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The BATTIPS number is 845-3315.

Ideas can include news stories, feature ideas and personality profiles of interesting people. Readers also are encouraged to offer any other suggestions that could improve the newspaper.

Former student first to receive Twelfth Man Award

Aggie helps land presidential library

By Susan Maguire
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A former Texas A&M student instrumental in bringing the George Bush Presidential Library to College Station is the first recipient of the University's Twelfth Man Award.

John Lindsey, Class of '44, received the award during a reception Sunday at the River Oaks Country Club in Houston.

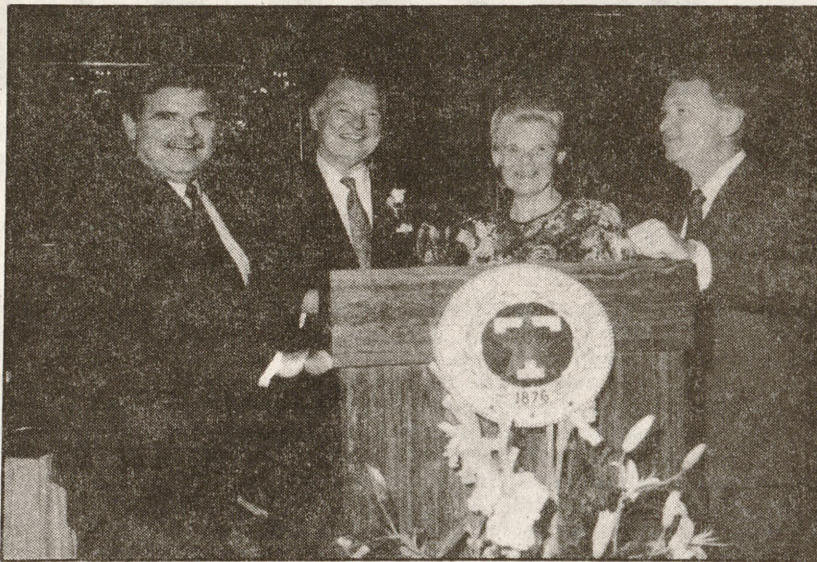
Lindsey said he was honored to receive the award and that he has always enjoyed helping the University.

"A&M does wonderful things for young people, and helping young people is the most important thing a person can do," he said.

Lindsey said he first heard that he won the honor from William McKenzie, a former chairman of the Board of Regents. Lindsey then received a formal letter from University President William Mobley to make it official, he said.

"I was pretty excited to be the first recipient," Lindsey said.

He also received a congratulatory letter from President Bush, along with a Board of Regents' resolution that cites Lindsey for "continuing support of Texas A&M and for the high esteem in which he is held."



John H. Lindsey (second from left) of Houston accepts the Twelfth Man Award from Texas A&M President William H. Mobley and Ross Margraves (right), chairman of the A&M University System Board of Regents. Sara Lindsey joins her husband in receiving the award for superior service.

The award recognizes the "willingness to provide above-and-beyond service" and is symbolized by a statuette of E. King Gill, A&M's legendary Twelfth Man.

Lindsey was instrumental in bringing the Bush library to A&M and has agreed to serve as

national chairman for A&M's first capital campaign.

The five-year fundraising program, expected to have a goal of at least \$400 million, will be formally launched early next year, University officials say.

Lindsey and his wife, Sara, re-

cently established two endowed chairs and have provided funding for numerous scholarships and student programs. They also were the first off-campus donors for A&M's commemorative tree-planting program.

Lindsey was instrumental in founding the Texas A&M University Press, the institution's scholarly publishing house. The building that houses the Press bears Lindsey's name.

He also has served the University in various other ways, including leadership positions on key boards, councils and foundations in support of academic and extracurricular endeavors.

He was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus in 1978 by the University and its Association of Former Students for a combination of career accomplishment and service to his alma mater.

Lindsey, a Houston insurance executive, has a long history of leadership in civic and cultural activities in Houston, including service as director of the Alley Theatre and the Houston Grand Opera.

Mary Helen Bowers, director of Educational Information Services, said she has worked with Lindsey on several projects.

"The things he's done for A&M are incredible, both the small undertakings and the monumental ones," she said.

Students will study dolphin life

By Susan Maguire
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Texas A&M students have a chance to get their feet wet and gain valuable experience by volunteering to study bottlenose dolphins in Costa Rica, an Aggie researcher said Tuesday.

Dr. Jane Packard, consultant for the project titled "Dolphin Strategies," said the focus of the study is to examine how dolphin-feeding strategies relate to feeding group size and group size influences group structure.

"Dolphin societies are fluid and flexible," she said. "The question is how does environment shape this behavior?"

Anyone can volunteer for a two-week stint with study which will take place in Costa Rica from October through December 1992. The trip will cost \$1,500.

Packard said students have the opportunity to get credit for volunteering, and those interested can speak with her.

"This gives people experience with dolphins," Packard said. "At the same time, they help advance research in the conservation of these animals."

Packard said this is the first time the influences of feeding strategies on dolphins has been studied.

In the study, the dolphins' behavior in the ocean will be compared to their behavior close to land. Volunteers will be used only for near-land studies.

"From what I've heard, research sites are like a patch of paradise," she said.

Packard said the study is important because it helps humans understand dolphins for dolphins' sake.

"It's one of the few studies that helps us understand what dolphin society is like," she said.

Richards sets political trend, Vogue says

AUSTIN (AP) — An article being published this week by Vogue magazine says Gov. Ann Richards and several big-city mayors are in the vanguard of a sweeping movement toward political power for Texas women.

"The women of Texas are on their way to installing the first government matriarchy in the New World," the magazine says.

The article is highly flattering to the Democratic governor, who took office in January. It recounts her rise from a schoolgirl in a small town near Waco to state treasurer to 1988 Democratic National Convention keynote speaker to the bruising campaign she waged for Texas' highest office.

It tells of her long involvement with civil rights and politics.

Richards became the first woman since Gov. Miriam "Ma" Ferguson to win a statewide race when she first was elected treasurer in 1982.

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Lawmakers study raising gas tax

AUSTIN (AP) — An 8-cent-a-gallon increase in the gasoline tax is being contemplated by lawmakers struggling to balance the budget, but a higher sales tax might be avoided, state leaders said Tuesday.

Legislators in the House hope to get by with revising the state franchise tax, increasing the gasoline tax and raising some fees, Speaker Gib Lewis said. A proposal to revamp the franchise tax includes a levy on business income.

"I think it's possible, I really do," said Lewis, D-Fort Worth. "Of course, you all know I'm very optimistic on all these things."

A \$4.8 billion shortfall was estimated for lawmakers called into special session earlier this month to write a state budget for the next two years. But State Comptroller John Sharp has outlined budget cuts and fee increases to whittle

down that figure.

"I have felt from the outset that if we did the cuts that we needed to do, and if we did the budget that we needed to do, then when we started talking about revenues, we would be looking at the lottery, a reorganization of the franchise tax and perhaps 8 cents on gasoline — 5 cents to the state, 2 cents to the cities and 1 cent to the counties," Gov. Ann Richards said.

"I believe from the tracking we're doing (on cuts and spending), that's about what we're looking at," she said.

Rep. James Hury, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said he was unsure how much the gas tax increase being discussed would bring the state. He also said lawmakers might set aside revenue from 2 cents of the tax for cities and 1 cent for counties.

POLICE BEAT

The following crimes were reported to the University Police Department from July 19 to 29.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

Someone damaged the smoke detector in a fourth-floor room of Appelt Hall.

Someone used a sharp object to place two scratches in the left rear quarter panel of a Toyota Cressida while it was parked in the McKenzie Terminal parking lot.

Three individuals who lacked proper access identification cards were issued criminal trespass warnings and escorted from the building.

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

A 30 gallon gray plastic trash can was stolen from the

third level of the Southside Parking Garage.

The license plate and parking permit were stolen from a 1984 Honda motorcycle in the parking area on Coke Street.

A Vivitar electronic flash was stolen from a first-floor room of Lechner Hall.

On three occasions someone removed money from a working cash fund located in a second-floor room of the Read Building.

Four bikes were reported stolen.

BURGLARY:

Someone entered a third-floor room of Appelt Hall and removed \$80 from a wallet.

Someone pried open a desk drawer in a first-floor room of the Kleberg Animal and Food Science Center and removed a set of keys.

A blue nylon shaving bag containing \$25 was stolen from a fourth-floor room of Appelt Hall.

The activation of the Golf Clubhouse alarm resulted in the arrest of a Dallas resident. The subject was apprehended as he threw a maroon and white golf bag and clubs through the window he had broken to gain entry into the building. He was transported to the Brazos County Jail and incarcerated.

ACT NOW

Although theft has increased at Texas A&M, property stolen for the 1990 school year was more than \$362,000 — 41 percent of that was taken from buildings.

Each individual can become involved with reducing the opportunity for crime to occur on campus by taking simple precautions.

Some workplace crime prevention tips to follow are:

Keep your purse, wallets, coats or other valuable items with you at all times or locked in a drawer or closet.

Identify all personal property with your driver's license number and campus property with the TAMU number. Record all serial numbers. This insures that something is stolen, it can be traced through the National Crime Information Center Computer.

Secure all computers, electronics, scales and items of value with case-hardened steel cables, alarms or pads.

Check identification of strangers who ask for confidential information or any delivery or repair persons who want to enter an area restricted to employees.

Report persons loitering around hallways or offices. A person trying to turn a doorknob might be checking for an unlocked office. A sound broken glass could be a burglary in progress. Report suspicious activity immediately to the University Police at 845-2345.

The police dispatcher need a clothing description as well as information on height, weight, race and sex. It is important to note any direction of travel or license plate number that might be available.

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