

# Eaton

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By far, however, Eaton said the lack of a fine arts program is the main roadblock on the path to world status.

"Will Texas A&M ever have a fine arts program? 'I think so,'" Eaton said, "in some form or another."

"And it'll have a high value. But it's going to be a few years down the road," he added.

But Eaton indicated that the University will have some sort of fine arts program in the next few years.

"For the first few years, we'll probably start out with a transitional type of program. We have many artisans at this school already in engineering, architecture and at the liberal arts college. These people will probably make up the initial faculty."

"A fine arts program is the kind of thing which would provide an opportunity for broadening and enriching one's education," Eaton said.

And Eaton pointed out that the University already has some arts-oriented activities.

"Over the past ten or so years, extracurricular activities have become important: OPAS, SCONA, music, theater and dance have become increasingly popular, and I applaud the student who sets enough time aside for these activities. Many of the students cannot major in these areas, but a lot of these ideas and programs have originated with the students."

Eaton said he thinks Texas A&M still has some barriers to break through before it can become a world class university.

"Right now, I'm not sure

we're doing the best thing for the student," he said.

"We're wrestling with a different matter," he said. "Outside accrediting boards set certain curriculum standards, and students get very few electives. I understand their (the accrediting boards') objectives. They want to turn out the best professionals in each field, but sometimes their objectives are different from those of the University."

Eaton said the boards are narrowing the scope of education. "They don't really have any responsibility as to how he (the student) performs as a parent or a citizen in a community," he said. "Their aim is principally toward professional training."

Eaton listed various programs the University offers to broaden education.

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the copper covered dome; installation and repair of the windows and window frames; replacement of the exterior doors; and replacement of the access ramp for the handicapped.

All the repairs, however, will be made with an eye toward preserving the character of the building, Donathen said. He cited several examples that underlie that theme.

The wooden window frames will not be replaced with aluminum ones, as has been done with other buildings on campus. The copper dome will not be repainted; it will be repaired and the repaired areas of the dome chemically treated to simulate the natural patina — the green film formed by long exposure to moist air — of the unrepainted areas. The exterior metal doors will be replaced with oak ones

and the east and west entrances framed with etched glass.

One problem caused by previous alterations to the Academic Building, Donathen said, is the east-side access ramp for the handicapped, which he called an eyesore. However, Chartier Newton & Associates, the architecture firm hired to design the project, provided a satisfactory solution to that problem, he said.

The current ramp will be replaced with two ramps parallel to the building and styled in a manner compatible with the whole. "We're keeping the symmetry of the building by doing that," he said.

In other efforts to preserve the character of the Academic Building, the new or repaired bricks and cast stone will be blended with the old by an organic patination process, which gives the new exterior a color to

match the old.

"It duplicates the pollen, dirt and organic material that have accumulated on the building over the years," Donathen said.

The specific form of patination that they chose to use has caused a minor uproar. They're going to spray the repaired portions of the exterior with cow manure.

It's not quite as simple as that, however. The manure is first diluted with water and allowed to ferment. Then, after the solution is strained, it is applied liberally by brush, roller or spray, allowed to remain for not less than 30 days and washed off.

"We've gotten calls from all over the state," Donathen said. He also said most of the stories were incorrect and out of proportion.



staff photo by Brenda Davidson

## What style!

Everyone needs a break from the student grind. Ruby Arizmendez, a physical education major,

practices her ping pong in the Memorial Student Center basement. Ruby is from San Antonio.

# Scientist says diet study may bring cancer cure

**United Press International SAN FRANCISCO** — Future cancer studies will focus on the link between diet and aging and disease rather than on man-made carcinogens — a shift that will bring results rather quickly, says the winner of a prestigious search prize.

"Just the fact that something cancer-causing is not the main issue today," said Dr. Bruce Ames, the University of California biochemist who Tuesday awarded the Charles S. Mott cancer research prize.

"Most cancer-causing substances are natural, not man-made," he said. "What we eat and the amount of exposure to the cancer-causing substances are the major concern. It has become apparent there is some kind of link between the two and cancer."

Ames, who won the \$130,000 award for developing a quick, inexpensive test to detect mutation and cancer-causing chemicals, said the research may bring results rather quickly in determining what causes cells to begin

to mutate and replicate rapidly. Cancer researchers previously have overburdened themselves with concern about man-made substances, and he said that slowed the flow of research monies for cancer-diet research.

# Shuttle astronauts head for the Cape

**United Press International CAPE CANAVERAL** — Space shuttle Challenger's five astronauts, including the first American woman to fly in space, headed for the Kennedy Space Center Wednesday to prepare for their weekend flight.

The astronauts were to land their trainer jets on the same runway where they expect to set down the Challenger on its unprecedented return to KSC from space on June 24. Earlier flights have ended in California. Challenger is to blast off Saturday at 7:33 a.m. EDT on its six-day mission. The launch countdown is to begin at 3 a.m. Thursday.

Ground crews Tuesday wrapped up final pre-launch preparations, cleaning the spaceplane's windows and inspecting the launch pad for debris.

Challenger's crew includes Judith A. A. Ride, who is to become the

first American in space. Space veteran Robert Crippen commands the crew, which also includes Frederick Huck, Norman Thagard and John Fabian.



The expanded staff of the Command Performance Post Oak Mall salon: Left to Right: Margurita Brooks, Stylist; Kim Connor, Stylist; Debra Linton, Sub. Assistant Manager; Dee Greenleaf, Manager; Lisa Lynch, Assistant Manager; Clufunko Ogunlowo, Stylist; Susan Ondrasek, Receptionist. Not Pictured: Lana Thame, Receptionist.

## New Manager, Expanded Staff At Command Performance Post Oak Mall Salon.

Dee Greenleaf has been named Manager and the staff expanded at the Command Performance salon in Post Oak Mall. Greenleaf was formerly Assistant Manager of the Command Performance salon in San Jacinto Mall in Baytown and also was on the staff of the company's Memorial City Mall salon in Houston. She pointed out

that the staff expansion was necessitated by the enthusiastic acceptance of Command Performance by Bryan and College Station residents.

"I've never seen such interest in Command Performance," she said. "I think our highly professional approach to complete hair care service is the biggest reason for our success. We

believe in listening to each client to determine their exact hair needs, and that seems to be important to people," she explained.

"And," Greenleaf concluded, "we know people appreciate our filling all their hair care needs, from simple trimming and cutting through styling, coloring and perms."

# Woman chosen as Hispanic assistant

**United Press International ALBUQUERQUE** — President Reagan Wednesday named Catalina Villalpando, who recently served as voter groups coordinator for the Texas Republican Party, as a special assistant responsible for handling White House relations with Hispanics.

Villalpando, previously a consultant to the federal volunteer agency ACTION and a member of the staff of the Office of Presidential Personnel, was a Reagan-Bush campaign volunteer in 1980 and has been active in the Republican Party and Hispanic affairs.

Her appointment fills a vacancy created in a rash of firings by presidential assistant Faith Ryan Whittlesey when she

was tapped by Reagan to head the White House Office of Public Liaison earlier this year. She replaced Elizabeth Dole who became Secretary of Transportation.

Reagan has made numerous overtures to Hispanic voters in recent months, conscious of the important role they would play in a possible re-election bid next year. And he has sought to rebuff charges his administration had been lax in recruiting women and minorities for top jobs.

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