm

By Amber Croyl, '20



[Photo: Amber Croyl, Nautilus Staff]

Samuel Johnson, '19 enjoys his time relaxing in a hammock in front of Hullabaloo Hall.

This spring, Sea Aggies will be able to “hang out” on campus and enjoy the fresh air with the exciting new addition of TAMUG’s very own hammock farm. Inspired by the hammock farm at the University of Central Arkansas campus, Betsy Bremer, TAMUG’s Outdoor Programs Coordinator, has given students one more way to get outside and delight in

the sunshine.

Located next to Hullabaloo Hall, six sturdy wood posts stand tall, cemented into the ground. Metal O-rings have been screwed into the top end of the posts, ensuring a safe and secure hammock lounging experience. Construction of the hammock farm was graciously donated by Nash Industries after re-

pairing a drainage problem on campus. Above the hammock farm, lush green trees tower over, providing a pleasant shaded area for students to take it easy. The view isn’t so bad either, located next to the sand volleyball court and swimming pool, the hammock farm is right near the action, yet far enough away that students can still enjoy some peace and quiet.

Students can check out hammocks free of charge at the P.E. Facility by showing their student ID to the front desk staff. Four hammocks can currently be checked out; however, students are encouraged to bring their own hammocks as well. At maximum capacity, the hammock farm can hold up to nine hammocks at once. There is a weight limit of 300lbs. and only one person may lay in each hammock at a time.

The hammocks are extremely user friendly. Each one comes wrapped up in a small pouch. The hammock simply needs to be pulled out of the bag and stretched out. There is a carabiner clip on each end of the hammock, clip them onto the O-rings on the wooden posts and sit back onto the hammock. Taking the hammock down is just as easy and the material needs only to be wrapped up and tucked back into the pouch.

The hammock farm presents students at Texas A&M Galveston with a fun and relaxing new way to enjoy the outdoors. Having the flexibility of becoming another social gathering site or a place for students to take a break and escape for a while. Grab a good book, your sunglasses and some music, get some vitamin D and for goodness sake, do not forget the bug spray.

## Student Diversity Initiatives and BSA coordinate Black History Month events

By Israel Gomez, '20

Dr. Kenyatta Dawson, Assistant Director of Student Diversity Initiatives on campus made it clear that her number one goal is to make every student at TAMUG feel welcomed and safe. Dawson has coordinated events throughout the month of February, Black History Month, to help achieve that goal. Dr. Carol Bunch-Davis, an Associate

Professor received her Ph.D. in English Literature with specialization in African American Film Literature and Culture from the University of Southern California. Bunch-Davis describes the history behind Black History Month and its foundation.

Black History Month started as “Negro History Week” on February 12,

1926 by historian Carter G. Woodson, who wanted to see the history of African-Americans taught at US schools. Slowly, the week grew in popularity, and through the following decades, it became a celebrated week throughout the United States. In 1969, a group of students at Kent State University proposed that the week become a month. They extended the

week to a month at their school in 1970. Six years later, in 1976, under President General Ford, “Negro History Week” became Black History Month. Since then, the month has grown in popularity internationally. It is now celebrated in the United Kingdom and Canada.

### Black History Month Events:

**February 15** (12pm-2pm) DJEMBRE Drumming, an improvisational drum circle drumming group, will be at the Moody Center Banquet Room, with Houston instructor Gregory Powell.

Gregory Powell began playing hand drums in 1964 in the streets of Spanish Harlem, New York. From 1969-1973 Powell played drums in the Brooklyn College Latin

Band, and regularly played on the weekends at Central Park. He moved to Houston in 1986, and worked as a hand drum instructor. From there, Powell played in many Houston local events.

**February 16** (7pm-8:30pm.) YouTube Sensation Dr. Nina Ellis-Hervey will give a speech called “How to Achieve Life Goals” at the

Moody Center Banquet Room. Hervey is currently an Assistant Professor in Stephan F. Austin State University. She has a Ph.D. in Educational/School Psychology from Oklahoma State University. In her downtime, as a YouTube sensation known as “BeautifulBrwnBabyDol”, she posts videos of encouragement and healthy living.

**February 21** (4pm) there will be a ZOPT Special Speaker Event, in CLB 100 with Mr. Eddie Compass, '06 – Next Generation Marine.

**February 23** (5:30pm-7pm) Aggies United will host a discussion in CLB 112, titled “Black Lives Still Matter.”

## Community Leader's Advice for Mardi Gras

By Katlyn Register, '20

### Before Mardi Gras

- Make sure you have a designated driver –Erica Rodriguez

- Check out the concert lists –Rosa Wolf

- Plan all the events and places you will be doing before going out. – Erica Rodriguez

- Any guests will have to fill out a visitor form 24 hours prior. If they are spending the night, they must be registered by 5:00 p.m. Thursday and must be the same gender as the room they are staying in. Students are responsible for their guests. –Dallas Henderson

### After Mardi Gras

- When coming back to the dorms, make sure to do so without making a scene. –Erica Rodriguez

- Be prepared to show your student ID to a Community Leader. –Dallas Henderson

- Any bags you have will be checked when entering back into the dorms. –Rosa Wolf

- Remember: Texas A&M University at Galveston is a dry campus. Do not bring alcohol on the campus. – Erica Rodriguez

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# Profiles on students running for junior and senior Yell Leader

By Katlyn Register, '20

## Jake O'Kelley

Previous Junior Yell Leader, Jake O'Kelley ('18) came back for round two with the hope to obtain the role of Senior Yell Leader. As a child, O'Kelley's father and grandfather told him that the O'Kelley name meant he would have to work hard his whole life, "almost like a curse," O'Kelley said.

Instead of seeing it as a curse, O'Kelley saw it as a motivator to become the first male O'Kelley to earn a degree. "I have let [the curse] stay true to my name and worked hard my entire life to be able to attend whatever school I wanted, and finally earn a degree with my family's name on it," O'Kelley said. His hard work paid off; he was offered a full ride scholarship to Texas A&M University and continues to work hard as a Yell Leader.

He is currently pursuing the 3+2 Maritime Administration major and master's of Maritime Administration and Logistics. O'Kelley was also involved in SALT Camp, AGS, TAMUG Soccer Club, Traditions Council, Big Event, Silver Taps, Aggie Muster, and Terry Scholars.

## Cole Farine

As Junior Yell Leader, Cole Farine ('18) learned what it meant to be a true 'red ass' and wishes to continue spreading the Aggie Spirit next year as Senior Yell Leader. Farine's goal as Yell Leader is to be the person fellow Aggies can look up to.

"I have been lucky to have great leaders before me, as they showed all of us, what being an Aggie is all about. I hope that I can do the same for the younger generation of Aggies," Farine said. Farine believed the Aggie Core Values are a great representation of what Aggies are about. "I could go up to any student here and I know I could count on them to help out if needed ... These traits are what sets our students apart from others all across the country,"

Farine said.

With a stepfather hailing from Texas A&M University, Farine was taught the Aggie traditions and has been bleeding maroon ever since. Along with a major in Marine Transportation, Farine was also First Battalion Commander in the Corps of Cadets and Financial Officer of Maroon Delegates.

## Joshua (JP) Porter

Joshua (JP) Porter ('19) is running for Junior Yell Leader with one goal in mind, to be the "Reddest-Ass-est Yell Leader there is," Porter said it was because "Redasses have hearts of the deepest maroon that pump good bull all day long." Porter said he loves TAMUG, and his hope is to demonstrate his respect to the campus, the island, and the community by embodying the core values and yellin' like hell.

He believes that, much like the Old Army days' fierce and unwavering loyalty to one another, that same loyalty lives on in Sea Aggies. "To me, it is our responsibility to fuel that loyalty and fight for unity. We may not be Old Army, but we sure as hell ain't T.U.," Porter said. As well as a major in Marine Fisheries and Marine Biology, Porter was also involved with SALT Camp, the Traditions Council, a member of the Sea Aggie Swim Team, and worked events such as E-Walk, Ring Day, Muster, and was working to put on Pull-Out Day.

## Braden Gilcrease

As a third generation Aggie, Braden Gilcrease ('19) wished to uphold, embody, and spread the spirit of Aggieland by becoming a Junior Yell Leader. Gilcrease's pursuit to become a Yell Leader began in the fall of his freshman year while watching the Arkansas vs. A&M game with friends.

"The hype we were feeling was too much to sit still," Gilcrease said. He "jumped

up and led [his] group in a few yells." It was that hype filled moment that drove Gilcrease to eventually run for Junior Yell Leader. Growing up in an Aggie household, Gilcrease was raised under the Aggie Core Values.

"I always try and promote the Aggie Spirit on a daily basis ... I try to do my best to make sure that the campus is overall a better place than when I woke up that morning," Gilcrease said. In addition to a Maritime Studies major, Gilcrease was also a community leader, Vice President of Mast club, a member of W.A.V.E. LLC, and a crewmember on the SV ELISSA.

## McKinnon Cruikshank

With a deep love for Aggie culture and a desire to become an advocate for school spirit, McKinnon Cruikshank ('19) is running for Junior Yell Leader. Having a background in Boy Scouts, Cruikshank was accustomed to core values similar to those of an Aggie. He believed that following the values does not automatically make a person special, "it just makes you a good person who will earn the respect of others," Cruikshank said.

The traditions at Texas A&M University are what set Aggies apart from other college campuses. While Cruikshank was fond of the tradition of the 12th Man and "Gig 'em" because of their ability to bring a student body together, the tradition he cherished the most was Muster. "I love that Aggies all across the world will celebrate Muster on the same day, honoring fallen Aggies." It is a tradition every student will participate in and it truly shows that "we are Aggies until the very end," Cruikshank said. In addition to a major in Maritime Administration, Cruikshank was also involved in SGA, Traditions Council, W.A.V.E. Living Learning Community, SALT Camp, Checkin' Crew, and

Muster.

## Michael Renning

With the hope to represent Texas A&M University at Galveston, Michael Renning ('19) ran for Junior Yell Leader. Becoming a Yell Leader was "one of the best ways [he] could give back to the school," Rennings said. His interest was sparked at his New Student Conference.

"I saw the Aggie Spirit exemplified by the passion and emotions of the Yell Leaders," Renning said. Although Renning was technically an Aggie the moment he said his first "Howdy," it was not until Dec. 26, 2015 that Renning embodied the Aggie Spirit. On that infamous day, a F4 tornado devastated his hometown of Garland, Texas. Renning spent his winter break helping those in need and rebuilding his city.

"I believe [selfless service] is the epitome of the Aggie Spirit and representative of all Aggie Core Values," Renning said. In addition to a major in Ocean and Coastal Systems Engineering, Renning was also a part of the Two-Step Performance Team, W.A.V.E. Living Learning Community, and SALT Camp.

## Jack Clark

Having been immersed into some of the deepest traditions of Texas A&M by the Corps of Cadets, Jack Clark ('19) ran for Junior Yell Leader with the ambition to "represent the Old Army Spirit here in Galveston." Clark said he quickly became obsessed with the university's unique culture, but it was not until the Corp's O-Week that Clark knew becoming a Yell Leader was a role he had to fill.

"Traditions were ingrained into our heads from sunrise to sunset. We were taught to be the keepers of the tradition in every aspect of campus life. It was there that I not only wanted to be involved, but also lead that unique spirit," Clark said.



[Photo: Katlyn Register, Nautilus Staff]

Aspiring Junior Yell Leader, Jonas Calhoun '19, completes his test on Aggie traditions.

He believed Galveston campus is small enough that the students all contribute to a culture, which makes it their own.

If given the position of Yell Leader, Clark said he would have utilized our close-knit campus and spread spirit to everyone he met. With a major in Marine Transportation, Clark was additionally involved in Corps Leadership, NROTC, sailing team, Maroon Delegates, SGA, SALT Camp, and The Nautilus newspaper.

## John Jacobs IV

Member of the Corps of Cadets and thus, keeper of the Aggie spirit, John Jacobs IV ('19) believed it was his duty to become Junior Yell Leader. As Yell Leader, Jacobs hoped to reach and inspire more students on our campus to be involved with Texas A&M.

During his time on campus, Jacobs learned to respect everyone, to always treat others with kindness, and that "it is our job," as Aggies, "to lead, inspire, and give to those that need it," Jacobs said. He aims to uphold these values because as a leader, "I must inspire those around me to be the best they can be," Jacobs said.

For Jacobs, Texas A&M University at Galveston was more than a school. He believed Galveston campus

"is a family of kids becoming adults, having fun, and learning on the way," Jacobs said. Along with a major in Marine Transportation, Jacobs is also a part of Propeller Club, the sailing team, SGA, and Corps leadership.

## Jonas Calhoun

As a keeper of the Aggie Spirit in the Corps of Cadets, Jonas Calhoun ('19) believed it only made sense to also be the embodiment of the Aggie Spirit by becoming a Junior Yell Leader. Calhoun's goal as a prospective Yell Leader was to bring the energy and the Aggie traditions that came with the Corps to the rest of the campus.

"Yells are a time for everyone to come together and take pride in being an Aggie," Calhoun said. Calhoun vowed, as Junior Yell Leader, he would spread school spirit through every interaction.

Calhoun strives to uphold the Aggie Core Values in everything he does. "As an Aggie, it is my duty to work my hardest, be honest, take charge when needed, help others, and to treat them with respect," Calhoun said. Along with a major in Maritime Transportation, Calhoun also held several positions in both the Corp of Cadets and NROTC, and is treasurer of Future Military Leaders of America.

## Texas A&M Maritime Academy Hall triggered fire sprinkler system causes flood damage to building and forces students to relocate

By Jack Clark, '19

Many students were awakened by the sound of the fire alarm during the second week of the semester within the Texas A&M Maritime Academy Hall. The alarm was triggered by a disturbed sprinkler that was set off.

Several minutes after the alarm was sounded the authorities were contacted by 10:58 p.m. Once the police and fire department arrived the fire system was secured to prevent any more water flow to the affected area. Once the pipe was secured and the location evaluated, students were allowed back indoors.

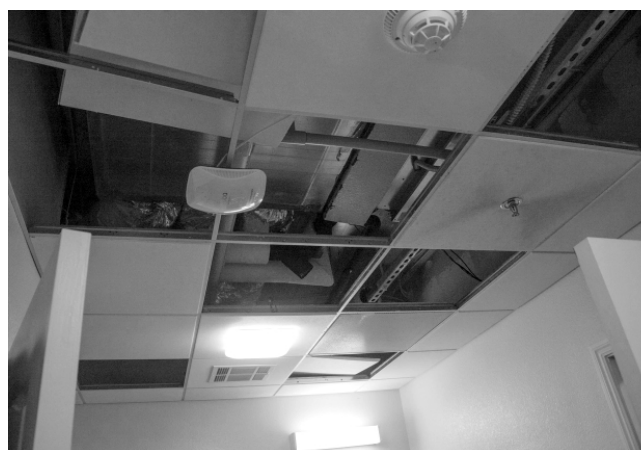
However while there originally was no fire, the damage from the amount of water released from the

sprinkler system resulted in a total of 16 rooms being affected.

What caused the sprinkler to be set off is still under investigation. The only way to activate a sprinkler is either by heat of 155 degrees Fahrenheit to the fixture, or by an object breaking the glass within the sprinkler.

According to Alex Crouse, the Housing Coordinator for Corps Housing, the damage will result in 40 cadets having to be relocated to other rooms within the residence hall. The water from the third floor seeped down and damaged the second and first floors.

Alex Kraemer, '17, the company commander for Charlie I on the third floor, said that she, "banged on the



Photos: Megan John, Nautilus Staff

Damage accumulated to the ceiling on the third floor of Texas A&M Maritime Academy Hall after the fire sprinkler system was set off.

door to make sure they got out," and that she, "thought it could have been a fire." Seth Jones, '19, a squad

leader for Charlie I, helped in the recovery efforts starting on the third floor. He said that when he walked in he saw a third of the hallway covered with, "a quarter to a half inch of water, [which] seeped down to about one inch on the first floor."

Kraemer said that, "as soon as [we] got up there, we started cleaning up. [Soon] more people heard and started showing up to help."

With damage on all three floors, cadets all teamed up together to clear out the water damage. Students were in and out of rooms with mops, towels, squeegees and also a vacuum, trying to collect what was left.

While the sprinkler was set off on the third floor,

most of the flooding made its way down to the first floor, reaching the company Alpha I. It was here that Aggies were hard at work cleaning up the damage well past 2 a.m.

According to Crouse, facilities were contacted by 1 A.M. in order to hire a water remediation specialist. Each room will vary with the amount of damage, and while most can be dried out, some dry wall needs to be removed.

When asked how Kraemer felt about the effort, she said that they have become, "closer as a Corps." She also admired how people see things as, "your floor, your hall, your family. It's nice to see that people want to help out until the end."

## Captain Michael J. Rodriguez becomes the new Superintendent of Texas A&M Maritime Academy

By Jack Clark, '19

Captain Michael J. Rodriguez officially assumed his duties as Superintendent of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy at Galveston, in late January. His extensive maritime experience may bring the school to new successes, as he focuses on rebuilding the relationship between cadets and faculty.

As Superintendent, Rodriguez will be responsible for all cadets both license option and not, but there is no doubt that many of the issues to be addressed will be focused on maintaining the quality of the license program.

On January 26 the new Superintendent attended his welcoming reception, where faculty members celebrated his new fellowship. Rodriguez also had a chance to speak with of the license option deck cadets at their weekly gathering early on in the semester.

Without a doubt the biggest concern among cadets is related to the amount of billets available for each

of the summer training cruise shipments. Rodriguez expressed several ideas to possibly expedite and ensure that cadets will meet the strenuous Coast Guard requirements regarding sea days.

He went on to explain how his connections in the industry could possibly relate into better securing cadets on summer shipments. He also recommended how it was in the Academy's best interest to possibly expand options to consider more foreign flagged billets.

Upon beginning his duties, he was given the opportunity to meet with the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors to discuss the future of the university and current problems. He also expressed to the Corps of Cadets that with his connections and the Board of Visitors, he will be able to bring more industry recognition to the growing and changing Academy.

In regards to the question of a new training ship,

he ensured that there are a lot of people in support of the focus and mission of the Academy. With his connections in the Maritime Administration, and work on the Hill, the drive for upgrading the Academy are closer in the sights.

In his address to the Corps of Cadets, Rodriguez, made it clear that he has an open door policy. He believes that for the Academy to improve, communication between students and faculty need to be improved.

Rodriguez also expressed that the Academy will look into the possibility of creating an Online portal that will help file important documents needed to meet Coast Guard requirements.

Prior to his address of the Corps of Cadets, Rodriguez had the opportunity to meet and eat dinner with company commanders to gain insight on how the Corps is progressing. As an alumni from the United States Merchant Marine Academy, he did also say



Photo: Texas A&M University at Galveston

New Superintendent of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy in front of TMA's training ship the *General Rudder*.

that he was quite impressed with how the Corps of Cadets looked around campus.

Rodriguez stated that he will soon be meeting

with the presidents from all the maritime academies in Washington to discuss ideas and common goals that can be achieved together.

With Rodriguez on-

board, the Academy will now have a leader to spearhead the many concerns that will drive the Academy to a higher standard.

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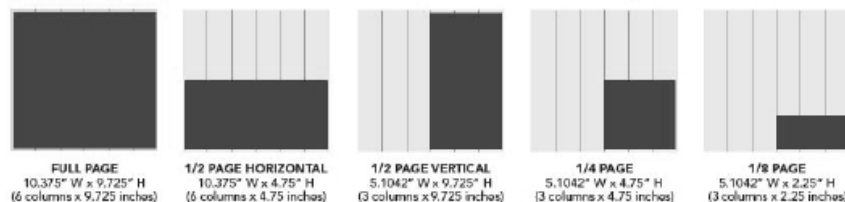
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February 15th, 2017

at 6 p.m. in CLB 100. Elections will take place February 27 through March 3

#### NEWS FROM RESIDENCE LIFE

The Student Body President recently met with Residence Life to discuss the campus growth and the StarRez system that will be implemented in March.

#### STARREZ

This new system will allow students to virtually pick their rooms and roommates from their personal devices.

#### ON CAMPUS LIVING

With the campus' growth, housing requirements are being considered. The requirements to live off campus are currently as follows:

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# Thousands march for equality: The Houston Women's March- diversity in the face of adversity

By Katie Hansche, '18



Illustration by: Amber Croyl

The Houston Women's March in just ten days, according to a Facebook event of the same name, rallied over 22,000 men, women, and children of all different nationalities, races,

and genders together for an empowerment and free speech march the day after the inauguration of President Donald Trump. The march was not purely a protest of the president; it was

a showing of solidarity for those who support transgender and gay rights, as well as contraceptive rights and health care advancements and accessibility.

Despite flash flood

warnings and rain for the weekend (Jan. 21, 2017), marchers lined up at J-mail Skate Park in Houston around 10:30 in the morning and began marching at about 11:30 a.m. towards City Hall, where the participants gathered for the rally at 12 PM facing the reflecting pool and listened to the speaker lineup. Speakers included Houston City Councilwomen Ellen Cohen and Amanda Edwards, Texas State Representative Gene Wu, U.S. Representative Al Green, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, and Municipal Judge Phyllis Frye, who was the first openly transgender appointed judge in Houston.

Among other things, the message of the many speeches given on that January day was of all-encompassing equality. Frye used her speech as a platform to speak against Senate Bill 6, notoriously known as the "bathroom bill." She used her personal experience, specifically in a non-judi-

cial capacity, to speak out about how detrimental this bill could be for men and women it affects. Wu talked about the "power of Texas women," and Turner stood in front of City Hall and said that the country was "not going back." The crowd roared, and some tears fell.

The march ended promptly after the speakers finished, and City Hall's front steps turned into a dance party as a DJ manned the booth in front of the crowd. People danced, sang, met with friends, or simply left. The demonstration was completely peaceful, as there were no arrests regarding the march reported. In fact, during the actual march, protesters high-fived and thanked the police officers who kept the route secure.

While there were many goals for the march, they were largely based around healthcare, LGBTQIA issues, and diversification, which at this junction in national history are incredibly import-

ant issues. Internationally, there were an estimated 4.96 million marchers in 673 marches, according to the Women's March on Washington's website, all supporting women and their rights, amongst other things.

While the march was dismissed by Republicans as a sort of complaint parade about the new president, the reasons this march happened stem from before the inauguration of the new president. The Obama administration made strides towards inclusion during its time, and the threat of revocation of these strides threatens the well-being of a majority of the nation. The new president issued a statement saying the White House would not touch a LGBTQIA workplace protection executive order from the Obama administration. While this could potentially be a step in the correct direction, the new administration has many steps ahead to match any sort of previous progress.

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-Robyn Battles '20



"No, I mostly get my news from PBS or CNN. I also try to stay as impartial as possible."

-Samantha Theis-Damian '16



"I do not have twitter or Facebook so I usually look to online sites such as Yahoo news. Some articles are clearly biased so I laugh and stray away from those."

-Davis Kimball '19



"The facts tend to get distorted on social media sites, so I like to compare facts amongst all news platforms"

-Victoria Rodriguez '19

# International students speak on the Executive Order Travel Ban, nationalism, and global protest

By Amanda Barbato, '19

During President Trump's first month in office he instituted several executive orders. One of which was termed the "Travel Ban." The "Travel Ban" barred people from seven countries from entering the United States regardless of visa status. Predominately Muslim countries, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen, were on the list of nations barred from entry.

The ban was temporarily lifted due to judge ruling. Since then President Trump has tried to have it reinstated. According to CNN politics, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the reinstatement of President Trump's Travel Ban. Those with visas from the seven countries are now able to enter, however the future for immigrants from the seven countries is uncertain.

The bans effects can be seen close to home, as there are 220 international students from the banned countries attending Texas A&M University based on the fall 2016 enrolment profile. Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) has 38 international students in attendance according to the 12th class day spring 2017 enrollment summary, however none are from countries previously banned.

International students Victoria Holjevac, a 20-year-old Maritime Administration (MARA) major from Sweden, Jana Rehbein, a 27-year-old MARA major from Germany, and Denise Knudsen, a 23-year-old MARA major from Denmark, all decided to attend TAMUG to experience college life in the United States.

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International student from Denmark

When Knudsen heard the news of the travel ban, she thought it was a joke. "I thought that the news media had over exaggerated," she said. "I thought it was something [Trump] said, and it would never go through. I thought it was just for people coming in on a travel visa," Rehbein said.

Since the Travel Ban targets predominantly Muslim countries, Holjevac said she came to know it as a "Muslim ban."

Rehbein and Knudsen applied for their visa around the same time as the presidential election. The visa application process has an option to enter your Facebook infor-

mation. "I was very aware of what I wrote [on Facebook] and if I shared anything," Rehbein said. Knudsen added that she refrained from "liking" Facebook posts in fear of being denied access.

Rehbein is worried that giving access to your Facebook might be a future requirement. Holjevac thinks it is part of a scare tactic to hin-

der other nationalities from wanting to enter the United States.

thing that shocked the whole world," said Holjevac. "All eyes are on America right now. When something this drastic happens, I feel like the whole world should be aware and should have a say, or at least express their opinion about it," Knudsen said.

Rehbein thinks the global protest provides a greater

network of support for those who disagree with President Trump's measures and rhetoric. "I think it's important that maybe people that are opposing him here see that they are not alone," said Rehbein.

However, for students on Texas A&M University at Galveston's campus protests and activism is sparse. "I think a majority political-ly stand with the travel ban. I can't say for sure, but that's just my experience so far. If the campus is that political-ly divided, it will be hard [to protest]," Knudsen said.

Holjevac stressed the importance of protest as a way of expressing thoughts.

But she feels the lack of activism on TAMUG's campus is due to the one-sided nature of discussion. "If there's not two sides, then there will be no need for protest," she said.

Knudsen commented on the worldwide influence of the United States. "It's a scary development recently all this nationalism. I'm quite scared for the global scheme of these developing countries going backwards in time."

Holjevac said that a lot of countries look up to the U.S., but now the U.S. should not be seen as a role model due to the recent discriminatory measures.

"When I was in school when [and] we talked about the U.S., there was always so much of a focus on immigration and how it was so great," said Rehbein. She urges President Trump to "pick up a history book and read about how this country came to be."

Despite recent developments Knudsen still likes the U.S. and likes attending school here. Holjevac said she is not as afraid as other people are, but she believes a better reason should be provided for the seven target countries.

"I can't imagine how it is if you are directly affected," said Rehbein. "We are privileged."



Photos: Reana Palmer, Nautilus Staff

Immigration ban protest at Houston International Airport.



"I do not consider those reliable, I mostly just watch TV or read articles from the Wall Street Journal and the Galveston Daily News."

-Erika Tellez '18



"No I don't consider those sites as reliable, I get my news through newspaper publications and independent media broadcasts."

-Ernie Reyes '18



"I don't find it necessarily reliable, but once something starts trending on twitter it is the fastest way to figure out when something is going on with that certain topic. Then we can find the whole story from the source."

-Faith Simpson '20



"I think those sites are for more personal opinions instead of actual news. I usually watch TV for news updates."

-Ashley Walsh '19

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# Lacrosse goes head to head with Sam Houston State University, takes the win in TAMUG's home opener

By Jack Clark, '19

TAMUG Lacrosse starts the season off with a bang after clenching a victory over Sam Houston State at their home opener game. With the sideline packed with fellow Aggies and fans, the energy was fierce and overwhelming until the clocked reached zero, and the score 11-10.

Early on in the game, David Falloure, '19, scored after one of the mid field players on the wing helped press a defender which opened up Falloure. After the ball was passed to him, he took a shot and scored right over the top of the goalie.

The team went into halftime with the score against them but as Falloure



said, "the amp was still in us; were at home, with a huge crowd, and we are not going to disappoint."

This proved to be true because as the team moved into the 4th quarter, the Aggies were down 10-6, but not for long. The team had a fast break after the face off mid, Sam Venette, '20, made a quick transition.

This momentum made

it possible to score another four goals in a time span of about five minutes. As Falloure said, "Most of the goals were off of the quick transitions that we had."

At one point the team was down two players after Chris Abdouch, '17, as Falloure said, "gave the [opponent] air time," with his solid hit, which happened to stop Sam Houston from

scoring at a critical point in the game. The contact on the field recharged the spirit of the fans which helped bring the game to a close.

Sam Houston was the favored team going into the game, but after the upset performed by TAMUG lacrosse their current rank the East District is third.

Other than the action on the field, the home open-

er event proved to be entertaining for all of campus. Free food was served at the tailgate which started a couple hours before the game. Fans were invited to socialize and kick off the start of the season.

The event also had a bonfire which stayed covered with fans trying to stay warm during the cold Friday night. The Texas A&M Yell

Leaders also made an appearance and led the crowd into a series of yells throughout timeouts in the game.

The game was kicked off after the Texas A&M Maritime Academy Drill Team presented the colors on the field. Also in attendance was the Sea Aggie Band, which played the national anthem as the drill team stood at attention. At halftime the Sea Aggie Band played the Spirit of Aggiland with the Yell Leaders directing on the field.

Once the clock reached the final score, fans rushed the intramural field in celebration. Before the team and the fans parted ways the Yell leaders led the crowd into the beloved and honored



[Photos: Amanda Barbato, Nautilus Staff]

(Top, bottom left to right) Sam Venette (#36) faces off against SHSU's Jordan Pittard (#3). Christopher Abdouch (#21) moves the ball down field with the help of Cole Perry's (#42) defense. Players from SHSU and TAMUG alike fight for the ball. David Faloure (#22) plays defense against SHSU's Isaac Gittleman (#19) and Cody Anderson (#6).

## Volleyball joins the Southern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association

By Reana Palmer, '17

The squeak of sneakers hitting the gym floor echoes throughout the rec center as TAMUG's volleyball teams gear up for an exhilarating practice. These practices occur every Thursday and Sunday leading up to the team's participation in this season's tournament league. "This is

the first season we're trying out SIVA," Gari Zinsmeyer '18, girls' team captain explained. SIVA is the Southern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association that allows the teams to travel to different universities within Texas as well as out of state to compete. Participating in

this league is a big commitment, as the registration fee alone was \$700. Jesus Duran '17, the guys' team captain is determined to put together a winning team, despite the fact that most members have never picked up a volleyball before this semester. He encourages the team to

take the volleyball class offered on campus, as well as putting forth maximum effort at practices. The teams will also scrimmage against each other in preparation for the big tournaments.

### Upcoming Lacrosse Home Games

February 19  
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