

# Crimestoppers buys tips

by Eric Evan Lee

**Battalion Reporter**  
The Brazos County Crimestoppers program has paid out more than \$8,000 and recovered more than \$350,000 in stolen property and drugs since it started in November of 1981. Charles Owen, a deputy sheriff with the Brazos County Sheriff's Department, which works with the program, said the average payout for information leading to a grand jury indictment is between \$300 and \$500. The program is designed to encourage residents to work with the police departments by offering rewards for the supply of any information relating to

crimes. The news media provides free coverage to the non-profit program. Channel 3, KBTX, in Bryan, airs a re-enactment of a "crime of the week" — a felony — every Tuesday night on the news. A \$1,000 reward is offered for information pertaining to that crime. The \$1,000 is an incentive for citizens to participate in the project. Informants call Crimestoppers at 775-TIPS to supply information to a police officer concerning a crime. If the information results in a grand jury indictment, the person receives a reward. Rewards are determined by a

25 member board of directors that reviews recommendations from the police. The police then determine how useful the supplied information was, and what was recovered. "We base our reward amount, a lot of it on the amount of the reward we take in," said Carl Bussell, president of the board of directors of Crimestoppers. At times, an informant will supply information that helps solve many crimes, so a larger reward is granted. When the reward is determined, the informant is notified how much he will receive. Payment was originally made by a process similar to a Mission Impossible delivery.

The money was placed in a designated area, and the informant was instructed to retrieve it at a certain time. However, for security reasons, the money is now delivered through drive-through bank windows. Funds for the Brazos County Crimestoppers program are raised through donations from businesses and individuals. Recently, groups have doanted \$6,450 to Crimestoppers. Darlene Hunter, an employee of RepublicBank A&M and assistant secretary for Crimestoppers, said the organization always is looking for more reward money, but is in good financial condition.

# Educator wants return to back to basic skills

**United Press International**  
SALT LAKE CITY — The new president of the University of California systems says the main challenge he faces is the lack of basic education in American schools. David P. Gardner chaired the National Commission on Excellence in Education which issued a stinging report on the status of American education setting off the current furor over the state of education in the nation.

Gardner feels high school students are not being prepared for higher education or jobs. "We know that for many years student achievement has been declining while grades have been going up," he said in an interview. "That is due to a lack of expectations. We have been expecting less from our students, and they have been giving it to us." He also feels basic educa-

tion has been neglected in favor of weaker subjects that don't prepare students well for future occupations or academic endeavors. "It doesn't cost any more to teach English than it does to teach a course in bachelor living or in cheerleading," Gardner said. "We need to get back to basic education."

He also feels computer education is "spotty" and at least a half year of computer science should be required for high school graduation, "whether the student plans to attend college or not." Gardner, 50, who was a vice chancellor in the University of California system before becoming president of the University of Utah in 1973, said he is returning to a much different educational and cultural environment in California than he left in 1973. Gardner, who becomes the

new president of the nine campus California's system Aug. 1, noted there is no Vietnam war today. He said it was that which spawned the protest movements heavily felt on West Coast campuses. "I think in the 1960s, there was a softening of standards," Gardner said.

"The students were complaining in a rather vigorous fashion about what they thought to be the irrelevancy of the curriculum," he said. "Moreover the economy was very strong at that point and students could anticipate employment upon graduation almost irrespective of what courses they took as undergraduate students."

Gardner considered becoming a concert pianist before settling on education as a career. He is of Utah Mormon heritage, but he grew up in California, near Berkeley.

# Testing focuses on redfish

by Tim Ward

**Battalion Reporter**  
Through a combined effort, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Bryan Utilities Lake Park are conducting an environmental experiment with 40,000 redfish. The saltwater fish were put into the Bryan Utilities 900 acre freshwater lake in June to study the effects of the fresh water on the fish. The researchers want to know if the fish will survive in the different environment. Dr. Jay Williams, Bryan Parks and Recreation Director, says

the experiment will continue for a year and could prove to be very important. "The redfish is a saltwater fish and the Parks and Wildlife Department just wants to see what happens to them in fresh water," Williams said. "The fish are about 3 to 4 inches long now. After a year, the fish will be caught and examined to see if they have grown normally. If this experiment is successful, saltwater fish will be put into freshwater fish nurseries all over the state." Williams said the utilities' lake, located on Sandy Point Road, was chosen because its

conditions are suitable for the experiment. "The lake out here is free-flowing, which means it's always circulating, and therefore, it has the fresh water needed for the experiment," Williams said. The Parks and Wildlife Department has used the lake before and has it stocked with bass and catfish, he said. People are allowed to fish in the lake for the bass and catfish, but not for the redfish. "It is against state law to catch and keep any fish from this lake that is under 14 inches, and there is no way any of the redfish

have grown to be that size," Williams said. Neither the Parks and Wildlife Department nor Bryan Utilities will profit financially or pay money for the experiment, he said. "This experiment is being funded by the state," Williams said. "It was the state who provided the redfish from a fish nursery down in Seabrook. We are just working in cooperation with them and with each other." Williams says there are no other experiments of this nature being conducted within the state.

# Seminar discusses quality teaching

by Robert McGlohn

**Battalion Staff**  
The College of Education, the Center for Teaching Excellence and the Texas Engineering Experiment Station will sponsor an inquiry conference Monday and Tuesday that will address the subject of "Quality Teaching in a Technical Society." The conference, which is funded by a grant from the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, will begin at 9 a.m. Monday in 701 Rudder Tower. Dr. Glenn Ross Johnson, director of the Texas A&M Center for Teaching Excellence, said Wednesday that the conference will concern itself entirely with college teaching, unlike other similar conferences in which the

focus has been on teaching in general. "The purpose is to focus on college teaching — to highlight college teaching," he said. Johnson, in addition to being a sponsor of the conference, will give a presentation entitled "Faculty Evaluation — The Great Debate." The presentation will summarize the "state of the art" of faculty evaluation, Johnson said, and will not encourage or discourage any particular viewpoint. After the presentation, however, a panel of guests will respond to Johnson's presentation and discuss different courses of action, he said. The panel members will be Dr. Wilbert J. McKeachie, former president of the American

Association for Higher Education and the author of "Teaching Tips: A Guidebook of the Beginning College Teacher"; Dr. Kenneth E. Eble, former director of the Project to Improve College Teaching and the author of "The Craft of Teaching" and "The Aims of College Teaching"; Dr. James E. Stice, director of the Center for Teaching Effectiveness of the University of Texas and the author of "First Step Toward Improved Teaching"; and Dr. Manuel Davenport, Texas A&M professor of philosophy and former head of the Department of Philosophy and Humanities. Charles E. McCandless, Texas A&M Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, will moderate the discussion.

Other presentations during the conference will include: "Elements of Teaching Effectiveness in Higher Education," "Innovative Teaching at A&M," "How to Teach Problem Solving" and "The Humanistic Role of the Instructor in a 'High-Tech' Society." Closing out the conference at 1 p.m. Tuesday will be a roundtable evaluation forum, moderated by the director of the conference, Dr. Gary Conti. The conference is open to all faculty and students at no charge. Faculty members are encouraged to bring their classes.

# Blood drive starts Tuesday

by Gwyneth M. Vaughn

**Battalion Reporter**  
Aggies can donate about 15 minutes of their time and a pint of blood to the Wadley Blood Center during a blood drive next week. The blood drive is sponsored by Student Government, Alpha Phi Omega and Omega Phi Alpha. Tuesday and Wednesday a donation center will be set up in the Commons and a blood-truck will be stationed at Rudder Fountain.

Donating blood only takes about 15 minutes, Rosemary Aleya, Student Government secretary, said. The blood then is taken to the Wadley Blood Center in Dallas where it is available to all Texas A&M students, faculty, former students, staff and their families at no charge, Aleya said. To receive the blood, however, the user must be at a hospital served by Wadley. Bob Mahurin of Wadley said

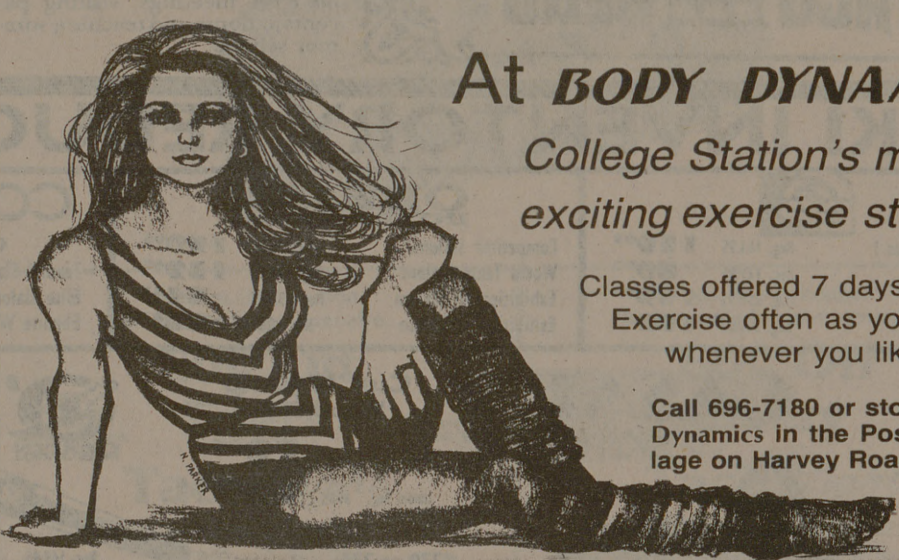
Texas A&M has the biggest blood drives in the United States. The University usually collects 400 to 450 units of blood during summer drives, he said. Aleya said usually there are 1,000 to 2,000 units of blood remaining at the end of each year, which are donated to various foundations. Texas A&M and Wadley have worked together on blood drives for the past 25 years.

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