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## **Students pay fees** to help cover costs of labs, classroom

#### **By Susan Stubing** Staff Writer

When fee slips come out each se mester, many students pay the bill without considering what they are being charged for. Although fee options, laboratory fees and other class charges vary, seven fees are required of every student, Fiscal Department Controller Thomas Taylor said.

Every student must pay tuition and fees for general use, computer access fee, student services, student

College student shoots burglar during break-in

DUNCANVILLE (AP) - An 18year-old man who apparently was at-tempting to burglarize a college student's home was shot to death by the student, who had been the victim of a burglary a year ago, police said. Officers said John Andrew Baird,

a dental student at the Baylor Uni-versity Medical School in Dallas, was staying home from classes due to illness Monday when he heard some-one kicking in a side door at his home.

Baird, 25, told officers he went cards. upstairs, got a .357-caliber Magnum and fired three shots through a window toward the door

Officers found the body of a man later identified as John Gomez, 18, of Dallas — wearing heavy latex gloves lying on his back outside Baird's fenced yard.

He had been shot once in the middle of his chest and suffered more than one graze wound to the left part of his chest, Investigator S.D. Crawford said.

The shooting, which was being in-vestigated Tuesday by the Dallas County medical examiner's office, will be referred to a Dallas County grand jury, Crawford said.

### Man sentenced to life based on DNA test

FORT WORTH (AP) — Defense wyers say they will appeal the use f DNA evidence — known as the with the said to a peace officer. Witnesses said Kelly, who aplawyers say they will appeal the use of DNA evidence — known as the 'genetic fingerprint" — against a man given a life prison term in the murder of a 63-year-old woman. Barry Dean Kelly's trial was the first in Tarrant County in which

DNA testing was used as evidence. The evidence has yet to be tested by an appellate court. Jurors deliberated less than 30

minutes Monday before deciding on punishment for Kelly.

center complex, health center fee and indentification cards.

The general use fee, charged at a rate of \$6 per semester credit hour, is used to pay bond debts.

"The general use fee covers the debt service or buildings that are built," Taylor said.

The University sells bonds to fi-nance the construction of new build-

dent complex fee is used to main-tain, equip and improve the Memo-rial Student Center, Taylor said. Plans have been made to expand the MSC, and most of the money col-lected will be used for this addition, he said.

Money collected from the student services fee, charged at \$5.70 per se-mester credit hour, helps provide various services to the student body. The Student Senate decides how the money will be allotted, he said.

Among the services the fee pro-vides for are Student Legal Advising, Student Counseling Service, Intramurals and the inter-campus shuttle system.

Health center fees are collected to help operate and equip the A.P. Beutel Health Center and provide medical care to students, Taylor said. The \$15 fee does not include prescriptions or surgical procedures. A fee of \$5 is collected to cover the cost of the student identification

A computer fee was charged for the first time in Fall 1987. The fee of \$3 per credit hour allows students computer access and also is used to buy new equipment, software and hardware.

"The idea was introduced because of the need to better equip and edu-cate the students of A&M with com-puter knowledge," Taylor said. Even after the fees and other ex-penses, Taylor said, students are paying for only a small part of the education they receive.

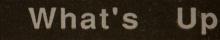
"A college education is a very ex-pensive proposition," Taylor said, "but at a state university the student still gets a very good deal."

peared sullen and angry as the jury returned the decision, appeared to mouth a threat at Assistant District Attorney Bob Gill as he was led from the courtroom.

Onlookers said Kelly appeared to say, "I'm going to get you" or "I'll be seeing you.

Gill said he might consider felony charges of retaliation against Kelly

in connection with the incident.



#### Wednesday

ALL-MAJORS PHILOSOPHY CLUB: will present "God's Question: Are tre: really humans?" at 7 p.m. in 131 Blocker. GREEN EARTH SOCIETY: will show Dr. Seuss' "The Lorax" and a film max

AGGIE PARTNERS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 200 He

dentels. AGGIE DEMOCRATS: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder. STUDENT GOVERNMENT: will sponsor a "Hurricane Bowl" dance for allow dents at 9 p.m. at the Hall of Fame. SNOW SKI CLUB: will have a mandatory meeting for members going on the trip at 7:30 p.m. at Zachry and then will go to the Flying Tomato. CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have rosary recitings at 9 p.m.ats

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION/NEWMAN: will have a mid-week stat

CATHOLICS ON THE QUAD: will discuss how to prepare for Christmas spin.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will have an Aggie supper at 6 p.m. at AM

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: will have a financial aid meeting at 2 p.m. in 511

MSC VISUAL ARTS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 145 MSC

SWAP: will take its Aggieland picture at 8:45 p.m. in the Zachry lobby MSC HOSPITALITY: will have "Santa Shop" for students to buy Ch sents from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. through Thursday in Rudder Exhibit Hall.

#### Thursday

LATIN AMERICAN CATHOLIC STUDENTS: will have its weekly get-togette at 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center. SWAP: will have a speaker on the Green Party at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 5:30 pm 410 Rudder.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDow no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only put the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's the a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run the have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Mobile unit to serve county in emergencies

#### **By Sharon Maberry** Staff Writer

With the recent completion of the Emergency Mobile Command Post, Brazos County has an operating communications center to serve the public during emergencies and di-

The unit was dedicated Nov. 22. Jake Conglose, Brazos County In-terjurisdictional Emergency Man-agement Civil Defense chairman, said, "Anytime you have an emergency or disaster, you need a focal point or a field control point near the scene.

"You'll have people coming in who need a point of assembly and coordination. That's the main purpose of the command post. Otherwise someone's trying to organize everything from his car." Conglose said the mobile unit will

be used extensively.

"I think it's one of the best assets we have in emergencies," he said. "It will be used for anything involving safety and protections of lives and property with a need for a command post at the scene. The fire and police people are already singing praises about how well it can be used."

The Emergency Mobile Command Post, a project sponsored by Brazos County, Bryan, College Sta-

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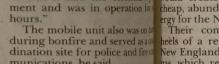
months at a time. The emergency vehicle, abus nated by the University Pola It is "proofonomy cont and and a su partment, is equipped with neces communications and operations and operation of the phones, emergency power, fixed kits, fire extinguishers, map a omic develo working," Jay secretary to t traveling in Eu weather radios, he said.

We put in everything weth we'd need," Conglose said. "A goes on, we'll be adding thing lev example, we already have an wind direction and wind speed can

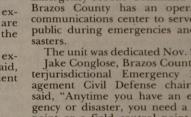
The mobile unit was used for first time about three week when a chemical truck overt on Highway 21, he said.

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La comunidad Latina de St. Mary's estará celebrando la Ilegada del Señor el <u>Súbado 3 de Diciembre</u> a las 7:00 PM. Habrá una misa de Navidad en la cual se tendrá una Pastorela o representación del Evangelio por parte de los niños de la Comunidad. Al final de la misa, se llevará a cabo una Posada, con villancicos, piňatas, etc.

TODOS ESTAN BIENVENIDOS. TE ESPERAMOS !!!!!!!

Comunidad Latina de St. Mary's Catholic Student Association

They had deliberated more than nine hours last week before convicting Kelly in the death of Melva "Mickey" Teems.

The jury heard more than 14 hours of complex expert testimony about a test that linked Kelly to a semen stain found on the slain woman's bedspread.

The investigation into Teems' 1987 death was believed to be the first nationwide that resulted in an arrest based on the sophisticated testing procedure.

Jurors said their decision was strongly influenced by the scientific testimony

Juror Robert Martinez said, "We had a lot of questions, but the DNA evidence was important in linking it up.

The life prison term was assessed under the state's habitual criminal statute, which stipulates a minimum 25-year sentence for a third felony conviction.

Kelly had been convicted five times on felony burglary charges

ANGLETON (AP) - A complaint before Brazoria County officials to ban a Siberian tiger that broke through a fence became moot when the animal's owner had the 800-pound cat put to sleep.

Some area residents complained to Brazoria County officials about the tiger after it broke through a chain link fence and killed a chicken during its brief freedom. County commissioners were going to con-sider the complaint Monday, but the tiger's owners, John and Cindy Bush, said they had "Tony" put to sleep.

Cindy Bush said the family de-cided to put Tony to death because there didn't seem to be any other alternative.

"There was no place to put him," she said. "He was declawed, and zoos don't take animals that have been declawed.

John Bush said, "He would have had to spend the rest of his life in a cage." Tony couldn't live like that. I couldn't give him away. I loved him too much. He brought joy to thousands of children."

The Bush family had owned the 2-year-old tiger, one of the largest of its kind in the country, since it was 3 months old. They said they had invested more than \$20,000 in the animal, which was tame and wouldn't

intentionally hurt anything. Dr. L.W. Venhaus, an Angleton intentionally hurt anything. Dr. L.W. Venhaus, an Angleton veterinarian, said he tried to talk the she said. "It's terrible. We

sleep, but they felt they didn't any other choice. "That animal would not have

anyone," he said. "Their feeling after talking with officials that had no choice. They chose the of two evils. John (Bush) cried! eyes out."

The family received telephone calls threatening to poison or the the tiger, which would have be horrible death, she said.

Cindy Michalk, one of the dents who complained about the mal, said she was shocked when

Bushes out of putting the tiger to want this to happen.

# Mattox withdraws adoption opinion giving parents privilege to see files

DALLAS (AP) - Attorney General Jim Mattox has withdrawn an opinion giving six parents the right to examine their adopted children's state files — access denied by a federal judge.

Mattox attributed his action Monday on the week-old opinion to an interoffice communication mixup.

The parents, who sued for the records last May in federal court in Dallas, got word last week that Mattox's office would let them see state files.

The files detail the physical, sexual and emo-tional abuse suffered by the children while living with their biological parents. The children later exhibited violent behavior and emotional problems; the parents say therapists need the detailed records to properly treat their disturbed children.

Mattox's office said in the Nov. 21 opinion that the parents were entitled to state files under the state Open Records Act.

That opinion was withdrawn Monday after the she said. Her adopted son is living in a treat state Department of Human Services pointed out that one of the parents who made the request, Diane Richards of San Marcos, is a plaintiff in the suit. Litigation can provide an exemption under the act

Ron Dusek, a Mattox spokesman, said the mis-take occurred because attorneys handling the lawsuit and those reviewing the request had not compared notes.

"There was just miscommunication," Dusek told the *Dallas Times Herald*. Dusek said the office's Open Government Sec-

tion of the Opinion Committee will issue a new opinion after reviewing the records request in light of the court case

Richards blamed the development on state bureaucracy.

"It's just a bunch of bureaucrats trying to buy some time, because they know they're wrong,"

center after sexually abusing siblings, set fires and threatening to kill the family

The parents' attorney said he still plant file a copy of the Nov. 21 opinion with the D court

'This really doesn't change anything," sai torney Neil Cogan, an assistant dear Southern Methodist University Law School Cogan viewed the earlier opinion as ab

the parents' case, which suffered a major Nov. 9 when Judge Barefoot Sanders n parents had no constitutional right to the re or to financial help they had requested for state. The medical treatment, parents sa cost as much as \$25,000 a month.

Cogan, who has asked Sanders to recon his ruling, said a parent's role as a pla should not change the decision that the re-are open to all other adoptive parents.

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