

## Six A&M athletes arrested for illegal long distance use

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Six Texas A&M football players were arrested Wednesday by Bryan police in connection with illegal use of a long distance company's service, but head coach R.C. Slocum said no immediate disciplinary action would be taken.

A seventh person arrested was a former member of the team.

Slocum was informed last week by the county district attorney's office that players would be arrested this week.

The players arrested include:

- Derrick Frazier, a sophomore starting cornerback, was charged with a Class B misdemeanor.
- Marlin Haynes, a junior cornerback, was charged with a Class B misdemeanor. Haynes was lost for the season after he suffered a broken leg in the Rice game.
- Jason Medlock, a sophomore backup linebacker, was charged with a third degree felony.
- Felton Ransby, a senior backup wide receiver, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor.
- Derrick Richey, a former player who used his last year of eligibility last fall, was charged with a Class B

misdemeanor.

• Kary Vincent, a senior backup cornerback, was charged with a Class B misdemeanor.

• Derek Ware, a junior starting tight end, was charged with a third degree felony.

Class B misdemeanors were issued to players making calls between \$20-200. Ransby's Class A misdemeanor was issued because his calls totaled between \$200-700. The third degree felonies issued to Ware and Medlock were for calls totaling over \$750.

The arrests came at a crucial time for the Aggies, who are entering a crucial three-game stretch as they fight to remain in the Southwest Conference race.

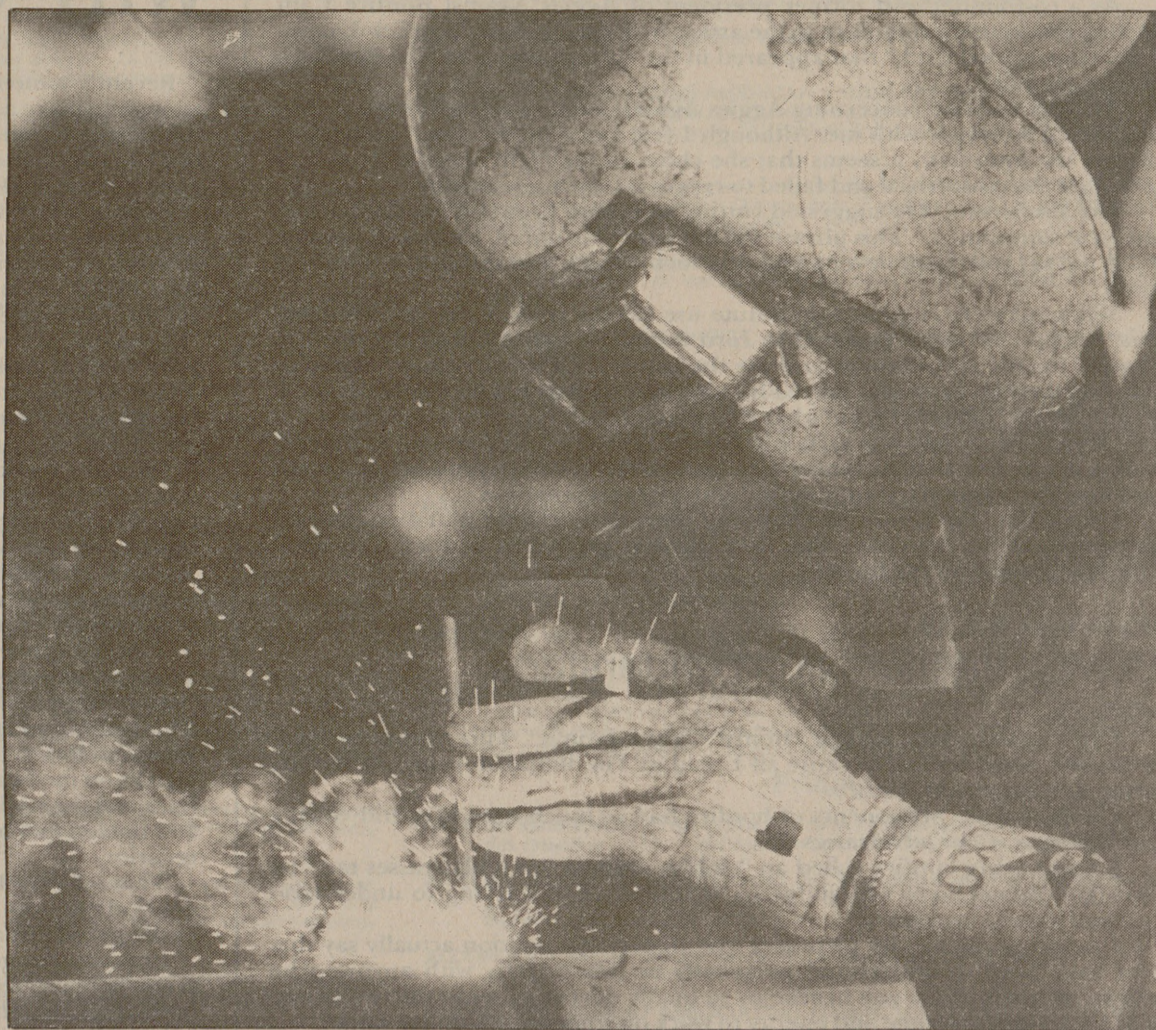
Police indicated Wednesday night that the seven arrests were the only ones made. However, the investigation is not complete, and the Brazos County district attorney's office said more arrests could be made, including more A&M athletes.

"One of the young men made \$20 worth of phone calls, so now he's going to get his name dragged all over the state of Texas and who knows where else," Slocum said. "That's the way it works when you're in the public light."

"If we had a student here on the other part of the campus today that was charged, I don't think he'd be

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## A spark of interest



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James Grenwelge, a welder with R.E.C. Industrial modeling of corps dorms on Southside. Construction in Bryan, solders a seam together during re- modeling of corps dorms on Southside. Construction in Bryan, solders a seam together during re-

## Cryonics, cloning technologies offer hopes for extending lives

By JULIE MYERS  
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Technology is giving hope to those who want to live a longer life, a physiology research scientist and cryonics expert at the University of California, Berkeley, said Wednesday night.

Dr. Paul Segall spoke to about 40 people in Part I of the MSC Great Issues Medical Series, "Extended Youth: New Hope Through Cloning and Cryonics."

When he was in college, Segall said he wanted to be young forever, so he changed his major from engineering to biology and now is trying to delay and reverse aging using cryonics.

Cryonics is the science of freezing

humans and bringing them back to life when cures have been found for the diseases that killed them.

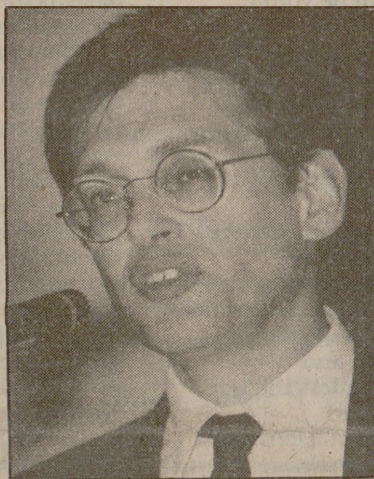
Presently, 27 people are cryonically suspended in cooled nitrogen tanks in the five cryonics laboratories in the world; four are in the United States, and the fifth is in Great Britain.

Segall gained notoriety in 1987 after resuscitating his Beagle, Miles, following an experiment in which he packed the dog in ice until his body temperature was chilled to five degrees above freezing.

The dog remained at that temperature for 20 minutes, his heart no longer beating and his blood replaced with a substitute.

Miles, who is still alive today, is named for a character in Woody Al-

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Dr. Paul Segall

## Kick the habit

### Annual Smokeout offers first step to cold turkey

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The American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout is today, and all Texas A&M smokers are encouraged to put out their cigarettes if only for 24 hours.

Dr. Paul Kingery, director of Texas A&M's Health Promotion Program, says the annual smokeout helps raise public awareness to get people to stop smoking for a day.

"When many people stop for a day, they can usually go ahead and quit cold turkey," he says.

American Cancer Society sponsors the Great American Smokeout to encourage people to quit smoking for 24 hours, just to prove they can do it. The smokeout is scheduled each year one week before Thanksgiving.

Bonnie Sorenson, program director for the campus smokeout, says the basic purpose is to provide one day

to reflect a smoke-free environment.

She says the smokeout also is aimed at getting people to quit for a day, hoping they eventually will stop completely.

A smokeout booth will be set up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the MSC.

Students and staff will distribute stickers, information packets and other promotional items.

Special trash receptacles also will be available so smokers, dippers and chewers can drop their packs, pouches and cans, Sorenson says.

Kingery says smokeless tobacco users also should consider themselves part of the smokeout.

"A lot of intelligent people consider dipping snuff and chewing tobacco as safe alternatives to smoking, but that is just not the case," he says. "There is a small

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## Clevenger informs FBI of voting irregularities

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Possible voter intimidation during the Nov. 6 general elections might bring the FBI and U.S. Attorney's office into the picture.

Texas A&M Student Body President Ty Clevenger said he forwarded A&M student complaints about voting irregularities to the Bryan FBI office Tuesday for possible investigation.

Mike Williams, Bryan FBI chief, had no comment, but Houston FBI spokesman Charles Kearney said his office has heard nothing about the complaints.

"The FBI will evaluate any complaint brought to our attention," Kearney said. "We don't have a basis for an ongoing investigation regarding voter irregularities, which would be a violation of federal law."

When the FBI receives complaints, they are forwarded to the Department of Justice for an opinion before any FBI action is taken.

A representative from the U.S. Attorney's office in Houston said the office is waiting for the FBI to look into the matter before taking any action.

Clevenger said he contacted the FBI after several students told him two Precinct 20 poll watchers in College Station were harassing an election judge and talking to voters.

An injunction issued by District Judge John Delaney also might be investigated, Clevenger said. The injunction ordered election judges in precincts 10, 20, 21 and 35 — all of which are near A&M or on its campus — to mark ballots of those voting by affidavit.

The injunction was requested by Bryan bail bondsman Sonny Ellen who believed marked ballots would be easier to match with affidavits should any election results be challenged.

But Clevenger questioned Ellen's right to seek the injunction.

"The person who requested the injunction had no relationship

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## Panel says new programs better system

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New educational programs at Texas A&M have improved an already-good undergraduate system and prepared the University for the future, an advisory panel to the Board of Regents announced at its last formal meeting Wednesday.

Regent Douglas DeCluitt, several A&M administrators, professors and students formed the broad-based Board of Regents Committee on Academic Campuses in January to discuss perceived problems in the University's undergraduate process.

Concern that the University gives too much time to research and neglects teaching was the major topic of discussion during the meeting.

Dr. E. Dean Gage, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said the new programs initiated by the University deal with that misunderstanding and prove A&M has a commitment to education.

The Center for Teaching Excellence and the Classroom Communications Enhancement Program instituted at the beginning of the semester are good examples of how A&M is addressing the educational problems facing the entire nation, Gage said.

"With these programs, we have raised the level of education at this institution," he said. "This is an educational crisis, make no doubt about it, but we have progressed substantially."

Dr. William Bassichis, a physics professor also appointed to the advisory panel, said some A&M departments, however, are not getting the message that teaching should be one of the top priorities at A&M.

"Some departments on this campus do not reward their best teachers," Bassichis said. "You get what you pay for. Right now, some areas of this University are paying very little."

DeCluitt responded to Bassichis' comments by saying that each member of the Board of Regents is dedicated to making education better at A&M.

"No other issue so unites the Board," DeCluitt said. "We know we need quality undergraduate teachers, and we will do everything possible to do that."

Dr. Herman Saatkamp, Faculty Senate Speaker and department head of philosophy and humanities, said the council also needed to emphasize the good qualities of the University.

"We realize there are problems," Saatkamp said. "But we must realize all of these things — teaching, research and service — are extremely

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## Students rally for peace, voice alternatives to war

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About 20 students carrying signs reading "No Blood For Oil" and "Bring Our Troops Home" chanted "Hell no, we won't go! We won't die for Texaco!" during Wednesday's rally for peace in the Middle East.

The rally was sponsored by the Student Environmental Action Coalition and Earth-First-Out-There.

About 20 ralliers marched from the Clayton Williams Jr. Alumni Center to the Academic Building chanting "One, two, three, four, we don't want your oil war!"

"Today you are here to make a statement," said Scott Hamtman, with SEAC. "And that statement is 'No war!'"

The student activists stressed the need for developing alternative fuels to lower U.S. dependency on foreign oil.

Dwight Barry, with Earth-First-Out-There, said Americans make up only 5 percent of the world's population, but use 25 percent of its oil.

Shouts of "Stop the waste!" followed. Barry quoted Ron Kovick, the Vietnam veteran portrayed in the movie "Born on the Fourth of July."

"We must not let the flag be dragged through the oil of the Middle East and drenched in the blood of our sons," he said while the crowd cheered.

Barry said most soldiers serving in the Middle East are poor or minorities.

The ralliers distributed an article from The New York Times titled "If My Marine Son is Killed ..." The story describes the anger and frustration felt by a soldier's father.

The author questions President Bush's domestic energy policy and his foreign policy in dealing with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Ralliers expressed similar opinions.

Barry also said the expense for Operation Desert Shield is tremendous.

Another flier distributed during the rally outlined costs incurred by U.S. forces in Saudi Arabia. The United States will spend \$1 billion a day if war breaks out, according to the flier developed by Maria Dugan for the Gulf Alternatives Campaign.

A&M students Chris Rhodes and Dave Clements ended the rally with a set of songs. The crowd joined them in singing "America the Beautiful."



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Students protest U.S. military involvement in Saudi Arabia while marching across campus Wednesday and chanting, "Hell no we won't go! We won't fight for Texaco!"