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## A&M releases findings of football probe

Report makes no mention of published allegations against Murray, A&M grad Dockery

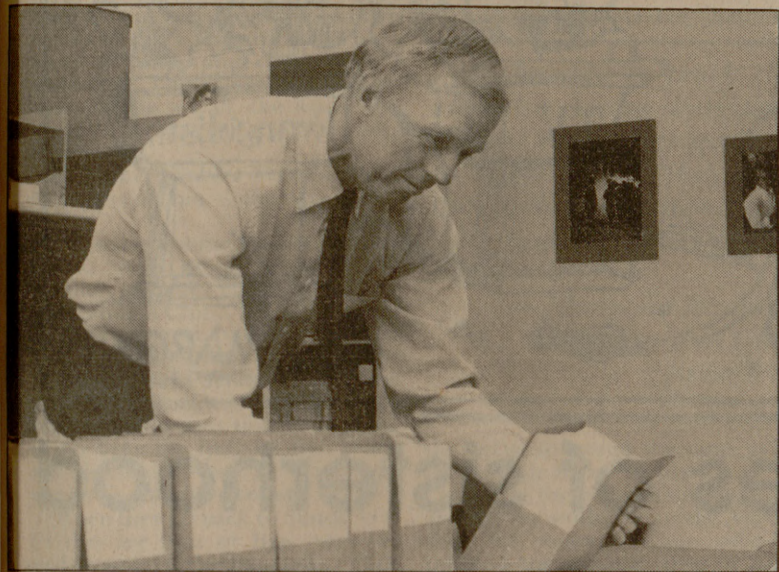


Photo by Tracy Staton

Lane Stephenson, director of Texas A&M's Office of public information, releases the investigation of the football program Thursday.

By Frank Smith  
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Texas A&M officials, complying with newspaper requests and an attorney general's directive, on Thursday released the results of the school's in-house investigation of its football program.

Sort of. Some 820 pages of the report were released to the public. Officials have estimated that the full report, which the school released to the NCAA last August, spans some 2,000 pages.

Absent from the report issued Thursday are any direct references to quarterback Kevin Murray or Dallas booster Rod Dockery.

The investigation was initiated in late 1985 after published reports alleged possible NCAA rules infractions.

Included among those allegations was a report that Dockery paid Murray \$3,550 in 1983-84 for cleaning printing presses — work which two of Dockery's former employees have

told NCAA officials Murray never performed.

Murray has announced he will not return to A&M for his final year of eligibility.

A&M President Frank Vandiver, in a brief written statement issued with the report, cited the attorney general's contention that portions of the report concerning specific students are subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, and thus can be withheld. Those segments mentioning students' names were deleted.

According to the report, the investigation yielded no evidence of a "pattern of conscious or willful violation" of NCAA or Southwest Conference rules and regulations by either alumni or present and former members of the A&M football staff.

"Nonetheless," the report said, "we have found several instances where NCAA rules and regulations were, or may have been, violated either intentionally, unwittingly or through a lack of knowledge."

At least six examples of such infractions were given.

It was unknown whether there were any other examples since more than a half page following the sixth item was left blank, meaning additional items may have been deleted.

The deletions left details sketchy, so much so that only two items could be reasonably understood. Those items reported that:

- Former assistant coach Jess Stiles loaned \$60 to (name deleted from report), and \$50 eventually was repaid.

- Some violations of the NCAA, SWC and University complimentary ticket policy were found. The violations primarily involved former scholarship players.

"Evidence . . . included selling the tickets through the newspaper, having a girlfriend sell them, having trainers sell them or meeting unidentified alumni in the dressing room," the report said.

The report contained statements from 15 people, including A&M

alumnus Tom Poynor, who was quoted in a Dec. 15, 1985, *Dallas Times Herald* article as saying he made annual contributions of about \$5,000 to a "football slush fund" at A&M. The article quoted comments Poynor made during a divorce deposition.

In the report, however, Poynor said he has never given any money to a football slush fund.

"I was thinking only of total money that I gave to Texas A&M and I said approximately \$5,000," he said.

When asked why he didn't correct the phrasing of the "slush fund" question at the time it was posed to him, Poynor said, "Yes, it was a very hostile divorce deposition and I honestly did not catch his use of the words."

In addition to the statements, the report contained a variety of documents, including some 486 pages of material that was already accessible

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## Hogan garners victory in presidential election

Cadet draws 65 percent of votes in runoff

By Christi Daugherty  
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Mason Hogan won Wednesday's runoff election for student body president, defeating his opponent, Miles Bradshaw, by a healthy percentage.

Hogan, a senior agricultural education/animal science major from Clyde, garnered 65 percent of the 1,936 votes cast, winning with 1,259 votes, while Bradshaw earned 35 percent or 677 votes.

2,019 votes were cast overall in the election, which is an increase of about 400 votes from last year's runoff.

Coming into the runoffs, Hogan had led the primary election with 27 percent of those votes to Bradshaw's 17 percent.

But Hogan, a member of the Corps of Cadets, admitted he'd had some reservations during the early part of this week. He said he was worried that the Corps would be complacent after his earlier success and not turn out to vote in the runoff election.

"I did (relax) for a while after the first election, but then I started thinking that if the Corps didn't vote I'd be beaten," Hogan said.

Hogan ran primarily on the platform of abolishing finals for graduating seniors, and said he plans to begin working on that as soon as he takes office in the next few weeks.



Mason Hogan

A 24-hour health center and a student member of the Board of Regents were also issues he campaigned on heavily, and he said he plans to pursue both before the current semester ends.

"We'll probably just get started on the Board of Regents idea, but I've already started talking to some people about the health center," he said.

Bradshaw, who was accused of overspending by six of the other presidential candidates, outlined what he said he'd learned was the only sure way to win an A&M election.

"I hope that anyone who plans on running for student body president has taken heed of how to win the political game," Bradshaw said.

"Rule 1: Accuse your opponent of anything."

"Rule 2: Be a member of a large group that sticks together, regardless."

"Rule 3: Smile until it hurts."

"Unfortunately, I only paid attention to Rule 3."

Hogan said he plans to talk to Mike Sims, the current student body president, within the next week. He will take office shortly thereafter.

In other races:

- Doug Beall was selected head yell leader.

- Class of '88 treasurer: Chris Yancy

- Class of '89 president: Denise Arledge

- Class of '90 president: Dan Gattis

- Class of '90 vice-president: Michael Campbell

- Krueger/Mosher senator: Jody Manier

- College of Agriculture graduate senator: Robert Berg

- College of Medicine graduate senator: Scott Brooks

- College of Architecture Graduate Council: J. Tim Potter, Kim Stine, Anne Hurley, Augustin Agroz and two candidates tied for the final position in the Graduate Council: Alfredo Tellez-Giron, Martin Wells.

Election Commissioner Derek Blakeley said the tie would be solved by the Graduate Council, and that there would not be another runoff.



Photo by Bill Hughes

## Nose To The Grindstone

Tom Wilhoit grinds mortar from between the bricks of the Physics Building as part of the building's renovation. The grinding is the first part of a process used to replace the old mortar.

## House approves \$1 trillion budget, proposes tax hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Thursday approved a \$1 trillion Democratic budget that would raise \$18 billion in new taxes, slash President Reagan's military buildup and block White House plans for sharp decreases in domestic programs.

The House endorsed the plan drafted by its Budget Committee, 230-192, with no Republicans voting for it.

"The resolution today adopts a very solid budget which many economists believe can make a difference between continued economic growth in the United States and economic stagnation," said Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas.

But most lawmakers conceded the blueprint would fail to meet the \$108 billion deficit target of the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law. Democrats argued it did more to cut red ink than any other option, including the president's.

Rep. Lynn Martin, R-Ill., said it made Democratic priorities clear to the voters. "All you care about is cutting defense and raising taxes," she told the majority party. "The American people

now know what they elected."

The House plan features a call for \$18 billion in unspecified new taxes plus \$1 billion from increased tax enforcement and another \$2 billion from fees and premiums for government services. Overall, it claims \$38 billion in taxes and spending cuts toward reducing the deficit, compared with \$36 billion in the White House plan.

Reagan has threatened to veto any tax rate increase, and Wright said he wasn't sure the Congress could override him. "If the president is determined to obstruct deficit reduction, he can do that," he said.

Reagan submitted a budget with less than one-third that much in new taxes, mostly with technical changes in the law. But he proposed raising a similar money total with heavy reliance on selling government assets.

The president's domestic spending cut plans, including the elimination of dozens of federal programs, were unacceptable to the lawmakers. In a symbolic vote, the House rejected Reagan's budget, 394-27.

## Counseling service overloaded; new clients won't be accepted

By Daniel A. La Bry  
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Texas A&M's Student Counseling Service is having a crisis.

Due to an overload of students seeking assistance, the service has been forced to stop accepting new clients for continuing personal counseling, a service administrator said.

Dr. Kerry Hope, associate director of counseling services, said the service hit the crisis stage last week after intake service appointments had its counselors booked for up to three weeks.

That left no room for continuing personal counseling.

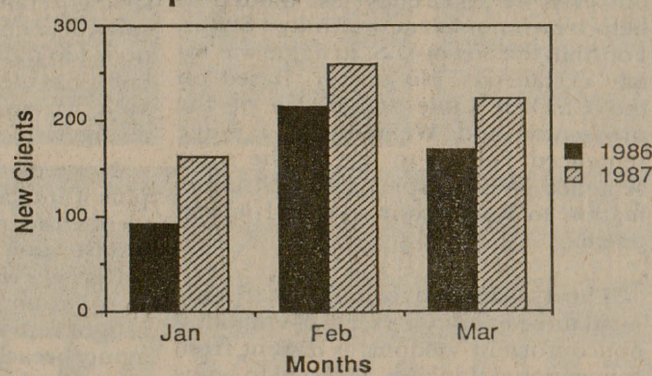
To make every hour available for student counseling, the service also has stopped all of its outreach programs, such as stress management workshops and assertiveness training.

The intake system allows counselors to meet with students as quickly as possible, spend a full hour with them and assess what they need, whether it be a one-time visit, group therapy, or a referral.

But Hope stressed that Student Counseling Service is not cutting its emergency services or academic and career services.

"The one thing that we are always providing is emergency crisis services during the daytime," she said. "That will never change."

### Comparison of New Clients



Emergency walk-in crisis intervention services are still being provided from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays for individuals in a crisis situation — immediate decisions of great importance, fear of harming oneself or somebody else or severe depression.

The service also will continue its academic and career services because of their importance to the academic community.

"This (the overload) is not an unusual occurrence," Hope said. "It commonly gets to this point, but it's usually right at the end of April or November (in the fall)."

"We are a full month ahead of schedule this time."

The staff usually is able to handle the overload for two weeks at the end of a semester, she said, but six is impossible.

Why the unusual overload? The service isn't sure, but Hope said there has been an overall increase in students as compared to the same time last year.

The staff has experienced a 35-percent increase in new clients, jumping from 171 last March to 224 this March. Total sessions at the counseling service increased from 801 last March to 1,015, a 25-percent increase.

"It's a scary situation," Hope said. "We don't have the chance to do a lot of preventive mental health kind of

things that we would like to do — getting out and doing stress management workshops and things like that. "That is part of what we had to cut out in order to see more clients."

At the end of March, counseling services had about 40 people on the waiting list, she said.

"We're not even putting people on the waiting list now," she said. "We don't feel it would be fair to a student to say, 'You're going to get in.' The likelihood is that they won't."

"We think we will be able to handle everybody who is currently on the waiting list."

The counseling service staff consists of 13 full-time counselors, four administrative counselors, five part-time, unpaid practicum counselors and two one-day-a-week psychiatrists.

Texas A&M, with an enrollment of 36,000, has 24 counseling staff members.

In comparison, Hope said Iowa State University, with an enrollment of 10,000, has about the same number of counseling staff members as A&M does.

The University of Texas has somewhere between 100 and 150 people on the counseling services staff with an enrollment of 48,000 students, she said.

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