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Bookstore prepares to take Aggie Bucks

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Texas A&M students who have Aggie Bucks will be able to use them in the MSC Bookstore within a couple of weeks.

Aggie Bucks, a credit-like meal plan, will not be validated for use in the bookstore until a computer program is tested to ensure proper operation, Lloyd H. Smith, director of food services, says.

"The equipment we had was ten years old and not capable of being expanded," he says. "The system needs to be reprogrammed before it can be used in the bookstore."

Junior speech communications major Cynthia Bernan says this addition will be convenient when she wants to buy sandwiches, pencils and cards.

"This will help buying last minute things because I never carry cash on campus," Bernan says. "This will be really nice to have."

Smith says the bookstore will check credit by telephone, similar to the system used by stores when checking credit cards.

A proposal to implement Aggie Bucks in the bookstore came up in early August. Since then work was done on the computers

and new software was added.

Smith says this will help prevent occasional system malfunctions, such as last week's problem when students could not use their bucks at various locations.

"We had problems with the readers in the different snack bars on campus, and students were not able to use their meal plans, but the problem was cleared up the first week of school," Smith says.

Col. James T. Moore, assistant director of food services, says the problem started Aug. 27 because so many students started using meal plans while the computers were being repaired.

"The reason we've had problems is because there was a computer malfunction, but terminals were repaired and students should not have any problems now," says Moore.

Another addition to the Aggie Bucks system this fall is Aggie Bucks 100.

This allows students to buy Aggie Bucks in increments. Students have an extended termination date which is effective through the following semester.

For example, if students add \$50 to their accounts during the spring, credit is good during the spring, summer and following fall semester, Smith says.

Bush claims 'Saddam Hussein will fail' in address to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, reporting to Congress and the nation on the Persian Gulf crisis, vowed Tuesday night that "Saddam Hussein will fail" in his conquest of Kuwait. He said the Iraqi dictator could not persevere in the face of "a new partnership of nations."

Bush also acknowledged the U.S. military could be deployed in the Saudi Arabian desert indefinitely.

"I cannot predict just how long it will take to convince Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait," Bush said in a nationally broadcast address before a joint session of Congress.

He said U.N.-approved sanctions would take time to squeeze Iraq and that the United States would continue reviewing options with allies. "But let it be clear: we will not let this aggression stand," Bush said.

Fresh from his summit with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, Bush said "a new partnership of nations" stands aligned against Iraq's aggression and that the superpowers are working together on this crisis.

"Clearly, no longer can a dictator count on

East-West confrontation to stymie concerted U.N. action against aggression," the president said.

"The crisis in the Persian Gulf, as grave as it is, also offers a rare opportunity to move toward an historic period of cooperation," Bush said.

Bush said "a new world order" may emerge from the crisis in which the world is "freer from the threat of terror, stronger in the pursuit of justice and more secure in the quest for peace — an era in which the nations of the world, East and West, North and South, can prosper and live in harmony."

Bush offered no new initiatives to resolve the gulf crisis, and repeated many of his past declarations condemning Saddam.

But the point of the speech was to bring Americans up to date on the crisis, and to call for them to stand united as the stalemate lingers on.

"If ever there was a time to put country before self and patriotism before party, that time is now," Bush said.

The president devoted a considerable portion of his speech to prodding Congress to finish

work on a budget agreement. At the same time, the speech did not contain the sharp attack on Democrats, as had previous pronouncements.

"Together we must act this very month — before the next fiscal year begins Oct. 1 — to get America's fiscal house in order," Bush said.

Budget negotiators from the White House and Congress appeared to be making some progress toward an agreement to pare next year's federal deficit by \$50 billion, including higher premiums for better-off Medicare recipients.

Participants in the talks said Tuesday that the two sides had agreed to increase taxes and fees by \$25 billion next year and \$130 billion over five years.

"Most Americans are sick and tired of endless battles in the Congress and between the branches over budget matters," Bush declared. "It is high time we pulled together — and get the job done right. It is up to us to straighten this out."

Bush told Congress there were high related costs of the showdown and declared, "conservation efforts are essential to keep our energy needs as low as possible."

A&M group targets Columbus' ships

By TROY HALL
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A group from Texas A&M will leave for Jamaica next month to begin an expedition to locate remains of Spanish ships abandoned by Christopher Columbus in the early 16th century.

The group of archaeologists, geoarchaeologists and geophysicists will leave A&M in early October.

The two ships, known as caravels, intentionally were beached side-to-side by Columbus after worms ate away wood on the caravels.

This caused water to inundate the caravels and almost cover the decks, says James Parrent, project director for the Columbus Caravel Archaeological Project.

"We do not know exactly how caravels were constructed and have little information to go on," says Parrent, who also is an associate research scientist for the Institute of Nautical Archaeology at A&M.

He said if the keel and a few planks from the vessels are found, they should be able to reconstruct and determine the vessels' sizes and shapes.

"Individuals and organizations have excavated several old shipwrecks in the New World, but they have never been sure they were caravels," Parrent says.

"From the information we get, we may be able to start saying other sites (contain) caravels because the project will give us a good data base."

But learning about types of vessels early explorers sailed in is only one important part of the project.

While beached in St. Ann's Bay, Columbus and his crew of 115 men and boys anchored the two caravels together and built cabins on the decks while waiting to be rescued.

Columbus and his crew lived on the caravels for more than one year before being rescued.

The Spaniards had to barter belongings such as beads, knives and combs to receive food from the Indians.

"Since these ships were abandoned in 1504, the local Indians fed these men for a year and five days, so the food and pottery remains should reflect period subsistence of the Indians," Parrent says.

"This is an excavation of one small time frame, unlike the excavating of a nearby Arawak Indian site on land that may represent a few hundred or even a thousand years."

The two caravels served as a makeshift home for the sick, hungry and worried men.

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Republican official finds conservatism on campus

By MIKE LUMAN
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The student chairman of the College Republican National Committee in Washington, D.C., said Texas A&M students appeared overwhelmingly conservative during a visit Tuesday.

Tony Zagotta, on a tour of colleges and universities that have student chapters, estimated 80 percent of A&M students who vote are Republicans.

"That's a number I don't think we can match anywhere in the country," he said.

He said he reached his conclusion partly from walking around campus and seeing no visible support for the Democrats.

He said the average campus usually voted about 60 percent Re-

publican.

The goal of A&M's College Republicans is to register as many voters as possible, he said. The chapter registered 18,000 voters in 1988.

"The organizational ability of the College Republicans at A&M is what interests me about this campus," he said. "That's a phenomenal number for one campus."

He said College Republicans also campaigned for candidates.

The trend of Republicans in the White House will probably continue, Zagotta said.

"I think leadership values are seen (by students) in presidents Reagan and Bush," he said. "Students can strongly identify with the Republican party."

The National Committee has 1,000 chapters with a total of 100,000 members.

Attorney general candidate airs views

By JULIE MYERS
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Republican J.E. "Buster" Brown said he will fight to end early parole of Texas Department of Corrections inmates if he is elected to the attorney general's office.

Brown, who faces Democrat Dan Morales in the Nov. 6 election, spoke to the College Republicans Tuesday night.

Military-style boot camps are the answer to the early release problem and the vacancies brought on by the decreasing defense budget, Brown said.

Brown, a state senator from Lake Jackson since 1980, said Attorney General Jim Mattox's handling of recent lawsuits against the state are a good example of what not to do as attorney general.

During the public school fi-



nance lawsuit, Brown said Mattox realized many of his supporters were the ones suing and he thought the other side should win so he argued weakly for the state and lost the case.

When the state system is challenged in a court of law, the attorney general should do his job for the state and not let politics interfere with conducting the business of the state, Brown said.

Funding for Texas public edu-

cation was inequitable and needed to be modified within the system, Brown said, either legislatively or by threat of a court order, but federal judges should not impose their will on the people of Texas by ordering action.

Brown has criticized Morales' endorsement from the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, but said he only meant to inform voters of the issues that are important to the race. Because Morales was endorsed by the caucus, voters should know that Morales is liberal, Brown said.

The Texas State Rifle Association, which is affiliated with the National Rifle Association, has endorsed Brown. The TSRA opposes a ban on semi-automatic weapons.

The answer to the question of gun control is providing swift, sure punishment for people who use guns in connection with criminal acts, Brown said.

Poll shows student opinions

Responses to residence hall questions differ

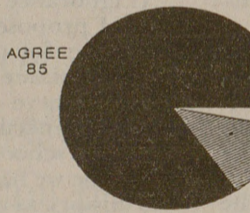
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On-campus students at Texas A&M overwhelmingly favor 24-hour room visitation rights in their residence halls but are slightly opposed to the conversion of McFadden Hall into an honors dormitory next fall.

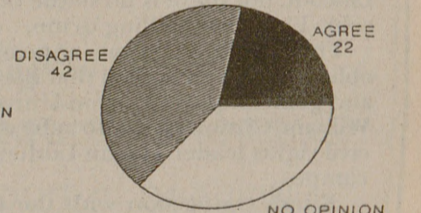
According to the Batt Poll conducted last night, 342 students said they would be in favor of 24-hour room visitation rights in their residence hall while 49 dormitory residents were opposed with 10 students responding with no opinion.

In answer to the second question of the poll, 88 people said they favored the conversion of McFadden Hall into an honors dormitory while 167 students opposed the change with 146 of those responding having no opinion.

Should the dorms have 24-hour visitation?



Should McFadden be converted into an honors dorm?



Residents of Eppright Hall, a coed hall, voted 220-1 in favor of the 24-hour room visitation rule. The change, which went into effect on Sept. 6, in the visitation policy, began with the decision that residents of

the two south-side coed dormitories were responsible adults who could respect and manage extended visitation.

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President Mobley's trial recycling program calls for campus-wide effort

By MIKE LUMAN
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Texas A&M must balance recycling, waste reduction, landfill use and incineration to develop a campus-wide solid waste management system, a waste management specialist said Tuesday.

Dr. Roy Hartman, an associate professor in the Engineering Technology Department, spoke Tuesday to A&M's Association of Professional Support Staff.

Hartman is among A&M faculty members working on a trial recycling program involving six campus buildings. The program was initiated by University President William Mobley.

"Hopefully we will go to a full-scale, campus-wide program," Hartman said.

He said the program should be full scale because Environmental Protection Agency

regulations will make landfill space too expensive to continue dumping recyclable material. Ground water pollution also is a concern.

Every person in the United States discards one ton of trash a year, he said.

"We're all part of the problem, and need to be part of the solution," Hartman said.

He said "myths" exist about solving the situation.

"Getting everyone involved in a little bit of recycling will fix it, or engineers will come up with a silver bullet solution," he said. "It's not going to happen."

"We need to look at a balanced system that involves all of us."

He said landfill use would not disappear, and ideal use of them involves careful selection of what is buried and recycled.

"It's absolutely dependent on markets," he said. "You can't collect a bunch of paper

and cans and have no market."

Waste for recycling must remain pure for markets and mills — that means re-sorting if someone throws trash in the wrong bin, he said.

Paper accounts for 42 percent of solid waste nationwide.

Yard waste makes up about 23 percent of U.S. garbage. People should compost leaves and grass clippings instead of bagging them, Hartman said.

Nationally, aluminum and glass account for about 10 percent each. Incineration, another waste disposal technique, requires both be absent before burning.

Hartman said incineration is an acceptable means of waste disposal when done properly.

Concerns have been raised about poisons being released by the process, but he said incineration could be safe while producing

electricity as a by-product.

Hartman advised creating a larger market for recyclable material by buying goods made from recycled waste.

Some examples of recycled goods are notebooks, egg cartons, carpet and plastic lumber. Most are marked as recycled.

Plastic lumber is a construction material made from waste such as plastic bottlecaps.

Recycled carpet, which looks like any other carpet, is made from two-liter soft drink bottles.

A&M went from poor to better with recycling, but is far from the best it can be, Hartman said. He credited the Texas Environmental Action Coalition with playing a key role in recycling efforts.

The following is a partial list of recycling centers in Bryan-College Station:

• Brazos Animal Shelter, 775-5755, 2207 Finfeather Road — Bundled newspa-

per or computer paper can be dropped off 24 hours. Newspaper and white paper should be sorted separately.

• Brazos Beverages, 775-6322, 505 North FM 2818 — Aluminum cans bought from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

• Brueggling Paper Stock, 822-2473, 1919 FM 2818 — Plastic, paper, glass bottles and aluminum. Call for information on acceptable types.

• Bryan Iron and Metal, 775-7171, 2011 Highway 21 West — Glass sorted by color and most metal, but not aluminum cans.

• Cafe Eccell, 846-7908, 101 Church Ave. — 24-hour drop off for glass sorted by color.

• The Deluxe, 846-7466, 203 University Drive — 24-hour drop off for sorted glass, aluminum cans and newspaper.

• La Taqueria, 846-0228, 102 Church Ave. — 24-hour drop off for sorted glass, aluminum cans and newspaper.