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Foundation gives \$500,000

Texas A&M University has received one of the largest gifts in its 103-year history, \$500,000 from the J.W. Van Dyke Scholarship Foundation headquartered in Philadelphia.

Dr. Jarvis Miller, Texas A&M president, said the gift will be used to endow a J.W. Van Dyke Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of the co-founder of what is now the Atlantic Richfield Company.

"This is a tremendous gift that will allow us to expand significantly our scholarship program and serve many

more deserving young people from throughout the state and nation," Miller said. "We are deeply indebted to the trustees of the J.W. Van Dyke Scholarship Foundation for this support and for their confidence and interest in our university."

Robert L. Walker, Texas A&M vice president for development, said the only stipulation connected with the gift is that the University is requested to give preferential consideration to children of employees of Atlantic Richfield and certain designated subsidiaries.

No bars here

Student interest low on campus alcohol issue

By SCOTT K. MEYER
Battalion Reporter

The University of Texas, the University of Houston and Rice University all have something that Texas A&M University does not have — a bar on campus.

In an informal survey, most students said that there could not be a bar on campus because state law prohibited the sale of alcoholic beverages at a state supported school.

John J. Koldus, the Vice President of Student Affairs at A&M, said that this is not true. "The board of regents has the final decision," he said.

Koldus said that as the vice president in charge of student affairs, he is responsible for student life on campus. He makes recommendations to Texas A&M President Jarvis E. Miller, who could bring an issue before the regents, he said. Koldus is not in favor of a campus bar.

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Koldus also pointed out that there was recently a story in The Battalion about alcoholism. He said it would be inappropriate for an educational institution to promote things which

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University already has enough to do without adding new problems.

Koldus said if students demanded a bar, the request would be taken seriously.

"We try to be receptive to student interests and concerns, primarily through the student senate," he said.

Koldus said that the matter has been discussed from time to time in the senate, but that there has never been a real push for a campus bar.

Becky Haynes, the student Government Recording Secretary, said the issue of campus bars hasn't come up this year.

The situation is different at the University of Texas. Barry Phillips, the assistant director of the Student Union at UT, said that the license for the Texas Tavern was originally granted in 1974.

The license was granted for a small

tavern in a temporary student union on the east side of campus, he said.

Phillips said that the Texas Tavern, the Cactus Cafe, and the Tea-House Lounge. Beer is also sold at the University's satellite food operations and through the catering service.

Phillips said the University liquor sales amount to about \$450 to \$500 thousand dollars a year. "It is very good to us financially," he said.

Phillips said that while they "occasionally get people who over-indulge," they have had very few problems with fights. He said they don't get the variety of clientele that the area bars get, which could explain why those problems have not come up.

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New study reports eye disorder made Emily Dickinson a recluse

United Press International
HARTFORD, Conn. — Scholars have maintained mental illness made poet Emily Dickinson a recluse, but a new report says her behavior was caused by a painful eye disorder she feared would blind her.

Dr. Martin Wand, a Hartford Hospital ophthalmologist, Monday said photographs of Miss Dickinson and her correspondence convinced him she had an extreme case of exotropia — the medical term for walled.

Miss Dickinson's eyes, were turned outward, instead of being aligned straight ahead, he said.

Wand and Richard B. Sewall, a professor emeritus at Yale University and author of a two-volume biography of Dickinson, assembled medical and literary evidence for the diagnosis and published their findings in the literary journal, New En-

gland Quarterly. "When we don't know something it's easy to say that a person's crazy," said Wand. "But with Emily we certainly have enough concrete evidence to suggest an organic basis for her behavior."

Wand said he has examined pictures of Dickinson's sister and mother and both appear to have had the same disorder. Exotropia is an inherited disease that is twice as common in women as men, he said.

Wand said the disorder would explain much of Dickinson's anti-social behavior from the 1860s until her death in 1886 and why in her later years she "secluded herself in a dark room."

From the time she was a young woman, Dickinson was a recluse in her Amherst, Mass., home.

Dickinson read and wrote furiously, but her handwriting became

progressively larger and more illegible. Sometimes a line would go off the page, as if she were writing in the dark. She complained of glare from sunlight on snow and lights in her home hurt her eyes.

In 1862, she wrote of her eyes since September.

Three years later, she was a friend that she had been "calamity... a woe, the only ever made me tremble. It was shutting out of all the dearest time, the strongest friends of books."

Sewall said he believed "calamity" was her growing blindness, that she would go blind.

"It has to be labeled a disease, so many other things with you're shadowboxing. But it fits the trouble she had when she was 32 and 33, her fear of going blind. And it explains her later handwriting pretty well," he said.

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