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## Cornerstone ceremony

Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center to include library, visitors' center, conference rooms, museum with Hall of Honor

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The cornerstone of Texas A&M's Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center was leveled in a ceremony Thursday at the building site.

The 19,300-square-foot building is expected to be completed this fall, said Corps of Cadets Commandant Maj. Gen. Thomas Darling, who presided at the ceremony.

The event was conducted by the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas.

The \$3 million facility, now under construction adjacent to the cadet living area, is only the third structure on campus to be built entirely from private gifts.

The building will house a visitors' center, library, conference rooms, Corps offices and a museum that will include a Hall of Honor.

"We will have in this fine facility a building of which we can all be proud, built by Aggies for future generations of Aggies as a personification of the values that we all hold so dear," University President William Mobley said.

Texas A&M University System Regent Raul Fernandez of San Antonio, who also chairs the Corps Development Council, elaborated on those values.

"The lessons that I learned in the Corps—the teamwork, problem solving, the camaraderie—all of these lessons have stayed with me for a lifetime," Fernandez said.

As a part of the ceremony, many of the 500 attendees contributed small items to three tubes that will be included in the cornerstone's time capsule.



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A Mason admires the cornerstone of the future Sam Houston Sanders Corp of Cadets Center at the leveling ceremony Thursday afternoon. Corps Commandant Maj. Gen. Thomas Darling

led the ceremony. Members of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Texas, Dr. Mobley, Dr. Koldus and other A&M systems leaders were present. Dr. Sanders was unable to attend.

## Custodians to battle in clean competition

By Twila Waddy  
The Battalion

The South Area Posse, Northeast Area Tower of Power, Northwest Area Main Ingredients and the Corps of Cadets Area Challengers will match forces Wednesday in the M.C. Showdown Custodial Competition.

Four teams of 12 Texas A&M custodial workers from the four housing areas will display their custodial skills in eight events in the Commons lobby.

"This is a good opportunity to recognize custodians and help enhance their skills," says Dan Mizer, assistant director of A&M Residence Life, Facilities and Operations.

This also will recognize the techniques used in custodial work, he says. One event is the Mop Magic, where the objective is for a team to clean a 50-square foot area in the least amount of time.

Another event is the Soaked Sponge Relay, where the team must get the most amount of water from the start bucket to the finish bucket.

Other events include Bathroom

Brigade, Measure Minder, Buffer Driving Course, Fine Tune Cleaning, Trash Can Relay and quiz.

The custodial competition is in its second year and open to the public. Mizer says the competition next year might pit A&M's custodians with the custodians from the University of Texas.

Mizer says more than a hundred people are expected to come out and support the teams.

"You get a chance to see how well people do and test their skills," he says.

The team that accumulates the most points at the end of the competition wins.

Four trophies will be awarded for first through third place winners and a traveling trophy for the overall winner.

Everyone who participates will be given a ribbon.

"They are fired up about it," Mizer says.

The competition begins at 8 a.m. and continues to 2:45 p.m. The showdown is sponsored by the Department of Student Affairs.

## Dr. Red Duke to highlight high school conference

Dr. Red Duke highlights a conference this weekend at Texas A&M for state high school students interested in learning about trends in science-related fields.

Duke, an A&M graduate now affiliated with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, will speak at 1:30 p.m. in Rudder Forum.

He will address several hundred students participating in the Texas Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) regional testing competition.

JETS, a non-profit organization,

is designed to help persuade high school students to choose technical careers in engineering, math and science.

More than 2,000 high school students are expected to attend five regional JETS competitions this spring.

Testing this year will include individual and team competitions in English, math, physics, biology, chemistry and computer fundamentals.

Duke's speech is open to the public, but priority seating will be given to JETS members.

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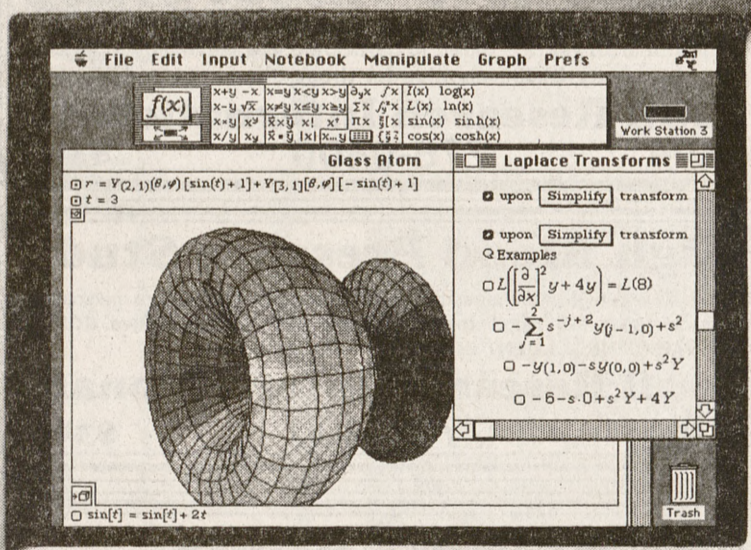
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