

## A&M readies for Parents' Weekend

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Many Texas A&M students are preparing themselves and their homes for a visit from mom and dad as Parents' Weekend approaches.

Events will begin this Friday and continue through Sunday, starting with a variety show and yell practice.

Lauri Schott, chair of the Parents' Weekend Committee of Student Government, encourages parents to come and see what their child is doing at A&M.

"Come have a good time and

### Variety show, yell practice will kick off Friday's events

be with your child, and experience what A&M is all about," she said.

Schott said she hopes that parents attending the events will learn about A&M.

"I just want to be able to show the parents what A&M is all about," she said. "It's also a time to give back to your parents, because they're the main reason we're here."

Schott is expecting a large turnout of parents this weekend,

both from Bryan and College Station, and out of town.

"All the hotels are booked, if that tells you anything," she said.

Events Friday include the Residence Hall Association Casino Night beginning at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center and a variety show at 8 p.m. in Rudder Tower. There will also be an 'Old Army' yell practice, with former yell leaders participating.

Saturday's events begin with

the fourth annual BurnBevo Barbecue from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at The Grove. Seven teams will be judged on their barbecue, and for \$5 per plate, students and parents can sample the barbecue of three of the teams. The Aggie Wranglers and the Singing Cadets will also perform at the event.

Students are encouraged to take their parents for a night out on the town for family night at the Texas Hall of Fame Saturday.

The final event will be the all-University awards ceremony at which the Parents of the Year will be announced. The awards ceremony in Rudder Auditorium will begin at 9 a.m. Sunday.



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### Ready... aim...

Gina Husman, a freshman business major from Justin, takes aim during her archery class Monday.

## SMU faculty votes for free legal aid program

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University law school students will be required to provide free legal help to people who can't afford it, making the school the first in Texas with such a graduation provision.

Faculty voted last week to require that students complete at least 30 hours of pro bono legal work during their second and third years to graduate, said Paul Rogers, law school dean.

The mandatory program would be one of only six at law schools across the nation and the only one in Texas. Pro bono refers to professional services provided, without compensation, for charitable organizations or for the poor.

The decision doesn't affect current students, Rogers said. Faculty members also committed to complete the same number of hours of pro bono work, he said.

"It's something we've had under study for a couple of years," he said. "It goes to what type of values the law school is trying to instill in its graduates. We want them to serve the public."

Students will not offer legal advice but will help practicing attorneys who have volunteered to mentor the future lawyers.

## Justices allow ruling to stand

Court refuses to reinstate conviction, death sentence of murderer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday refused to reinstate the conviction and death sentence of a man accused of murdering and mutilating a Tyler, Texas, woman 15 years ago.

The justices, without comment, let stand a state court's ruling that Kerry Max Cook is entitled to a new trial.

The state court, applying a 1981 Supreme Court ruling to Cook's 1978 prosecution, said Cook should have been given a so-called Miranda warning before he was interviewed by a psychiatrist who then testified at the sentencing trial.

Prosecutors asked the court to use Cook's case to reverse its rule that new criminal law decisions generally should be applied retroactively to all cases pending on direct review at the time.

"We thought we had a good case for harmless error with regard to the psychiatrist... but we recognized that the court has frowned on cases in which these type of issues have come up before," Smith

County assistant district attorney David E. Dobbs said Monday.

"We thought we had a good case, but we're not overly surprised (with the decision)," he said.

Cook was convicted of the June 10, 1977, killing of 21-year-old Linda Jo Edwards, a secretary at Texas Eastern University in Tyler.

Prosecutors said Cook used a knife to mutilate Edwards while she was still alive.

Before Cook's trial, he was interviewed by a court-appointed psychiatrist, James Grigson, to determine whether he was competent to stand trial. After Cook was convicted, Grigson testified at the sentencing trial on Cook's future dangerousness.

In 1981, the Supreme Court used a Texas case to rule that such testimony by psychiatrists is not allowed unless a defendant was warned that anything he said to the psychiatrist could be used against him and that he had a right to a lawyer's help during the examination.

## Medical officials determine man shot wife, then himself

PASADENA (AP) — Medical examiners ruled Monday a husband apparently shot his wife to death and then killed himself, leaving the couple's two young daughters to fend for themselves for up to two days in their trailer.

Patrick Wayne Burke, 24, and Sabrina Leann Burke, 23, were found fatally shot Sunday afternoon after Mrs. Burke's father became concerned that he could not reach the couple.

A Harris County Medical Examiner's office spokeswoman said Mrs. Burke was a murder victim and died of a gunshot wound to the chest. Burke died of a gunshot wound to the neck and into the head, and his death was ruled a

suicide.

Both had been killed with a military rifle found at the scene, but an exact time of death could not be determined, the spokeswoman said. The couple's 4-year-old and 9-month-old daughters were "in good condition" when found playing in another room, Sgt. Ralph McAninch said Monday.

"It's a real tragedy," said Sgt. S.D. Null of the Pasadena Police Department. "The first thing she (the 4-year-old) told officers was that 'Mommy and Daddy are dead.'"

Police said the older daughter had found cereal, bread and crackers to feed herself and her

younger sister as the two watched television.

McAninch said Mrs. Burke's father became concerned after he was unable to reach the family by phone between 10 p.m. Friday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. He went to the home, saw the bodies through a window in the first bedroom and called police.

McAninch said the doors to the trailer were still locked and there was no indication of a forced entry or a struggle. The girls were not injured, but the baby had a very soiled diaper and was extremely hungry, Null said.

They were cleaned up and fed at a neighbor's home and released to relatives.

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