University faculty member dies

Co-op education director suffered from tumor complications

By Robin Roach The Battalion

Dr. Steven A. Yates, 48, died Monday due to complications with a brain tumor. Yates served as executive director of Texas A&M University's Career Center since May 1991.

Yates was known as a national leader in cooperative education. He previously served as director of Texas A&M's cooperative education program during which time the program grew to be the third largest

cooperative education program in the nation.
Wayne Terrell assumed Yates' position as execu-

tive director when he was diagnosed with the tumor. Terrell had worked with Yates for 12 years.

'He was highly regarded nationally among his colleagues in the co-op profession and his death comes as a shock to all of us," Terrell said in a released statement.

Yates is survived by his wife and three children. Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the A&M Church of Christ and graveside services will

Donations may be made to the Steve Yates Scholarship Fund for Cooperative Education Students in care of the Texas A&M University Development Foundation, P.O. Box J7, College Station, 77844

Panel recommends federal crime status for parents failing to pay child support

WASHINGTON (AP) — Calling the nation's system of child support enforcement "a dinosaur mired in paper," a federal panel recommended Tuesday that Congress make it a federal crime for a parent to willfully fail to pay sup-

The U.S. Commission on Interstate Child Support also recommended making increased use of the Internal Revenue Service to enforce child-support orders.

It called for requiring new employees to disclose on IRS W-4 withholding forms whether they've been ordered to pay sup-port, and requiring employers to

from their pay checks. It said the IRS "should be required to give high priority" to requests for collection in delinquent child support cases

To target the self-employed, the commission would empower states to suspend professional and occupational licenses, such as a law license or carpenter's permit, for failure to make support pay-

It also would encourage states to revoke drivers' licenses and car registrations in such cases.

"The child-support system is broken," said Margaret Campbell

Haynes, a Washington lawyer and chairman of the panel, created by Congress in 1988 to study the sys-

'Today, millions of children in the United States fail to receive the financial support they are owed," the commission said in its bulky report.

Panel members contended that the recommendations represent a middle ground in the debate over increasing enforcement of child support payments by divorced or absent parents.

It stopped short of calling for establishment of a new federal child-support system.

Dr. Jerry Gaston, said the College of Agriculture cannot provide the journalism content of the program. That is why the program is

'But the authority for the degree is within the College of Liberal Arts," Gaston said. "It's a unique program in that it involves two colleges.

only survive, but thrive and grow," he said. "Ag journalism is an example of how journalism has specialized. It can become a model for specializing programs in journalism in the future."

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Fuel cleanup fund needs money

after leaking fuel storage tanks needs at least four times as much money - or \$240 million a year - to address the problem, the Texas Water Commission said Tuesday

The program now receives about \$60 million a year, "but needs four to six times as much for any hope of staying within the reach of the 12,000 or more sites currently undergoing cleanup," according to a statement from the commission.

Texas has about 161,000 registered storage tanks above and below the ground.

"When this program was set up by the Legislature in 1989, no one could have imagined the number of storage tanks that leak and therefore require

The program is safe for now,

but until state higher education

funding improves, he will not

promise permanent security, Gas-

ered important for the Universi-

ty," he said. "Everyone cannot be

a top priority, but if we didn't

consider ag journalism important, we wouldn't have helped the two

are older than the journalism de-partment itself. It began in 1918

with a rural sociology class that

prepared agriculture students

with skills to work with rural publics. The Department of Jour-

nalism was formally established

"Ag journalism is a program that has a great history and fu-

ture," Self said, "and I believe the

future of journalism is this type of

specialization.

Ag journalism's roots at A&M

colleges keep the program."

"It (ag journalism) is consid-

cleanup," said Commission Chairman John Hall. The program was established to protect groun water from contamination caused by the tanks. The legislation set out limits on the fee that pays for the

The fee is levied on the bulk delivery of petrole

The commission said industry spokesmen sa they will ask the Legislature to increase the fee so the program will have adequate funding.

Brooks Smith, president of the Texas Oil Ma keters Association, said the fee now is at six-tenths a cent per gallon. He said his group supports an i crease, although it has not determined the amount.

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funds from private sources to support the program.'

A nationwide search will begin this fall for the permanent ag journalism faculty member. During the interim period, temporary in-structors will be used.

Some say the recent nebulous state of ag journalism may have negative repercussions for stu-

Some ag journalism majors are concerned they will be "lost in the shuffle" when they return to the journalism department, McDonald said. Some students felt they received more individual attention from the ag education depart-

"After working out of the ag education, students gained pride in their major, a renewed vigor,"

"Once they got to ag-ed, they put down roots," she said. "They felt closer to agriculture, and they may feel uprooted."
Still, McDonald believes ag

journalism students will maintain their new enthusiasm with the journalism department.

Doyce Elliot, president of Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow (ACT) and senior ag journalism major, said she enjoys "the best of both worlds" because she is getting training in agriculture and journalism. But, she won't feel displaced by returning to the journalism department.

It's not really a problem," she said. "Maybe for some people that were just here one semester before the change. It (working out of ag education) helped us create some new friendships and bonds.'

Executive Associate Provost,

shared between journalism and

Still, Gaston said the College of Agriculture does provide the important agricultural aspects to the program. An ag journalism degree comes from the College of Agriculture.

Self believes the worst is behind for ag journalism at A&M.

"I expect this program to not

Court upholds 1991 convictions of white supremacist vandals

DALLAS (AP) - A federal appeals court has upheld the convictions of five white supremacists who vandalized a Dallas synagogue and Jewish community center in 1988.

The 14 judges in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans were evenly di-vided over whether jury selection in the case was fair and the convictions should be reversed. The tie means that a 1991 decision affirming the convictions will stand.

Defense attorneys argued that they should have been allowed to question jurors about racial bias and to determine whether or not they were Jewish, Hispanic or black. It was unclear whether any Jewish jurors served on the all-white

In the nine-page opinion handed down Monday, the judges who voted to uphold the convictions said jury selection was proper and that U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders adequately questioned prospective jurors to uncover biases.

Defendants Sean Christian Tarrant, Jon Lance Jordan, Christopher Barry Greer, Michael Lewis Lawrence and Daniel Alvis Wood are serving prison sentences ranging from 43/4 years to 91/2 years.

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Texas A&M head football coach R.C. Slocum will welcome the entire Aggie football team to two-a-day workouts today. The first practice was held this morning at 7:30 and the afternoon workout will begin at 4:15 p.m.

The members of the 1991 Southwest Conference Championship squad will be joining the incoming freshmen and walk-on players who reported to practice last week and have been practic- once on Tuesday, and Slocum ing since Thursday.

A&M veterans report for two-a-days

Slocum said the freshmen have been looking good, and that he equipment and underwent physiwas looking forward to having his veterans back to work with the youngsters.

"We're anxious to get started," Slocum said. "We will hit it early each morning to avoid conflicts with some of our players' class schedules. We're still in the second summer session of classes."

The freshmen only worked out

gave the class the afternoon off as the veterans were fitted with

The squad will work out three days in shorts and helmets before putting on the pads for the first time this Saturday.

All practices are closed to the

The Aggies were given permission from the NCAA to begin practices earlier than usual be-

cause they will be competing in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic the opening game of the college football season, on Aug. 26. A&M will take on Stanford

University and new head coach Bill Walsh in that season the first meeting in the history of the two schools.

The Aug. 26 date is the earliest start in school history. The Aggies started on Aug. 27 in 1988 as they took on the University of Ne braska in the Kickoff Classic at the Meadowlands, NJ.

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great job, but it just wasn't enough to keep us above water," O'Brien said. "With the budget cuts in the state of California, our situation just got progressively worse over the last three or four years. The university's funds have been cut by \$35 million over three years and are supposed to be cut by \$15 million more this coming year.'

O'Brien said he felt if the fornia-Los Angeles said small economy didn't get any better, other schools were going to eventually have to follow Long Beach State's lead. 'I think other schools are go-

ing to have to take a look at their program, and some of the small institutions are going to have to face reality and see that they can't continue to play Division I-A anymore, and some may see that they will have to drop their program completely.

Rick Purdy, Associate Athletic Director at the University of Calicolleges and universities are not the only ones with fiscal problems in their athletic depart-"I don't think there are many

schools in the nation who aren't being forced to handle budget cuts in their department," Purdy said. "The cost of running an athletic department has begun to exceed revenue sources for almost all of us. That is not only because of budget cuts from the state, but also because television income has at best remained constant over the past few years, and in many cases has dropped."

Purdy also said the reduction

in funds has forced all parts of his university to raise fees. "Here at UCLA, the mandatory fees have gone up 84 percent over the past few years, and when fees go up, it is reflected in

said. This is a big problem, and I don't think there is an easy answer to this. "And, if we do find an an-

scholarship prices as well," he

swer, I'm sure it will be quite a

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And, this year's team gets to play Stanford in crispy California, not

drabby New Jersey A&M started that season with three consecutive losses to Nebraska, LSU, and Oklahoma State. The team never recovered, was rocked by a recruiting scandal, and Sherrill fled College Sta-

tion in a cloud of dust. But this year will be different for several reasons. First, the present coaching staff has much better control of the team. The team is disciplined and a testament to that is the summer work-

out program. Head coach R.C. Slocum should be congratulated. He has

not let the inmates run the asylum as rumors dictated Sherrill did during his tenure at A&M.

Secondly, the youth of this team will be a very important characteristic. In 1988, the A&M team was dominated by seniors. After starting 0-3, they appeared to throw in the towel for any national recognition. This is not to say they were quitters but the enthusiasm seemed to wane.

The 1992 A&M squad is hungry and energetic. They want respect; a chance to prove last season was no fluke. So if they do, heaven forbid, start the season with a loss or two, do not discard this team as a tragedy

cellent. There are no dominant egos from any section that will try to hog the glory Now that the enthusiasm has

season. The coaching staff is ex-

The talent is there for a banner

been dashed down and ebbed up again, it is time to ponder what could happen between the goal

Texas A&M, in all likelihood, will have an awesome season. Can the team go undefeated, though? Yes and no.

Yes, because of the overwhelming talent that will be put on the field. No, because of the National Football League. What does the NFL have to do with the A&M's success this year? The heart and soul of last year's team is now playing for pay. Kevin Smith has Dallas as his mailing address, Quentin Coryatt, Indianapolis his, and Bucky Richardson has relocated just a hop and

a skip away in Houston. Players of their caliber are not replaced overnight. Linebackers Reggie Graham, Jesse Cox, and Larry Jackson will form a tag

team to try and overcome the loss of Corvatt. A trio is also competing for Smith's vacant cornerback position.

The toughest spot to fill might be Richardson's empty quarterback position. The names Jeff Granger, Matt Miller, Tommy Preston, and more recently Corey Pullig, have been bantered around as possible replacements. Decisions, decisions.

Enough of the fretting. It is time to turn free safety Patrick Bates loose on unsuspecting wide receivers. Running backs Greg Hill and Rodney Thomas are ready to roam opposition's defensive backfields. Marcus Buckley is ready to terrorize quarterbacks into submission. The opportunity is there for A&M to garner some much de-

served national respect. Carpe diem, Aggies.

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