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COMUNIDAD LATINA DE ST. MARY'S  
Catholic Student Association

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

By Susan Stubing  
Staff Writer

When fee slips come out each semester, 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

center complex, health center fee and identification 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 finance the construction of new buildings.

The \$20 collected from the student complex fee is used to maintain, equip and improve the Memorial Student Center, Taylor said. Plans have been made to expand the MSC, and most of the money collected will be used for this addition, he said.

Money collected from the student services fee, charged at \$5.70 per semester 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 provides 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 cards.

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 educate the students of A&M with computer knowledge," Taylor said.

Even after the fees and other expenses, Taylor said, students are paying for only a small part of the education they receive.

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

# College student shoots burglar during break-in

DUNCANVILLE (AP) — An 18-year-old man who apparently was attempting 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 University Medical School in Dallas, was staying home from classes due to illness Monday when he heard someone kicking in a side door at his home.

Baird, 25, told officers he went 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 investigated 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 lawyers 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.

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

and on a charge of aggravated assault to a peace officer.

Witnesses said Kelly, who appeared 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.

# Threat of ban causes owner to have pet tiger put to sleep

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 consider the complaint Monday, but the tiger's owners, John and Cindy Bush, said they had "Tony" put to sleep.

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

# What's Up

Wednesday

**ALL-MAJORS PHILOSOPHY CLUB:** will present "God's Question: Are they really humans?" at 7 p.m. in 131 Blocker.

**GREEN EARTH SOCIETY:** will show Dr. Seuss' "The Lorax" and a film on acid rain at 8:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

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

**AGGIE DEMOCRATS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT:** will sponsor a "Hurricane Bowl" dance for all students 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 recitations at 9 p.m. at St. Mary's Church.

**CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION/NEWMAN:** will have a mid-week study break at 7:30 p.m. at the student center.

**CATHOLICS ON THE QUAD:** will discuss how to prepare for Christmas spiritually at 9 p.m. in Lounge B on the quad.

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES:** will have an Aggie supper at 6 p.m. at All Presbyterian Church.

**STUDY ABROAD OFFICE:** will have a financial aid meeting at 2 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

**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 Christmas presents from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. through Thursday in Rudder Exhibit Hall.

Thursday

**LATIN AMERICAN CATHOLIC STUDENTS:** will have its weekly get-together 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 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is 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. If you 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 disasters.

The unit was dedicated Nov. 22. Jake Conglose, Brazos County Interjurisdictional Emergency Management 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-

tion and Texas A&M, costs between \$7,000 and \$8,000, Conglose said.

The vehicle will be on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, will be housed in each city for two months at a time.

The emergency vehicle, a bus operated by the University Police Department, is equipped with necessary communications and operating equipment including mobile telephones, emergency power, fire kits, fire extinguishers, maps and weather radios, he said.

"We put in everything we thought we'd need," Conglose said. "As things go on, we'll be adding things. For example, we already have a need for wind direction and wind speed devices."

The mobile unit was used for the first time about three weeks ago when a chemical truck overturned on Highway 21, he said.

The unit was on the scene to organize clean-up efforts and to facilitate communication.

"It wasn't even completed at that time," Conglose said.

"But it had the essential equipment and was in operation for hours."

The mobile unit also was on duty during bonfire and served as a coordination site for police and fire communications, he said.

sleep, but they felt they didn't have any other choice.

"That animal would not have hurt anyone," he said. "Their feelings after talking with officials that had no choice. They chose the life of two evils. John (Bush) cried eyes out."

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

Cindy Michalk, one of the students who complained about the animal, said she was shocked when she learned of the tiger's death.

"We tried to call the vet to stop her said. "It's terrible. We didn't 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 emotional 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 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 mistake 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 Section 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,"

she said. Her adopted son is living in a treatment center after sexually abusing siblings, setting fires and threatening to kill the family.

The parents' attorney said he still planned to file a copy of the Nov. 21 opinion with the District court.

"This really doesn't change anything," said attorney Neil Cogan, an assistant dean with Southern Methodist University Law School.

Cogan viewed the earlier opinion as a boost to the parents' case, which suffered a major setback Nov. 9 when Judge Barefoot Sanders ruled that parents had no constitutional right to the records or to financial help they had requested from the state. The medical treatment, parents say, cost as much as \$25,000 a month.

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