

# Dyslexic says A&M policy should be altered

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 hours, to complete the test. But another problem surfaced, Dearthmont said. One section of the microeconomics test was written by an instructor he did not take, but the other students taking the test did take the instructor. Dearthmont said in the past separate tests would be given to students who had different instructors for the course. The new rule, however, stated that tests could be written by a committee of all instructors teaching the course. But in his case, his instructor did not help write the test, Dearthmont said. Dearthmont pressed the first section of the microeconomics test and failed the other section. Soon after, Dearthmont's advisory committee voted to remove him from the Ph.D. program. In attempting to appeal his termination, Dearthmont said he

found it frustrating and an impossible task to get the University administration to handle a discrimination complaint. Dearthmont said he went to the personnel office, University affirmative action officer, dean of faculties, and dean of the Graduate College, only to find he had to appeal to the department head. Dearthmont then was told to appeal to the department's faculty grievance committee, which Dearthmont said was newly formed and never existed prior to hearing his complaint. Dearthmont said the committee decided since the words "learning" and "education" are related, the University's prohibition of discrimination based on "educationally unrelated" handicaps did not apply to learning disabilities. Dearthmont filed an appeal to the then Graduate College, which said he had not been

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# Lewis checks into drug rehabilitation clinic

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 the running back's entry to the center and said he hopes the team will give his client the benefit of the doubt. "Darren has admitted himself into a 30-day program as a precaution," Burroughs said. "Darren did test positive, and we want to make sure it is a one-time occurrence or minor experimentation. "Darren said he experimented sometime after (his senior) season. We want the Bears to see a willingness on his part to help himself."

A&M head coach R.C. Slocum said the news was shocking, but that if Lewis had any previous problems, the University didn't have any knowledge of it. "I'm disappointed if it turns out to be fact that he did test positive," Slocum told KBTX-TV. "The drug problem is something that we read about daily in the papers in all walks of life, athletes as well as non-athletes. "I can say that Darren Lewis did the things we asked him to do. Darren never

missed a practice, never missed a meeting. We test on a regular basis, we have random tests, we have required tests, if there was ever a problem here, we're certainly not aware of it." Slocum left town Wednesday afternoon, and couldn't be reached for further comment. Lewis will miss the Bears' mini-camp which starts today and runs through Sunday, but he said he'll be ready to make a contribution to the team.

The Bears are stockpiled at the running back position. Starter Neal Anderson is an All-Pro, and backups Johnny Bailey and Brad Muster played sparingly last season. "I'm taking care of myself," Lewis said. "They're (the Bears) going to wonder if they give this guy money, what's he going to do with it? "I'm taking care of myself, and I'm going to do whatever it takes to help the Bears." The Associated Press contributed to this story.

# Director hopes A&M ethnicity institute thrives

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 William Mobley, who helped get the institute started, committed \$175,000 in funding toward its development. The center was approved by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents on March 1. Thomas also thanked Dr. Ben Aguirre, a professor in the socio-

logy department, for his help with the institute. "I give credit to the department (of sociology), but especially to Dr. Aguirre for his solo efforts in getting RESI started," she said. A&M has an increasingly diverse student body and faculty in terms of racial and ethnic makeup, Thomas said.

"But I think there is a lag at the rate at which racial and ethnicity is taking place," she said. "Given the present and projected changing demographics, it is imperative that we accept racial and cultural diversity as a reality," she said. "We view it as an opportunity for the full participation of all citizens."

She also said changing demographics can be viewed as a crisis or as an opportunity for growth. Although RESI is located in the College of Liberal Arts, its outreach is intended to be University-wide, Thomas said. "We hope it will be viewed as potential resource for the entire A&M community and totally supported as such," she said.

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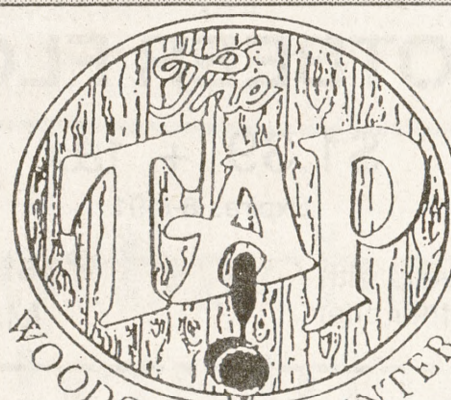
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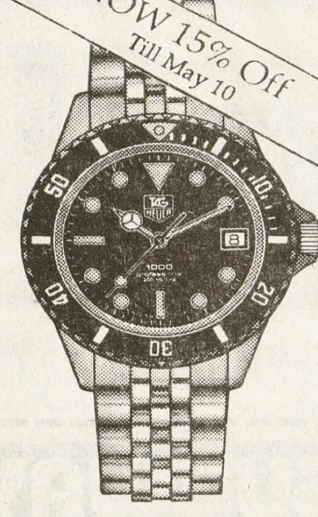
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