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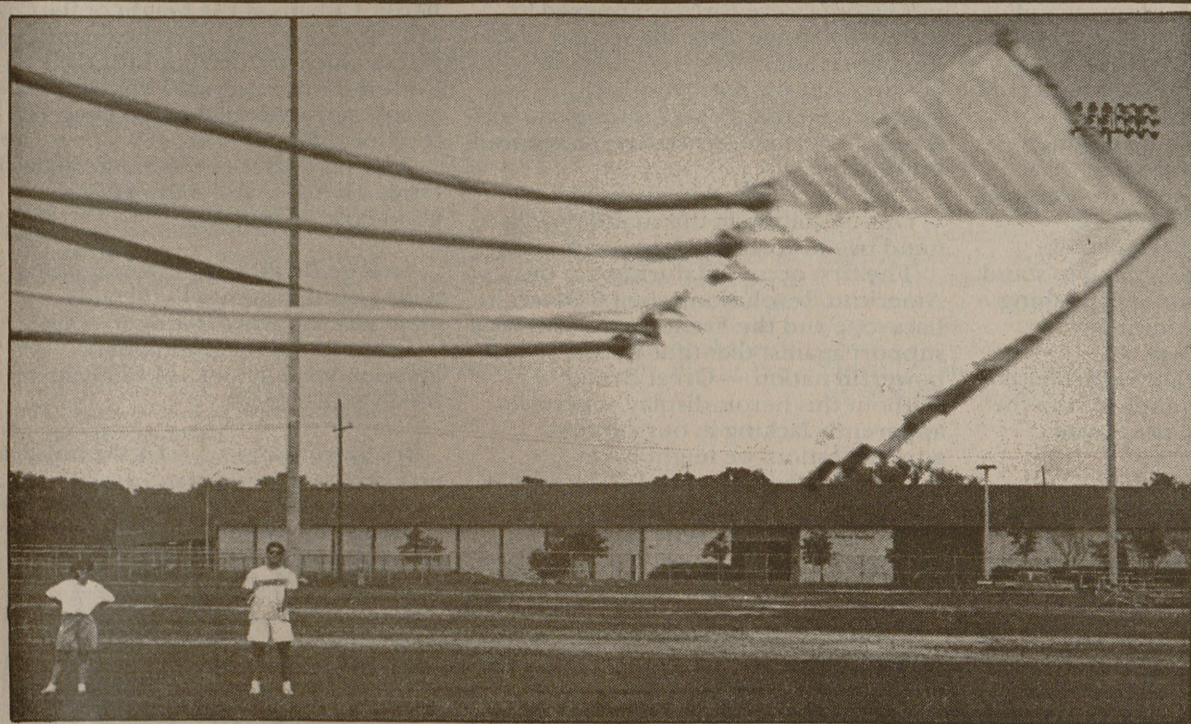


Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

David Peeters and his girlfriend Bonnie McCain fields during Wednesday afternoon's windy fly a Triby Six-Pack stunt kite on the intramural weather. Winds are expected to continue today.

## Mandela, de Klerk meet

### Both South African leaders call for abolition of apartheid, discuss cessation of minority rule

CAPETOWN, South Africa (AP) — President F.W. de Klerk and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela on Wednesday urged the swift abolition of apartheid and began historic talks aimed at ending white-minority rule.

The three days of meetings are to remove obstacles to full-scale negotiations on a new constitution that would give the 28-million black majority a voice in national affairs for the first time.

De Klerk and Mandela, standing on the lawn of a Dutch colonial mansion where the talks were held, said South Africans of all races want swift change. All political parties must work toward a peaceful solution to racial and political divisions, they said.

Nearby, the pro-apartheid Conservative Party walked out of a debate in Parliament to protest the talks. The Conservative leader, Andries Treurnicht, said the government should not negotiate with an organization that has carried out guerrilla attacks and still is committed to armed struggle.

"South African law forbids all these actions," said Treurnicht, whose party is the main opposition in Parliament's white chamber. The tri-cameral Parliament also has chambers for people of mixed-race and Indian descent. Blacks are excluded.

Mandela, in a statement before the talks began, said, "The pace at which we move to arrive at a just solution should be informed by the fact that the black masses of our country demand and expect fundamental change

now, and not tomorrow.

"The people as a whole want the peace and stability that can only come about as a result of the total abolition of the apartheid system," he said.

But de Klerk warned that violence that has claimed more than 500 lives in the past three months threatens such change. Much of the violence has been among black groups with differing views of a future South Africa.

"The vast majority of South Africans desire the negotiation process, aimed at a new constitution, to get started in all earnestness," de Klerk said. "The government wishes this to happen as soon as possible and is consequently approaching the talks with the utmost earnestness."

The ANC demands the release of all political prisoners, lifting of the state of emergency and the return of exiled activists as preconditions to constitutional negotiations.

The government, meanwhile, is demanding the ANC, a guerrilla movement, renounce its largely dormant armed struggle.

The talks are the first between a white government and an ANC delegation since the organization was founded in 1912. The discussions are being held at the Groote Schuur estate, once the official home of South African presidents.

The two sides said they plan to make no further comment on the talks until they adjourn Friday.

## Task Force makes 19 arrests

Official: Roundup stems from 45 drug-related grand jury indictments

By KATHY COX  
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The Brazos County Narcotics Task Force arrested 19 individuals indicted for drug-related activities and seized 10 vehicles Wednesday, Brazos County Sheriff Ron Miller said.

The task force, which consists of members from Bryan, College Station and University police departments, teamed up with officials from the Brazos Valley Narcotics Task Force and the Department of Public Safety in the busts, which spanned

three counties, Miller said.

"We feel like the operation was a success," he said.

Officials hope to net 46 individuals and 16 vehicles in this series of busts.

Miller said the roundup is a result of 45 drug-related indictments by a grand jury. Most of the indictments concerned cocaine, he said, but a few were for marijuana.

Officials normally try to limit these operations to about 50 suspects, Miller said. They hope to begin another similar operation soon, he said.

Seven arrest teams with five members each worked to make the arrests, Miller said.

Texas Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms agents were also on hand, Miller said. Federal charges could be served if an arrestee is found to be violating parole by carrying any weapons, he said.

Three individuals already had been arrested Monday and Tuesday using warrants under the organized crime statute, Miller said.

Arrests took place in Bryan, College Station, rural Brazos County and two other counties, he said.

## Engineering professor faces assault charges

By BILL HETHCOCK  
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Assault charges have been filed against a Texas A&M civil engineering professor as a result of a confrontation over College Station leash laws.

Jamie Russell, 26, of 211 Fairview in College Station said she filed charges against Derek Victor Morris after he allegedly assaulted her Saturday in front of his house at 501 Kerry Street.

Russell, a Texas A&M graduate, said she was walking her three-month-old dog in the vicinity of Morris' home when he came out and told her she was breaking the law because the dog was not on a leash.

Russell said she told Morris the dog did not have to be on a leash because it is trained to respond to voice commands.

Russell said Morris then shoved his chest into her and the two engaged in a struggle in front of his house.

Both sustained minor injuries, and Russell's shorts fell around her ankles in the scuffle, she said.

Morris' wife called the police and an officer was dispatched to investigate the civil disturbance.

According to a police incident report filed on the scene, Russell's injuries included a bruised jaw and bruises on the inside of her right arm.

The report said Morris' injuries include scratches above his right eye and on his upper lip.

Russell said she has had previous verbal confrontations with Morris, but before Saturday these confrontations never had been physical.

Russell said she is pressing charges to discourage this from happening to anyone else.

"He attacked me just because my dog was in his yard," Russell said. "He said I was trespassing, but I was in the street. I'm pressing charges because this could happen to someone else."

Morris said he believes the incident is being blown out of proportion but had no further comment.

"I really have nothing more to say," Morris said. "The matter is closed from my point of view."

## Fatal motorcycle accident ends life of A&M freshman

A Texas A&M student died in an accident Sunday.

An official in the Student Affairs Department said Scott A. Nall, a freshman, died in a motor-

cycle accident.

Nall was a business administration major from San Antonio.

Information about funeral services is unavailable.

## Federal crackdown on racial crimes puts white supremacists behind bars

DALLAS (AP) — Five white supremacists convicted under a new federal crackdown on hate crimes were sentenced Wednesday to jail terms ranging from four to nine years for conspiring to violate the civil rights of minorities.

The sentences will put other hate groups on notice that racial crimes carry a heavy penalty, said the lead prosecutor in the case against the five members of the Confederate Hammerskins.

"The message today was sent by a federal district court judge in the form of some very substantial sentences," said Barry Kowalski, a prosecutor with the U.S. Justice Department's civil rights division.

An all-white jury found the skinheads guilty March 1 of defacing a synagogue and Jewish community center in 1988 and chasing African Americans and Hispanics from Robert E. Lee Park in Dallas that same year.

Former Confederate Hammerskins had testified the group planned to pump cyanide gas into Temple Shalom. Defense attorneys said the group intended only to cut an air-conditioning unit hose, depriving the temple of cool air.

U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders sentenced Jon Lance Jordan, 19, of Garland, to eight years, five months in prison and Daniel Alvis Wood, 20, of Dallas, to nine years, six months. They were both

convicted on two counts of conspiring to violate the civil rights of minorities and one count of firearms violations.

The other three were convicted of two counts of conspiring to violate the civil rights of minorities.

Sean Christian Tarrant, 20, of Dallas, got a nine-year term. Michael Lewis Lawrence, 22, of Tulsa, Okla., was sentenced to four years, nine

months while Christopher Barry Greer, 25, of Irving, was sentenced to six years, six months.

The men could have faced up to 10 years in prison and fines of \$250,000 on each count.

Sanders emphasized he was not sentencing the so-called "skinheads" for their beliefs, but rather for endangering the community.

Skinheads, characterized by their closely shaven heads, generally espouse a philosophy of intolerance

against Jews, African Americans, Hispanics and homosexuals.

Only Wood appeared in court Wednesday with his head shaved.

Sanders ordered each to pay restitution to the synagogue and Jewish community center. Each defendant was ordered to pay \$877, except for Jordan, who was ordered to pay \$4,385.

The judge also ordered three years' supervised probation for each of the five following their release from prison.

Wood was previously sentenced by a state court to 10 years in prison and fined \$5,000 for spraying swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans on the synagogue. His federal sentence will run concurrently with the state sentence, Sanders said.

Defense attorneys appealed for leniency, citing the youth of the men and their family backgrounds. Several are married and have children.

"It's a good and a bad day," said Rabbi Kenneth Roseman of Temple Shalom. "It's a bad day we have to do this kind of thing. It's a good day the system worked."

Roseman, who watched the sentencing with a concentration camp survivor, praised Sanders for his "remarkable" handling of the case.

Roseman and Kowalski noted Sanders imposed longer prison terms in each case than recommended by federal sentencing guidelines.

## Students get Aggie Bucks refunds

By JILL BUTLER  
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Students who want a refund of their remaining Aggie Bucks have to make a written request to the Department of Food Services office in the basement of Sbis Dining Hall by May 11.

Lloyd Smith, Department of Food Services director, said students can apply for a refund in person or by mail.

To receive a refund, a student's name, student identification number and address must be given to the Department of Food Services.

"Students who want a refund need to make sure that over the summer they will be living at the address they have given the Department of Food Services," Smith said.

"Many students have listed their local address with the department and won't be living here over the summer," he said.

After students apply for a refund, the request will be sent to the Fiscal Department to make sure the student does not owe money to the University.

If the student owes money, the Aggie Bucks

refund will be applied to the outstanding balance. If the student does not owe money, the refund check will be mailed to the address given to the Department of Food Services.

Smith said he is not sure when students will receive the refund checks.

He said by next fall the computer system will

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Student Body President

be programmed to give automatic refunds of extra Aggie Bucks.

He said, however, setting up the system takes time and will not be ready this semester.

He also said beginning next fall the expiration date of Aggie Bucks will be changed from one semester to two semesters.

Money put into an account in the fall will carry over to the end of the spring semester. If more money is deposited in the spring, the expiration date will be extended until the end of the next fall semester.

"The reason we have an expiration date is so we can monitor the status of the accounts and make sure nobody has left town and left money in an Aggie Bucks account," Smith said.

Fliers posted around campus stating the expiration date of Aggie Bucks did not include information about refund requests.

Ty Clevenger, student body president, said the fliers were misleading because many students are not aware they can receive a refund of extra Aggie Bucks.

"Many students thought the accounts were just like last year's and were trying to spend their leftover money before the expiration date," Clevenger said.

## Hitting the books



Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

Aren Sikes, a junior civil engineering major from Houston, studies for finals after removing the loft from her dorm room.

## Final exams schedule

The following is the final examination schedule.

### FRIDAY

• 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. — Classes meeting MWF 4 p.m.; MW 4 to 5:15 p.m.; MW 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.; MW 5 to 6:15 p.m.; MW 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and MW 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

• 10 a.m. to noon — Classes meeting MWF 8 a.m.

• 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. — Classes meeting TR 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

• 3 to 5 p.m. — Classes meeting TR 11 to 12:15 p.m.

### MONDAY

• 8 to 10 a.m. — Classes meeting MWF 9 a.m.

• 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Classes meeting MWF noon

• 1 to 3 p.m. — Classes meeting TR 8 to 9:15 a.m.

• 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. — Classes meeting MWF 3 p.m.

### TUESDAY

• 8 to 10 a.m. — Classes meeting MWF 10 a.m.

• 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Classes meeting MWF 2 p.m.

• 1 to 3 p.m. — Classes meeting TR 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

• 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. — Classes meeting MWF 1 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

• 8 to 10 a.m. — Classes meeting TR 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

• 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Classes meeting MWF 11 a.m.

• 1 to 3 p.m. — Classes meeting TR 2 to 3:15 p.m.

• 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. — Classes meeting TR 5 to 6:15 p.m.; TR 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. and TR 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.