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FORECAST for FRIDAY:
Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thundershowers in the afternoon.
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William McKenzie terminal gives Easterwood more space

By Alan Sembera

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Travelers who arrive at Texas A&M's Easterwood Airport will get a completely different reception this November.

Instead of the little red-brick building that now serves as Easterwood's terminal, air passengers will arrive at a sparkling new two-level modern structure.

The William A. McKenzie Terminal, with more than five times as much space as the old one, will be able to accommodate up to four airlines and will have space for a restaurant.

Gen. Wesley E. Peel, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said A&M is building the new terminal to improve transportation in the area.

"One of the biggest problems in the Bryan-College Station area is the poor transportation network, highways as well as air travel," Peel said.

Air transportation capability will help attract large firms to the area, he added, and this will help the area's economy and research efforts at A&M.

The Texas A&M System will be in charge of running the terminal, and is responsible for funding most of its \$14 million cost.

The Federal Aviation Association paid \$2.5 million of the cost, and local governments paid more than \$750,000.

The construction project includes extending a runway and



Construction continues on the William A. McKenzie Terminal at Easterwood Airport. The

two-level structure will be able to accommodate up to four airlines and a restaurant.

Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

building a parking apron for aircraft, an access road and a 225-space parking lot.

The airport will be able to handle any commercial aircraft, Peel said, and the new terminal can accommodate jetways if the need

arises in the future.

Peel said the area around the airport will be landscaped and 1,800 trees will be planted.

The old terminal will be renovated for exclusive use by private aircraft. Three airlines now oper-

ate out of the old terminal.

The new terminal will have more than enough capacity to handle the area's current needs, Peel said, and the building can be expanded to accommodate more than four airlines if necessary.

A&M system official will head black college program in Washington

By Fiona Soltes

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Robert K. Goodwin, assistant deputy chancellor for external affairs for the Texas A&M University System, will join the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C., July 31 in a top position.

Goodwin has been named director of the White House Initiative for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

"I'm enthused," Goodwin said. "There's a high level of commitment to ensuring the viability of the colleges and universities by President Bush and Secretary of Education Lauro Cavazos. I'm very excited about the prospects of working on their team."

As part of the team, Goodwin will be responsible for monitoring and finding ways to increase funding for research and development, facilities and equipment, student assistance, training, fellowships and program evaluation at the nation's 104 historically black institutions.

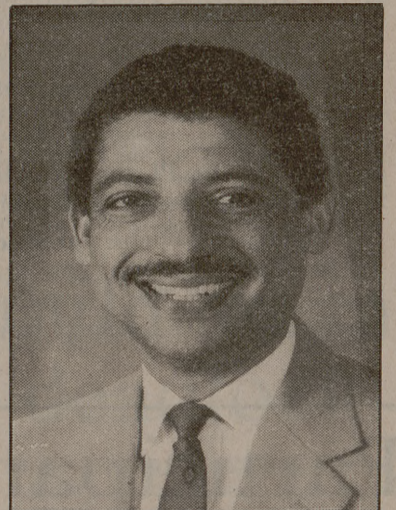
"Last year \$1 billion was provided (to the colleges and universities) in these categories," he said. "We want to increase that amount and stimulate the private sector."

Goodwin said the Presidential Commission on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, a group formed by President George Bush earlier this year, will look for ways to strengthen these institutions.

Bush created the commission when renewing the 1980 executive order by President Jimmy Carter that formed the Initiative.

Goodwin, who is a former administrator at Prairie View A&M University, said his past experiences qualify him for the position.

"I've had intimate involvement in three of the primary institutions that are concerned — the black church,



Battalion file photo

Robert K. Goodwin

black press and historical black college," he said. "I have a unique background from which to help analyze and interpret many of the most significant issues affecting black awareness in our goal of full integration into society."

Goodwin was sales manager for the National University Society, publisher of the *Oklahoma Eagle* newspaper, he has held various ministerial positions with both the Presbyterian and the Baptist churches and he served as associate director of the Tulsa Urban League.

A native of Tulsa, Goodwin holds an undergraduate degree in sociology from Oral Roberts University and a master's degree from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. He is now completing his course work toward a doctoral degree in educational administration at Texas A&M.

Bush salutes Hungary for strides toward economic, political freedom

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — President Bush, proclaiming "the Iron Curtain has begun to part," saluted on Wednesday Hungary's strides toward economic and political freedom. He pledged to open U.S. markets to Hungarian goods and send the first Peace Corps volunteers ever to a communist country.

His message was greeted with a standing ovation by the students of Karl Marx University of Economic Sciences, where "Das Kapital," the landmark treatise of the father of communism, is no longer required reading.

For Bush, nearing the end of a four-day swing through Poland and Hungary before flying to Paris on Thursday for the economic summit, it was another dramatic gesture on his delicate mission of encouraging democratic freedoms in the East Bloc without antagonizing the Soviet Union.

"For the first time, the Iron Curtain has begun to part, and Hungary, your great country, is leading the way," Bush said, standing on a university stage against a backdrop of Hungarian and American flags.

Bush said Hungary will soon be granted most favored nation trading status by the United

States, and he announced plans to ask Congress for \$25 million in new aid to spur the Hungarians' moves toward a free-market economy.

Hungarian leaders gave a delighted Bush a snippet of the barbed wire fence they recently removed from their border with Austria — a symbol that Bush said had stood as "the ugly symbol of Europe's division and Hungary's isolation."

"That is just beautiful," the president said. "That's a marvelous symbol of this whole visit."

"There is no mistaking the fact that we are on the threshold of a new era," Bush said in his speech. "And there is also no mistaking the fact that Hungary is at the threshold of great and historic changes."

Imre Pozsgay, one of Hungary's four communist leaders, told Bush the changes in his country were "irreversible," and he said the ruling communists would "accept the results of free elections" scheduled next year and step down if defeated.

Bush's aid package was similar to the one he presented Monday to Poland, with a twist: the first-ever Peace Corps volunteers dispatched to a communist country.

Their aim will be to teach English to Hungarians. Bush said the English language is already "one of the most popular American exports," and a key to closing business deals around the world.

In this East Bloc state long home to thousands of Soviet troops and arms, Bush also outlined his hopes for deep cuts in conventional arms in Europe. "We're working day and night to get a solid, historic agreement," Bush said.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III said later that NATO will formally present its conventional arms proposal to the Warsaw Pact in Vienna on Thursday, before those talks recess until September.

Bush also held meetings with Hungarian government leaders and opposition figures. He conferred with student leaders and gave two a lift to the university in his limousine. After the speech he strolled through a nearby market, shaking hands and plucking a wad of Hungarian currency from his pocket to purchase a dozen ripe peaches.

Cocaine washes ashore near Port Aransas

GALVESTON (AP) — A powdery substance law enforcement authorities are finding along Texas beaches isn't sand and costs a lot more.

U.S. Customs agents say bundles of cocaine believed to be part of a smuggler's cache have been washing ashore for more than a week, including 55 pounds of cocaine valued at an estimated \$2.5 million.

Similar packages have been found in Aransas Pass, Port Aransas and on beaches in Matagorda County, said U.S. Customs Agent Cliff Wolfe.

The largest find was discovered Monday on Crystal Beach by a man who called the Galveston County Sheriff's Department.

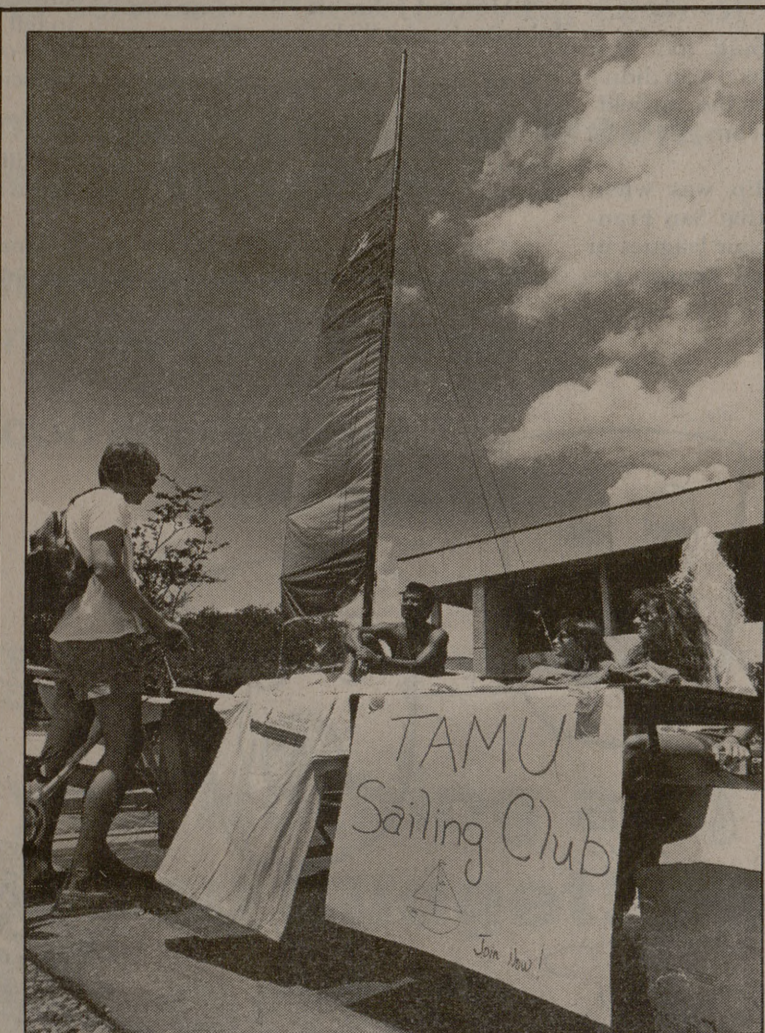
The cocaine was wrapped in plastic, tied with rope and marked with the word "centavo," Wolfe said.

"They meant for it to stay dry, and it was still dry, despite the fact it obviously had been in the water for some time," he said, describing barnacles growing on the packages.

Coast Guard boats are patrolling desolate stretches of beach regularly, hoping to intercept any more packages.

"If anybody finds any of it, I hope nobody opens the package," said Coast Guard Petty Officer James Gutknecht, at the Port O'Connor station. "This cocaine is pretty potent stuff."

Gutknecht said officials aren't sure exactly how many packages have washed up so far from what some believe is cargo from a drug smuggler's ship that went down in Tropical Storm Allison three weeks ago.



For sail

Reggie Samdval, Michelle Broussard and Deanne Hovorak try to persuade Tim Wright to join the TAMU Sailing Club.

Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

B-2 bomber meets House resistance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air Force officials taking their case for the stealth bomber to the House were met Wednesday with stiff resistance from budget-conscious lawmakers and a warning that the half-billion-dollar aircraft could become a "museum piece."

"Seven to eight billion dollars a year on one weapons system is twice as much as we're spending on Star Wars. I just can't sell that," Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, told Air Force officials arguing for the second straight day on Capitol Hill for the B-2 bomber.

Air Force Secretary Donald Rice and Chief of Staff Larry Welch said that the radar-evading bomber outpaces improvements in Soviet air defenses and that termination of the \$70 billion program would undermine the nation's nuclear deterrent force.

The officials also reminded lawmakers that the government has already invested about \$23 billion in the plane and that stretching out the program over a number of years could raise the aircraft's price considerably.

By Aspin's calculations, a single B-2 bomber could cost about \$1 billion.

"We hope our witnesses today will be able to put the B-2 program into perspective for us," Aspin said at the start of the hearing. "Otherwise, there remains the very real possibility that the B-2 will become a museum piece."

Members of the House panel reacted to the presentation much the same way as did members of the Senate Armed Services panel who listened to the Air Force officials on Tuesday.

A&M receives honor for system to cut Duncan Dining Hall costs

By Mia B. Moody

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Texas A&M has received a Cost Reduction Award for recently implementing a more efficient program to feed the Corps of Cadets.

The program is expected to save the University over \$290,000 per year.

The dining hall received the award Monday at a national conference sponsored by the National Association of College and University Business Officers and the United Steel Foundation.

Lloyd Smith, director of food services, said the Plate Ready System and the Tray Accumulator System earned the prestigious award for A&M.

"The two new systems installed in

Duncan Dining Hall during its renovation are expected to save the University more than \$290,000 per year in labor, food and supply costs," he said. "Duncan is the only place of its size where 180 people per minute can be served a wide variety of food in a satisfactory way."

The Plate Ready System allows all 2,200 of the cadets to be served and seated in 12 minutes, Smith said.

The system that the dining hall uses to collect trays also was praised.

"The Tray Accumulator provides 230 tray slots that automatically advance each tray into a central dishwashing area as another tray is placed into the slot," he said. "The system can hold 1,894 trays at one time."

Senior cadets Chad Corbett, an

engineering technology major from Irving, and Allen Hess, an aerospace engineering major from Ft. Worth, said the new system is more efficient than the old family style service they used to receive.

"When it was family style, the food would be placed in the middle of the table and we could get what we wanted," Corbett said. "If we wanted more we could ask a waiter to bring whatever we wanted. We got our food quicker, but there was a lot more food wasted."

Hess said there would always be trashcans full of food left after the Corps finished eating.

"Now people get what they want to eat and there isn't that much food left to throw away," Hess said.