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Sideline reflection

Twelfth Man kickoff team members are reflected in a pool of water created on the sidelines by rain that fell during the A&M-Rice

game Saturday. Although their expressions seem to indicate otherwise, A&M had a comfortable lead in the fourth quarter.

UT pledges hazed; SAE frat suspended

By DAINAH BULLARD

Staff Writer

While four former Texas A&M students indicted on charges of hazing prepare for their Dec. 14 pre-trial hearings, members of a University of Texas fraternity are adjusting to a year-long suspension of the fraternity resulting from a similar hazing incident.

Attorney W.W. "Bill" Vance, who is representing juniors Anthony D'Alessandro, Louis Fancher III and Jason Miles, pleaded not guilty on all charges Friday before Brazos County Court-at-Law Judge Carolyn Ruffino.

The three juniors were indicted Sept. 28 on charges of hazing and criminally negligent homicide by a Brazos County Grand Jury.

Attorney Henry "Hank" Paine, who is representing senior Gabriel Cuadra, also pleaded not guilty for his client Friday.

Cuadra was indicted Sept. 28 on charges of hazing and tampering with evidence.

The charges against the students stem from the Aug. 30 death of Bruce Dean Goodrich, 20, a cadet who collapsed and later died after participating in a 2:30 a.m. exercise session.

According to police reports, D'Alessandro, Fancher and Miles, three junior cadets in Goodrich's outfit, conducted the exercise session for Goodrich and another sophomore cadet.

Cuadra withdrew from the Corps, and later the University, after Goodrich's death.

D'Alessandro, Fancher and Miles were dismissed from the University after the conclusion of a series of University disciplinary hearings into the incident.

Meanwhile, UT officials have suspended the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity for one year because of a hazing incident which resulted in the hospitalization of one person.

Punishment for individual fraternity members may be decided this week.

A UT spokesman said about 40 freshman pledges were required to participate in pushups, situps and other exercises for about 20 minutes. The exercises took place Sept. 20 and 21.

The Houston Post reported that Glenn Maloney, a representative in the dean of students' office, said the fraternities termed the hazing "competitive exercises."

One pledge, who has not been identified, admitted himself to a hospital two days later complaining of pains in his arms.

The university's spokesman said tests show the student may have suffered a breakdown in muscle tissue. The student was released from the hospital about 10 hours after he was admitted.

The Interfraternity Council voted to suspend the SAE fraternity, which will be barred from participating in intramural sports or using school facilities.

A&M will offer degrees in oral communication

By KARI FLUEGEL

Staff Writer

The Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System approved a new degree specialization at Texas A&M Friday — a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Speech Communication.

"The purpose of the degree is to provide a liberal arts education with a concentration on the theory and practice in oral communication," said Kurt Ritter, associate professor and coordinator of the speech communication program.

"As technology expands and knowledge becomes more specialized, business and industry requires people who can communicate effectively," he said.

Recent surveys indicate that effective communication is the quality most desired by employers offering positions to liberal arts graduates, Ritter said.

Liberal arts majors also have a broader long-term flexibility on the job, he said.

Ritter, the new degree's architect, has been working on the project for two years.

"It gives us a sense of accomplishment because it is going to allow the speech faculty to contribute to the liberal arts of the University," he said. "Until this, we have not been able to give the University everything we have to give. That's an exciting feeling."

The speech program now consists of 15 faculty members. Ritter says he expects between 50 and 75 students to utilize the new degree next semester, and about 200 students in three to four years.

Students can begin enrolling in the new speech program immediately, he said.

"A major in speech communication is different from journalism and

English," Ritter said. "It deals with speaking in a broad range of topics."

Besides the general course requirements for the College of Liberal Arts, the speech degree will include 15 hours of required speech courses and 15 hours of speech electives.

The required speech courses are Principles of Speech Communication, Rhetoric in Western Thought, Speech Communication Theory, Group Communication and Discussion and Public Speaking.

The 11 options for elective courses will include Language and Communication, American Oratory, Voice and Articulation, Technical and Professional Speaking, Organizational Communication, Persuasion and Interpersonal Communication.

Students also will have the option of obtaining certification to teach speech in secondary schools.

Park to be research industry home

Editor's note: This is the first of a five part series on the Texas A&M Research Park.

By ROBIN BLACK
Senior Staff Writer

An engagement party was thrown on Texas A&M's west campus a little over a week ago. The pending marriage is not to be one joining two individuals, but one between the University and Industry. And the engagement party was not really a party, but a groundbreaking ceremony for the marriage that will become the Texas A&M Research Park.

The park, just past its second year of planning, will allow a 318-acre chunk of the west campus to become home for research — and technology-oriented — industries.

The University will provide space in the park for private industries to build facilities on campus, and work in the park will likely create close links between park occupants and the faculty, staff and students of the University.

The first plans for the park were initiated in 1982 by H.R. "Bum" Bright, chairman of the A&M Board of Regents, as part of the University's ongoing effort to improve its

reputation as a big research institution.

The University spared nothing in its plans. Mark Money, the country's top research park expert, was recruited to help plan A&M's park.

Money, now A&M's vice chancellor for the research park and corporate relations, developed a similar park at the University of Utah.

Utah's park, about 12 years in the making, is one of the most successful parks in the country.

Money's task at A&M is similar to the one he faced 12 years ago.

Utah had appropriated 320 acres of land for its research park. The

land was at the foot of the Wasatch Mountains and previously had been a military firing range. Through Money's guidance, the firing range was turned into an attractive, well-landscaped research park.

The land that A&M has designated as its research park site is scarcely more than a scraggly pasture dotted with post oaks, and is as much a challenge to Money as the Utah site was.

But help is on the way. The groundbreaking ceremony marked the first phase of development of the park — the construction of streets, bridges, utilities and lighting.

The regents appropriated a \$5.5 million contract to a Houston construction company for the park's initial facilities.

The only other concrete plans for the park so far are for a new administration building and the first research facility, which will house the Advanced Ocean Drilling Program.

The program, which also will have its headquarters at the park, is a deep-sea core sampling project that will be managed by A&M for the Joint Oceanographic Institutions, Inc.

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Mark Money

Grenada opens international 'milestone' airport

United Press International

POINT SALINES, Grenada — The international airport President Reagan once charged was being built by Cuba as a military base opened Sunday with high government hopes that the U.S.-financed project would mean economic prosperity for Grenada.

"This is a momentous day," said Richard Cherman, tourism minister for the interim government, as he presented spice-filled baskets to the first passengers arriving at Point Salines International Airport.

The airport at Point Salines, on

the southern tip of the tiny Caribbean island, came three days after the first anniversary of the Oct. 25, 1983, U.S.-led invasion that ousted hard-line Marxists who had assassinated leftist Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and seized power.

At the time of the invasion, which left 19 Americans dead, Reagan charged that Cuban President Fidel Castro, a friend of Bishop's, was helping build the airport to use as a military base.

Bishop started the airport project in 1980, saying it was to boost tourism.

Gov. Gen. Sir Paul Scoon officially

opened the airport with a 20-minute speech in the bunting-decked one-third of the airport that has been completed.

Police estimated some 5,000 Grenadians attended the ceremony, which took place under a persistent drizzle.

Scoon said the airport represented a "new take-off" for the island's democratic institutions and economic development.

Leaving out any specific reference to the Cubans who began the airport in 1980, Scoon called the airport a "splendid example" of international cooperation.

Grenada has one other international airport, Pearls Airport, but it cannot handle jumbo jets.

Reagan sent Grenadian authorities a congratulatory message Sunday.

"The dedication of this airport to which the United States and other countries have been so proud to contribute marks the fulfillment of a Grenadian dream of many years," Reagan said.

The airport is a milestone for Grenada, whose leaders have dreamed for two decades of boosting tourism and exports of the island's major agricultural commodities — tropical

fruits and spices, chiefly nutmeg.

Cherman said the government hopes the airport, which has received \$19 million in U.S. funds since the invasion, will bring enough business to ease the troubled economy.

"Our goals with this airport are to get tourism back on stream, to get business we lost and to get hotel occupancy levels back up," a smiling Cherman said.

Some 200 people, including officials, passengers, and security personnel, were at the facility as the first commercial plane landed — a twin-engine Avro-748 owned by Leeward

Island Air Transport.

The first planes began landing before official afternoon ceremonies marking the opening, presided over by Governor-General Sir Paul Scoon.

The first big jet to land at the airport was British West Indies Airlines Flight 400, arriving 15 minutes later than its scheduled touchdown from Port of Spain, Trinidad, en route to Miami.

The first commercial passenger to disembark was Bob Francis, the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration's chief of international programs for Latin American and the Caribbean.