

## Football prospects get chance to see A&M

by Kelly Miller

Battalion Staff  
Home football games at Texas A&M include all kinds of activities — from barbecues for parents to the Corps of Cadets march-in. There is one event, however, that many people may not be aware of. It's the game day recruiting program for visiting football prospects.

Dan LaGrasta, the on-campus recruiting coordinator for Texas A&M, heads the game day program which is geared toward high school seniors.

Twenty-three "student helpers" assist in the recruiting program, he said. The students include members of the Corps of Cadets, the Aggie Club and MSC Black Awareness.

"Both males and females are welcome," LaGrasta said. "It's a select group. It's a realistic

approach to present these visiting prospects with the heart of the Texas A&M student body."

As the prospects arrive at Cain Hall, four hours prior to the game, a welcoming committee, consisting of Coach Jackie Sherrill, his entire coaching staff and the helpers, greet the prospective players, he said.

"The high school seniors are then given a tour of the athletic facilities by Coach Jerry Pettibone," LaGrasta said. "The tour includes a visit to the weight room, Kyle Field, the press box and the dressing room."

Dr. Don Hunt, academic counselor, then speaks to the visitors about academics at Texas A&M, LaGrasta said. Also, at times, a group of professors and players address the prospects, he added.

To conclude the pre-game activities, LaGrasta said, the student helpers eat with the pros-

pects in Cain Hall. The prospects and their families then have the opportunity to ask questions about all aspects of Texas A&M, he said.

NCAA rules are strictly followed during the visit. The prospects pay for their own meals at Cain Hall as they do all other expenses since the visit to Texas A&M is "unofficial," he said.

The student helpers receive one complimentary meal ticket and one complimentary game ticket for their help, LaGrasta said.

The visitors are allowed on the field before the game, LaGrasta said, "to get a feel of the game day excitement," and are allowed in the dressing room after the game.

"Most guys who play for A&M have gone through this game day program," LaGrasta said.

## Medical school holding open house, art exhibit

by Michael Piwonka

Battalion Reporter  
Texas A&M's medical school will hold an open house Friday in its new \$19 million Medical Sciences Building.

The four-story building contains 49,000 square feet of research and teaching laboratories and houses all the medical school's academic departments and the dean's office.

The open house will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will be highlighted by a display of 12 European masterpiece paintings from the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Foundation of Houston.

The art exhibit, organized by University Arts Exhibits and the College of Medicine Dean's Office, will be on display through Sunday, Sept. 25. The

public is invited to view the collection, which will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week.

The medical school is housing the display because the college would like to increase the University's awareness of the arts, Mary Ann Dickson, assistant to the dean, says.

"The medical school would like to show its support for broad educational pursuits," she said.

The 170,000 square-foot structure has two main lecture halls, both equipped with microwave television capabilities. The communications system links the College Station and Temple campuses for simultaneous lectures and conferences.

Texas A&M medical students

receive two years of classroom instruction in College Station, then two years of clinical training in Temple at Teague Veterans Center and Scott & White Hospital.

All labs are equipped with microwave monitors. A microwave system was used in lecture when the college held classes in the Teague Research Center, but was not used in the labs.

The building, located across University Drive from the College of Veterinary Medicine, also contains two smaller classrooms. The remaining space is used for offices and research and teaching labs.

The new building will allow the medical school to increase the size of its classes from 32 to 48 students.

## New program to recognize honor graduates established

by Karen Buttram

Battalion Reporter  
A new program to recognize honor graduates — called University Honors — has been organized by the University Honors Program. Students who complete undergraduate work in this program can be considered exceptional.

At graduation, the students will receive a special certificate recognizing their achievement and will be listed in the commencement program.

The program was started to motivate and further recognize students for their accomplishments," chairman of the Honors Committee and program director, Dr. Lawrence D. Cress said. "The department can offer more honors courses as a result of this program."

To be considered a candidate for the program, a student must complete 12 hours of honors credit and maintain a 3.0 grade point ratio. Incoming freshman must have a minimum scholastic aptitude score of 1,100.

Students wanting to receive "University Honors" have three options. Students must earn 36 hours of Honors credit, take 30 hours of Honors credit plus 3 hours 485H research or earn 27 hours of honors credit plus 6 hours in the Undergraduate Fellows Program.

Additionally, honors students must maintain a 3.0 GPR in honors courses, earn 6 hours of honors credit in courses from the College of Liberal Arts, 6 hours of honors credit in courses from the College of Science and 12 hours of honors credit in the upper division level.

The third requirement can be achieved through various options. The options include: development of special topics honors courses, development of honors sections, permitting students to receive honors credit for non-honors section and periodic offering of upper division sections at the honors level.

"We want our students to be good in their major, but in other areas too," Cress said.

"The program is available now," he said. "It's unlikely anyone will receive this honor in May since the program is newly established."

Currently, 1,000 students are enrolled in honor courses each semester.

## Consumer advocate named citizens' council for PUC

United Press International  
AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White Thursday named consumer advocate Jim Boyle as the citizens' council within the Public Utility Commission and re-appointed PUC chairman Al Erwin to a six year term on the rate-making panel.

Boyle, 39, is former president of the Texas Consumer Association. During the last session of the Legislature he lobbied for several consumer-related issues, including a reform of the PUC.

Just weeks ago Boyle also announced he would run for the Texas Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin.

However, in making the announcement White said Boyle agreed to abandon his bid for the Senate in favor of the \$7,500-a-year post.

The office of public counsel at the PUC was created by the Legislature this year in hopes of giving citizens a greater role in arguing rate cases.

Boyle, a graduate of the University of Texas law school, was a co-founder of the Texas Coalition for Utility Regulation, a consumer group that lobbied successfully for the creation of

the PUC in 1975. White also announced that he would re-appoint Erwin to a full six-year term on the PUC. Last February, Erwin was named to

fill an unexpired term left by the sudden resignations of former PUC commissioners George Cowden and Tommie Gene Smith.

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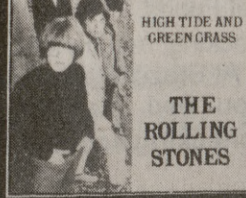
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