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## Police arrest 2 after stakeout of parking lot

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As part of an effort to halt an outbreak of auto thefts, the University Police began a large-scale series of stakeouts Monday night in student parking lots. The effort paid off.

An A&M student and a Houston resident were arrested early Tuesday morning in Parking Annex 56 after detective Will Scott saw non-student Richard Allen Logan, 19, try to force open the window of a 1985 Pontiac Grand Am, said Bob Wiatt, director of the University Police Department.

Marcus Lutan Davis, 22, a senior engineering technology major, and Logan were charged with felony burglary of a motor vehicle, which carries a penalty of two to 10 years and/or a \$5,000 fine, Wiatt said.

Logan also was charged with aiding arrest, a Class B misdemeanor, which carries a penalty of up to six months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

Davis, who lives at 4441 Old College Rd. in College Station, was released Tuesday on \$200 bail.

As of Tuesday evening, Logan

was being held in Brazos County Jail and had not posted bail.

At about 12:50 a.m., a car that Davis was driving pulled up to the Grand Am, Wiatt said, and Logan stepped out and put on gloves. Logan attempted to pry open the front window but was unable to do so, Wiatt said.

As Logan pulled out the back window, it smashed on the ground and the noise apparently scared him into running back to the car, Wiatt said. However, before Davis could leave the lot other patrol cars arrived and blocked the car's path.

As Davis surrendered to the police, Logan jumped out of the car and ran toward the northeast corner of the lot, Wiatt said. He eventually was caught near the tennis court parking lot.

Wiatt said he doesn't think the pair was involved in the car-theft ring that apparently stole at least three of four vehicles that were taken from Parking Annex 24 behind the Commons earlier this month. But he said the investigation is continuing.

The stakeouts will continue until the end of the semester in most student parking lots, Wiatt said.



Photo by Robert W. Rizzo

## Sink Or Swim

Kate Thompson, a senior chemistry major, dives in Wofford Cain Pool in an attempt to help clear up a mechanical problem that closed

the pool Monday. Pool officials were optimistic the problem would be resolved by today. Thompson has been scuba diving for two years.

## Harris County gives second indictment to ex-A&M student

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Harris County officials, unsatisfied with the 20-year prison sentence handed out to former Texas A&M football player David Charles Langseth for a kidnapping conviction, indicted him Tuesday on burglary charges.

Harris County Prosecutor Chuck Rosenthal said the purpose of the second indictment is to secure a life term for the 1968 A&M finance graduate.

On June 25, Langseth kidnapped the one-year-old daughter of another A&M graduate, Gary T. Leseman, Class of '73, whose name Langseth found in A&M's Directory of former Students. Langseth received his 20-year sentence Monday in a Harris County district court.

The 41-year-old Langseth, who worked in a variety of jobs since his graduation from A&M, testified that he was in financial trouble and resorted to kidnapping as a way out of his difficulties, Rosenthal said.

As Leseman left his home at 8:30 the morning of the June 25 kidnap-

ping, Langseth met him in the backyard with a gun, Rosenthal said. When Leseman sought refuge in his house, Langseth bodily broke through the sliding-glass door, tied up Leseman and his wife in a bathroom and made off with their youngest daughter, demanding \$30,000 for her release, he said.

Throughout the morning, Langseth led the kidnapped girl's father to a series of telephone booths around Houston until the two met in the parking lot of a shopping mall and exchanged two bags containing \$30,000, he said.

The FBI and Houston police had Langseth under surveillance long before he made physical contact with Leseman in the parking lot, Rosenthal said, but he wouldn't elaborate on how they learned Langseth's whereabouts. Police found the kidnapped girl in a service station restroom shortly after the exchange of cash, Rosenthal said.

To ensure Langseth had no accomplices, police followed him back to his home before arresting him, Rosenthal said.

## Government files to be subpoenaed

Tour of 'lax' embassy in Moscow spurs subcommittee vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Accusing the State Department of withholding information, a House subcommittee voted Tuesday to subpoena department files on security at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

"I am shocked and chagrined that the State Department would act in this way when they had indicated that they would cooperate," said subcommittee chairman Rep. Dan Mica, D-Fla. who toured the embassy earlier this month and reported lax security.

"We understand they set up a special task force to try to withhold this information," said Mica, chairman of the Foreign Affairs subcommittee on overseas operations.

The panel voted 6-0, with three absent, to issue the subpoena for files dealing with security procedures at the present U.S. Embassy in Moscow, the building still under construction to replace it, and possibly other American missions in the Soviet bloc.

At the State Department, spokes-

man Charles Redman said a computer search produced thousands of documents about embassy security and a task force was assigned to determine which were relevant to the committee's request.

Materials were provided to the subcommittee Friday, Monday and Tuesday mornings, Redman said, but he acknowledged that some highly classified cables have not been provided. He said the State Depart-

ment is trying to work out an agreement with the subcommittee concerning these documents.

In response to Mica, Redman said, "I just have no idea on what basis he could make such a statement."

## Students sponsor event to evoke sympathy for higher education

AUSTIN (AP) — While students have been doling out more and more money for higher education, governments have been cutting financial aid programs, making obtaining a college degree unaffordable for many, student groups say.

Three statewide student organizations sponsored a Higher Education Awareness Day Tuesday to urge legislators to find another place to trim state spending.

"Students have borne the prob-

lems of the state three times," said James Aldrete, co-director of the University of Texas at Austin Texas Student Lobby.

Aldrete said students already have had to dig deeper into their pockets to pay for higher tuition costs, while higher education funding was cut and sales taxes were increased.

At the same time, federal and state government reduced financial-aid funding, he said.

Texas has one of the "worst sys-

tems of higher education in the country" in terms of efficiency, said Rep. Eddie Cavazos, D-Corpus Christi. "South Texas has never had a governor, therefore South Texas is very deprived" of quality higher education institutions.

"What it will take to correct it is unfortunately not what Gov. Clements is trying to do," Cavazos added. "The appropriations bill . . . is \$640 million more than Clements wanted for higher education."

## Board nominates senior as Video Aggeland editor

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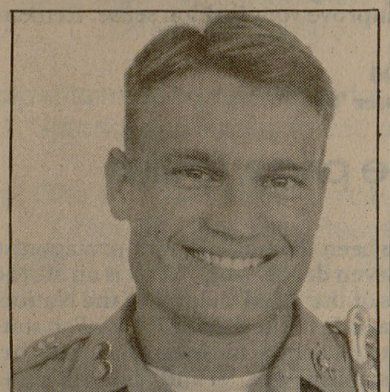
The Texas A&M Student Publications Board has selected and nominated a student to be editor of the troubled Video Aggeland.

Gregory W. Keith, 21, a senior theater arts major from Beaumont, was unanimously chosen by the board, and that recommendation will be passed on to Dr. Donald McDonald, provost and vice president of academic affairs, who will make the final appointment.

The 1986-87 video yearbook was canceled during the fall semester after the majority of its staff members resigned in the wake of charges that the equipment they were given by KAMU to use was consistently faulty, damaged and inappropriate for the work they were trying to do.

Keith, who currently works at Bryan television station KBTX as a cameraman for the morning news show, said he thinks all the trouble has calmed now. He said he pursued the editorial position because he thinks a successful 90-minute video would be excellent experience as he intends to study film in graduate school and A&M has few facilities for the study of filmmaking.

"The first thing I'll do is make



Gregory W. Keith

sure everything is cleared up with this before we start," Keith said.

Since he is a member of the Corps of Cadets, he said he considers the Corps an integral part of the University, and he plans to make them a central part of the yearbook. At the same time, he wants the video to be an extension of A&M, so he'll try to include a bit of everything, from football games to fraternity functions, he said.

"It's called the Video Aggeland, but I think it's more the sights and sounds of Texas A&M," Keith said. "And that's how I plan to handle it."

## Gay students at A&M learn to adjust

# Homosexuals fight inner conflicts

By Doug Driskell  
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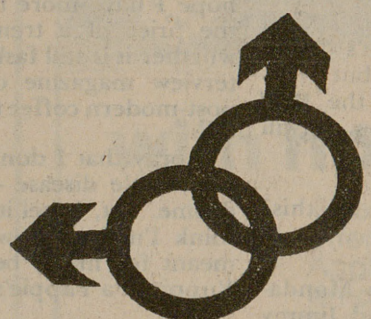
Two people walking across campus catch one another's eye. They each get a special feeling. Each is compelled to go and talk to the other, but they cannot. The reason is not because one is shy; not because one is black and the other is white; it is because each is homosexual and attending Texas A&M.

"I feel suppressed when I walk on campus," says Kyle, a construction science major from Austin. "If I go out with someone I must be careful where I go. We can't go walking in the Floral Test Gardens, or anywhere on campus for that fact. I really don't want to get my teeth knocked in. I have a real concern for other people and I don't want to offend somebody if they cannot handle our public affection."

Kyle had fought the thought of homosexuality since he was 12 years old, he says. In October, 1985, he came out of the closet.

"I had a roommate who was gay, and he more or less pressured me out by telling friends that his roommate was a closet case," he says. "One day it hit me like a brick wall, and I could not go along pretending that I was not gay."

Pretending is a game that is played by homosexuals at A&M. It is not played as much after coming



Homosexuality at A&M  
Part one of a two-part series

out, but is inherent in their thinking while in the closet.

"I used to act out a different part before I came out of the closet," Dave Martin, vice president of the Gay Student Services, says. "I was careful to control everything that I did, everything I said and how I said it. I had to even control the gestures I made with my hands."

"I would dress in dull grays and browns in order to avoid being noticed. Many people who are gay go through this struggle, and they are in conflict with themselves. They are trying to hide what they are because everyone is telling them that they should not be gay."

Rex says, "Walking to class is hard. I don't want to look at them wrong. People who are sure of themselves look at you in a different way. C.T.'s are very enjoyable. Many of them know who they are and are not offended when I look at them. But there are many other students who get uncomfortable. I tend to think they may have tendencies toward my type."

Rex is a sophomore studying psychology. The monitoring he does is not because he fears the students at A&M, but like a guy checking out a girl, he does not want to be too aggressive in his actions, he says.

"Occasionally I feel suppressed, but it is more like shyness," he says. "People get pissed off when I check them out too much, and I do not need people pissed at me. I know that they like it deep down inside at first, but they eventually get irate."

Scott, who is president of the GSS, says, "I would gladly choose heterosexuality in a minute, but I can't because it is in my nature, and I am making the best of my life as it is. Being here at A&M is a little better than being at home. There, I would have to hide all my feelings in fear that my relatives would find out."

How many people can be assumed to be homosexual at A&M?

In a study taken out of Alfred Freedman's comprehensive text-

book "Psychiatry II" based on interviews with more than 5,000 white American men, 10 percent of white men are more or less exclusively homosexual.

The survey also reported about 13 percent of the sample revealed "a potentiality for homosexual behavior, in that they reacted erotically to other males despite the fact that they had had no overt homosexual contacts after the onset of adolescence."

If this figure were applied at A&M, about 2,160 men would be homosexual.

If every homosexual were visible and displayed his affection toward another, how would students feel?

"I would be really grossed out," says Kim Pautson, a sophomore in environmental design. "I mean I have a lot of friends who are homosexuals, but I just don't like to watch them show affection toward each other in public. It offends me."

Matt Garnett, a former student at A&M, says, "If I saw two men holding hands on campus I would take it in stride. Homosexuality has been with man since the beginning of documented history."

Senior mechanical engineer major Ed Dumas comments, "It would not bother me. I would be worried for them because they may be shot. Ac-

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