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## Dorm phones renovated

Call waiting, 3-way conference among new services added free

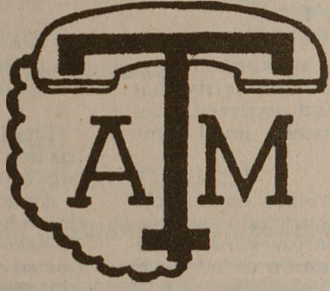
By Mia B. Moody  
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When Texas A&M students let their fingers do the walking now to call an on-campus number, the first three steps will be 847 instead of 260.

Byron See, a GTE account manager, said the prefix change made it possible for features such as call waiting and last number recall to be added free of charge to dormitory residents.

"We changed the 260 prefix in order to have our own pure prefix," See said. "In the past, other numbers from the community were mixed in. Now only students and a few administrators will have this prefix."

See said that the new services were



easy to install while the prefix change was taking place.

"We decided that since we could conveniently add these features while we were making the change that we might as well go ahead and do it," he said.

"We added call waiting, last num-

ber recall, call forwarding, speed calling and three-way conference within the residential halls."

Bob Sathers, University telecommunication manager said students will not pay for these services.

"The added features are covered by a nine dollar fee which residents have to pay for the 847 prefix change," he said.

Sathers said the 260 prefix has been in existence in A&M residential halls since 1981.

Dan Mizer, housing operation supervisor, said, "Students are informed of the added services by flyers and residential advisers at check-in."

In the fall, the features will be explained in the housing guide."

Students have mixed opinions about the changes. Some believe they will never use them, others like

the new options and others don't even know they exist.

Lisa Tsai, a junior marketing major from Houston thinks the changes were unnecessary.

"I haven't used them yet," she said. "In fact, I didn't even know they existed until I heard clicking sounds and I figured out what the sound was."

Another student, Connie Moore, a junior English major from Del Rio, expects the new features to be useful.

"I haven't had to use them yet, but I'm sure I will during the fall semester," she said.

"The automatic last number redial will come in handy, especially when I have to register," Moore said.

Graphic by Kathy Haveman

## Local nightclub restyled; spins country, pop music

By Holly Beeson  
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A College Station nightclub is getting a major face lift and, instead of playing progressive music, both country-western and rock and dance music will be played.

Gary Seaback, the owner of Cody's, formerly The Edge, said he doesn't think progressive music is the "in thing" anymore.

"People were doing this weird dance and, to be honest with you, it was funny looking," he said.

Cody's will have a jukebox at certain times, and a disc jockey will play half country and half rock and dance music.

"It just seems like progressive

music is going out," Seaback said. "It may still be around, but it won't be everybody's music like it was a year ago."

Cody's new look includes an enlarged dance floor, Mexican tile over the bars and mirrors and cedar to give the club a log cabin look.

Seaback said he wants to attract students that are going to Bryan bars.

"They don't need to be driving that far, especially if they've been drinking," he said.

Cody's grand opening tonight will feature a free barbecue from Pop's and free drinks from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is free.

Seaback also is the owner of Mercury Bar nightclub.

## Magazine appeals court verdict regarding slain Bryan woman

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

A lawyer representing relatives of a Bryan woman murdered in 1985 said Wednesday that a cryptic ad in Soldier of Fortune magazine was obviously an offer to kill for money. The statement was made in an appeal of a \$9.5 million judgment against the magazine.

But attorneys for the magazine told a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit

Court of Appeals that Soldier of Fortune had no way of knowing that a man's published offer to take on "high risk assignments" would lead to the Feb. 21 killing of Sandra Black in her Bryan home. Her husband and a gunman are in prison.

The 5th Circuit judges gave no indication when they would rule on the magazine's appeal of a jury's \$9.5 million award to Black's son, Gary Wayne Black, 19, and mother, Marjorie Eimann, 65.

John Roberson, representing the plaintiffs, said testimony in the trial on their lawsuit made it clear that Soldier of Fortune personal service ads had double meanings.

"A 'high risk assignment' meant 'gun for hire' in the lingo of the magazine," argued Roberson, who cited testimony of an ad manager for Soldier of Fortune.

E. Barrett Prettyman Jr., lawyer for the magazine, said high risk assignment could

mean gun for hire as a legal bodyguard or for law enforcement.

And he rejected Roberson's argument that the context of Soldier of Fortune — aimed at mercenaries, survivalists and gun collectors — should have led publishers to believe the ad would be used to solicit murder.

Black's husband, Robert, was convicted of hiring hit man John Wayne Hearn to shoot her after Hearn placed an ad in Sol-

dier of Fortune in late 1984. The price for the murder was \$10,000.

Black is now on Texas' death row and Hearn is in a Florida prison serving three life sentences for the Black killing and two other murders in that state.

The ad Hearn took out in the Boulder, Colo.-based magazine of the Omega Group Ltd. offered the services of an ex-Marine and Vietnam veteran with knowledge of weapons for "high risk assignments in the U.S. and overseas."

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