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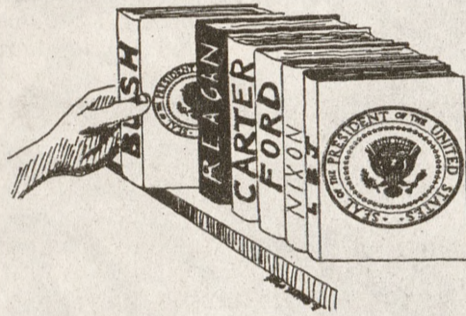
## Bush library receives gift of public opinion interview data

By Greg Mt. Joy  
 The Battalion

The announcement of a major donation of public opinion interviews comes as the latest boon in a string of good fortune for Texas A&M's Center for Presidential Studies.  
 Less than a month after receiving word that the George Bush Presidential Library would be located at A&M, center director Dr. George Edwards said more than 1 million nationally conducted interviews would be given to the Bush library.  
 Edwards said the interviews, called the Tarrance Collection of Public Opinion Research, would provide insight on public support and candidate eval-

uation for the presidency since 1977.  
 The collection, donated by V. Lance Tarrance Jr. of Houston of the national survey research firm Tarrance and Associates, includes about 300,000 interviews conducted in Texas.  
 Edwards said the center hopes that in addition to donating the interviews, Tarrance will meet with students several times a year during seminars and other programs to give them an insider's view of electoral politics.

The center, which will be in the presidential library complex, will benefit greatly from the library, Edwards said.  
 Edwards said the center was created before the site for the library was determined. He also added that the University would have carried on with or



without the library.  
 "The library and the center are the perfect complements for each other,"

Edwards said. "As a result of the center and other academic programs that will be located in the presidential library complex, Texas A&M will become the premier place to study the presidency."  
 Edwards said the library will enrich programs already thriving at A&M such as the master of public administration degree. It also will lend prestige to other degrees in similar fields, he said.

The complex will be located on a 90-acre site on west campus at the intersection of George Bush Drive and FM 2818, Edwards said.  
 The exact design of the library has not been determined, but the exterior and landscaping will be modeled after

the University's research park, located next to the site, Edwards said.  
 The library will be funded largely by gifts from Bush's friends and admirers, including A&M alumni and other University supporters.  
 The acquisition of the library on May 3 ended months of competition with the University of Houston and Rice University. Those schools had tried to use their location in President Bush's adopted hometown to attract the library.  
 However, Dr. Daniel Fallon, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said A&M officials were confident of their proposal and never wavered from their original plans.



**A little horsing around**  
 Maria de Keratry, a fourth-year veterinary student, checks a seven-day-old miniature horse and its mother at the A&M Large Animal Clinic.

## Regents may still face suit

Possible violation of Open Meetings Act has not yet resulted in legal action

By Mack Harrison  
 The Battalion

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents has not yet faced any legal action stemming from a possible violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act, but the possibility for a lawsuit still exists.  
 The Board discussed a statement on harassment and discrimination during a closed executive session on May 16 and 17. The Board later approved the statement.  
 The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits governmental bodies from holding meetings closed to the public, except to discuss real estate, personnel or litigation.  
 Violation of the act is a misdemeanor punishable by a \$100 to \$500 fine and/or one to six months in jail.  
 Ron Dusek, public information officer with the state attorney general's office, said his office does not investigate violations of the act.  
 He said a group or individual with knowledge of a possible transgression can take action by filing a lawsuit against the violating governmental body.  
 "The attorney general's office has no enforcement powers for the Open Meetings Act," Dusek said. "A person must have the

court determine (any violations)."  
 The statement is similar to one adopted by University President William Mobley. Earlier this year, groups including A&M's Gay and Lesbian Student Services (GLSS) protested the policy's vague wording.  
 Dr. Larry Hickman, former faculty adviser for GLSS, said several parties are interested in pursuing the matter, but he declined to name the groups.  
 However, Genevieve Stubbs, first assistant general counsel for A&M, said she was unaware of any lawsuits filed against the Board.  
 "No one has given me notice (of any action being taken)," Stubbs said.  
 The Board's statement forbids harassment and discrimination against anyone, but does not mention specific groups.  
 The statement reads: "Faculty, staff and students should be aware that any form of harassment and any form of illegal discrimination against any individual is inconsistent with the values and ideals of the Texas A&M University System community."  
 Dr. James Mazzullo, the present adviser for GLSS, declined to comment.

## Tips for communication

Editor's note: The Battalion will run a weekly column on better health habits provided by the education department of the A.P. Beutel Health Center.

By Andrea Beshara  
 Special to The Battalion

Communication between people often is a very confusing matter. Sometimes people might have difficulty talking to another person or maybe say one thing and have others understand it as something else.  
 Women and men can often communicate in different ways, even though they are trying to express the same ideas.  
 Successful communication occurs when the person speaking or gesturing achieves the impact intended.  
 Remember that although communication can be verbal or non-verbal, actions can often speak louder than words.  
 Some people communicate better verbally. Whatever the differences, it is important to keep in mind that these differences will vary from person to person, woman to man.  
 Here are some tips for effective communication:  
 □ Be honest with your partner or friend from the beginning of your relationship. Let them

know if you like to share your feelings or if you are a person who keeps things to yourself. This will let your friend or partner be prepared for how you might react to certain situations.  
 □ Strive to understand your partner or friend. Background, culture and personality all play a part in how a person values and acts in a relationship.  
 □ During an argument, try to avoid "kitchen-sinking" or griping about everything that is bothering you for the past month instead of sticking to one issue at a time.  
 □ Listen to one another. It is human nature to keep things in check. Take time to say, "Hey, I'm here and things are fine," or "I'm feeling pressured and we need to discuss this."  
 Enjoy the time you spend communicating with others. Communication is a vital part of our everyday lives.  
 Always be conscious of all your communication ACTS: Appropriateness of communication, Comprehension of words and actions, Truth should be expressed, Sincerity will be demonstrated.  
 The Health Education Center of the A.P. Beutel Health Center offers educational programs on communication and relationships.  
 The programs focus on techniques to establish successful communication in all relationships. For more information, call 845-1341.

## Sigma Chi donates \$2,000 to library for new terminals

By Karen Praslicka  
 The Battalion

Texas A&M's chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity continues to lead the way for student groups at A&M by donating \$2,000 to the Sterling C. Evans Library, said Irene Hoadley, director of the library.  
 Sigma Chi raised the money during its annual Derby Days project.  
 Hoadley said the money will be used to purchase two new NOTIS terminals for the current periodicals department.  
 She said the new terminals will benefit students because all the library's journal holdings are on NOTIS. The one or two terminals now in current periodicals are not sufficient

for students' needs, Hoadley said.  
 "When students are looking for something in current periodicals, they don't want to have to go to another part of the building to find a terminal," she said.  
 Hoadley said last year's donation was used to buy two terminals in the main catalog area, which is another busy section in the library besides current periodicals.  
 The main advantage of the new terminals is the shorter waiting time for use, she said.  
 "Everybody has a limited amount of wait time, including students," Hoadley said.  
 She said at certain times there is a problem with students waiting to use terminals.  
 "You can't have enough equipment to satisfy needs all the time, but you want to minimize the wait," Hoadley said.  
 The terminals have been ordered and should be ready for the fall semester, she said.  
 Fraternity member Greg Ballo said in a previous interview it was important for the fraternity to support some activity on campus.  
 Fraternity members said the current periodicals and reference areas were "high use" areas where the terminals would be most beneficial to students.  
 Hoadley said Sigma Chi is the first student group other than graduating classes to make gifts to the library. The library's goal is to raise \$40 million over a five-year period.  
 Hoadley commended Sigma Chi for their leadership and said she hopes other student groups will follow the fraternity's example.