

**FORECAST**

High temperatures will continue to remain in the high 70s over the weekend.

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"We must realize that the children we help and influence are this world's future, and the one's who will be caring for us in our old age."  
— Tanya Williams, columnist

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## Regents choose Penberthy field as site for recreation center

By Greg Mt.Joy  
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Texas A&M's Board of Regents selected the Penberthy intramural fields for the site of the proposed Recreational Sports Building and Natatorium on Thursday. The site, located between Kyle Field and the Special Events Center, was deemed the best of three proposed, and approved for construction. Penberthy field was chosen largely because of parking availability and ease of student access, and because it would fit into the sports-dominated setting of the

area, a Facilities Planning and Construction staff report said. The report said the noise and lights from the facility would be in an area where they would blend in, a condition that led to the rejection of sites at Duncan Field and West campus, near the George Bush Presidential Library site. University President William Mobley, however, expressed concern over relocation of the intramural and softball fields currently at the site. "Two questions have to be considered before approval," Mobley said. "The new location for the fields, and the cost of relocation."

The proposal included \$1.2 million for relocation of the existing fields, plus a 20 percent increase for other costs. Mobley said the cost of relocation included turf preparation and lighting for new fields. Board members said renovation of the fields has been needed for at least 10 years, and cited several problems with the current fields, including poor drainage and much-needed maintenance. In other Board of Regents business within Facilities Planning and Construction, architects were sent back to the drawing board with preliminary plans for a Library Facilities construction project.

A \$9 million proposal, the study-oriented 'library without books' drew criticism from Regent Douglas DeCluitt for a large sunscreen feature. "The sunscreen looks like it has just been stuck onto the building," DeCluitt said. "It appears it is not integrated with the rest of the library." Overwhelming disapproval of the design led to its rejection by the board. The board was also given 12th day enrollment figures by Dr. Edward Hiler, deputy chancellor of Academic Program Planning and Research. Hiler reported flat enrollment figures for the system, citing a 0.89 percent over-

all increase. He said A&M experienced slight increases of both female and undergraduate enrollment. A&M enrollment dropped to 40,965, down 206 students from Fall of 1990. Mobley said he was pleased with the figures. "These numbers are right on target with our enrollment reduction plans," he said. "We are still 600,000 square feet short of having the space needed for our enrollment, but with the building projects initiated, that figure should be cut to 69,000 by 1995."

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## A&M plans to relocate bonfire to polo fields

By John Lose  
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Plans are underway to move bonfire from its present location at Duncan Field to the polo fields east of campus, a move that could take place as early as Fall 1992. "The reason the discussion has come up so much this year is because the Texas Air Marshal and the Texas Air Control Board came and evaluated bonfire last fall," said Bill Kibler, associate director of Student Affairs and staff advisor for bonfire. "Neither gave a negative report, but they did say that under different weather conditions such as high winds or exceptionally dry weather that it could potentially be a concern. "It was kind of a veiled recommendation that the University consider a site not in such close proximity to private property," Kibler said. Another factor entering into the plans to move bonfire was the future site of the Student Recreation Center, a multi-million dollar facility which would house swimming pools, weight rooms, racquetball courts and other indoor recreational facilities, Kibler said. "We are now at the stage of working with the architects and Duncan Field was one of the three front-runners for the site of the Recreation Center," Kibler said. "So that's just a little more motivation to take a more serious look at the polo field as a site for bonfire." The Texas A&M Board of Regents, however, chose Penberthy Field as the future location for the Student Recreation Center during Thursday afternoon's Board meeting. Headstack redpot Jim McTasney said alternate sites for bonfire have been considered for the past



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### Blowin' in the wind

Kristen Petersen, a freshman theater arts major from Austin, gets blasted by a gust of cold wind Thursday as she walks through campus. The cold front brought temperatures in the 60s.

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## Cadet reports assault

### A&M officials investigate alleged abuse of female Corps member

By Liz Tisch  
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A female member of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets reported to University police that she was assaulted Tuesday due to her application to the Parsons' Mounted Cavalry. University officials responded to the alleged incident in a statement released by the Office of Public Information. "The administrative staff of A&M is investigating an alleged incident in which a female member of the Corps of Cadets was accosted and threatened, presumably because of her application to be a member of the Parsons' Mounted Cavalry," said Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services. Bob Wiatt, director of University Police Department, confirmed the report but said no one has been charged. "We received an allegation that a female student was assaulted physically - not sexually - on campus Tuesday night," Wiatt said. "We are in the process of investigating, therefore, I cannot comment." Tim Piper, Parsons' Mounted Cavalry commanding officer, declined to comment about the incident as did Corps Commander John Sherman. Robert Shultz, a Parsons' Mounted Cavalry member, told

The Battalion, however, the only topic he would discuss with reporters about the Cavalry was how they make the cannon go off at A&M football games. "I'll tell you that there are three seniors and two juniors on the field who pull the cannon strings to make it go off," Shultz said. "But I won't talk about the incident." According to the statement released by Koldus, the female student was taken to the A.P. Beutel Health Center. "The student reported the incident to her male student commanding officer," he said. "He took the female student to the health center and contacted administrative officials about the alleged incident. The female student was treated for anxiety and then released from the center." "We will not tolerate harassment or discrimination in any form," Koldus said. "Once all the facts in the case are gathered, a determination will then be made relating both to disciplinary sanctions and/or the filing of criminal charges." The Parsons' Mounted Cavalry, named in honor of former Corps Commandant Col. Thomas Parsons, is a group of equestrians chosen to participate in Corps march-ins prior to football games, parades and rodeos. The organization consists of approximately 50 cadets, less than five of whom are women.

## Fee aids international study

By Karen Praslicka  
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A \$1 student fee will go into effect next spring to raise money for an international education aid fund assisting students in international exchange or study programs. The fee was approved by the Texas Legislature. The Texas A&M Board of Regents approved the fee increase during their August meeting. The law reads that the governing board of an institution of higher learning may charge and collect a \$1 fee from registered students each regular and summer session. It continues to read that the money will be deposited in the institution's financial aid fund and used only for students. Guidelines for using the fund will be developed by the institution's student government and administration. Linda Parrish, chairwoman of an subcommittee

to discuss the fee, said the subcommittee is in the first stage of proposing specific guidelines for how the fund will be used. "It will have no use but for A&M students to get international experience," she said. After the guidelines have been set, they will go to an international programs committee, provost's office, president's office and eventually the Board of Regents for final approval. "This is a great opportunity for students," Parrish said. "Internationalizing is one of the missions of the University, and we're really happy A&M is allowed to do this." Students at the University of Texas at Austin already have a \$1 international fee which UT students pushed through the state legislature, Parrish said. Although the Board of Regents approved the increase, Parrish said, the fee is not a "done deal." "The guidelines have to go through many groups before becoming a policy," she said. "We openly want students to understand this opportunity. "Nobody is trying to put anything over on anybody," she said. "We want input."

## Student dies of unknown causes at park; services today

A Texas A&M student died Wednesday at Central Park in College Station. Kenneth J. Roberson, a senior business analysis major, age 30, is survived by his wife and two children. An autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death. A brief memorial service will be held today at Callaway-Jones Funeral Home, 3001 S. College Ave., Bryan. Roberson's body will be cremated following the service.

## Hussein urges Palestinians to attend peace conference

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III and King Hussein on Thursday jointly urged the Palestinians to attend a Mideast peace conference, saying they have the most to lose by not seizing an opportunity that the Jordanian leader said "may not come again, ever." Baker said the United States is prepared to go ahead with the conference regardless of Palestinian participation.

Hussein, whose populace is about half Palestinian, declined to say whether Jordan would do so — calling the question premature — but declared "the time has come for people to act." "We would be prepared to sponsor a conference that could proceed toward peace across the board," said Baker when asked at a joint news conference with the king whether the United States would go ahead if the Palestinians refused to attend. Jordan was the third Arab country visited by Baker on a trip designed to firm up arrangements for the peace conference the United States hopes to convene in Oc



King Hussein

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