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## Regents to meet, discuss added fees for graduate programs

By STEPHANIE PATTILLO

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The Texas A&M Board of Regents will meet at the end of this week for the first time with its three newest members.

John H. Lindsey, 70, of Houston; M. Guadalupe Lopez Rangel, 43, of Corpus Christi; and T. Michael O'Connor, 38, of Victoria were confirmed by a unanimous state senate vote Tuesday.

The Board is meeting Thursday and Friday to discuss a lengthy agenda. Among many proposed items is an enrollment fee of \$200 for all newly admitted masters students in the College of Business Administration (CBA) and the Graduate School of Business.

Only applicants admitted to the program will be required to pay this fee. The fee will apply toward a student's tuition and

fees in their first semester of registration if they enroll in the program.

If an accepted student fails to enroll, the \$200 fee will be retained. The funds generated by the retained fees will be cover costs arising out of the failure of admitted students to enroll in the CBA Masters Program, according to the University President's office proposal to the board.

The regents also will consider a

\$200 fee for admission to the Teacher Education Program. The fee covers materials and services not normally covered by state appropriated expenses.

If the Board adopts the item, the new fee will take effect this fall for students applying for admission to the Teacher Education Program.

The dean of the College of Education may waive this \$200 fee if a student demonstrates a financial

hardship, according to the University president's office proposal.

The Board also will discuss several construction projects including the renovation of the Military Science Building, the Veterinary Science Building and Nagle Hall.

In other business, the regents will decide whether to establish an interdisciplinary Crop Biotechnology Center.

The center will focus on the development and application of the tools of biotechnology for crop improvement, said Edward A. Hiler, deputy chancellor and dean of agriculture and life sciences director, in a written proposal to the Board.

If approved, the center will fall within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the Texas Agricultural Experimentation Center.

## Clinton offers Yeltsin support

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WASHINGTON - President Clinton lent forceful support Tuesday to Boris Yeltsin as Russia's "first elected president in 1,000 years," but did not exclude backing other Moscow reformers who would limit nuclear weapons while developing democracy and free markets.

"With or without President Yeltsin in authority, from now I suppose until the end of time, or at least in the foreseeable future, the United States will have those interests," Clinton said at his first formal news conference in the White House.

He said he would be ready with "an aggressive and quite

specific plan" of aid for Yeltsin's government at next week's summit in Canada. "Russia is and must remain a democracy," Clinton said.

As he spoke to reporters, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher held a lengthy meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev on the political crisis in Moscow and preparations for the summit.

"Be alert, but don't worry," Kozyrev said in a brief exchange with reporters, his optimism cloaking the galloping inflation and other woes besetting the Russian people as Yeltsin jousts with Communists, nationalists, and plant managers to try to push

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## Cable company expands coverage TCA adds Court TV for Dallas minister trial

By JEFF GOSMANO

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Subscribers of TCA Cable will get their first glimpse of the Courtroom Television Network Wednesday with live coverage of the attempted murder trial of Dallas minister Walker Railey.

Although Court TV is not carried in Bryan-College Station, the trial of Texas v. Railey will be broadcast on channel 17 through special arrangements with TCA Cable.

Randy Rogers, systems manager of TCA Cable, said the trial is being broadcast because it has attracted state-wide attention and is of interest to cable subscribers.

"Court TV apprehended us and allowed us to 'cherry-pick' it off their channel because the trial is of local interest to our viewers," he said.

Rogers said TCA Cable is in the process of expanding to over 75 channels and "they're looking at carrying Court TV in the future. That's why we're 'cherry-picking.'"

Railey is on trial for the April 21, 1987, attack of his wife, Peggy. She was choked and left for dead in the couple's Dallas home. She survived the attack and remains in a chronic vegetative state.

Merrill Brown, senior vice

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## CEC renews fundraising for endowments, scholarships

By MARK EVANS

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Texas A&M University faculty and staff will renew efforts to raise \$2 million for the University in a ceremony today in Rudder Exhibit Hall.

The Campus Endowment Campaign (CEC), aimed towards the 10,000 current and retired Texas A&M faculty and staff, is sponsoring the reception to draw attention to its fund-raising drive.

Dr. Mel Friedman, campaign chairman, said the campaign provides a means for the staff and faculty to show their support to the University.

"Many of us feel that A&M has been good for our careers,

therefore we want to do something to pay back the University," he said. "This is an opportunity for the campus community to make a contribution."

So far the campaign has raised \$1 million since its inception in September 1990. Friedman said he will announce at the reception that the program has received pledges for an additional \$250,000.

Many of the donations provide money for visiting lecturers, scholarships or endowments. However, Friedman said, people can earmark their donation for any area they wish such as the Evans Library, student services

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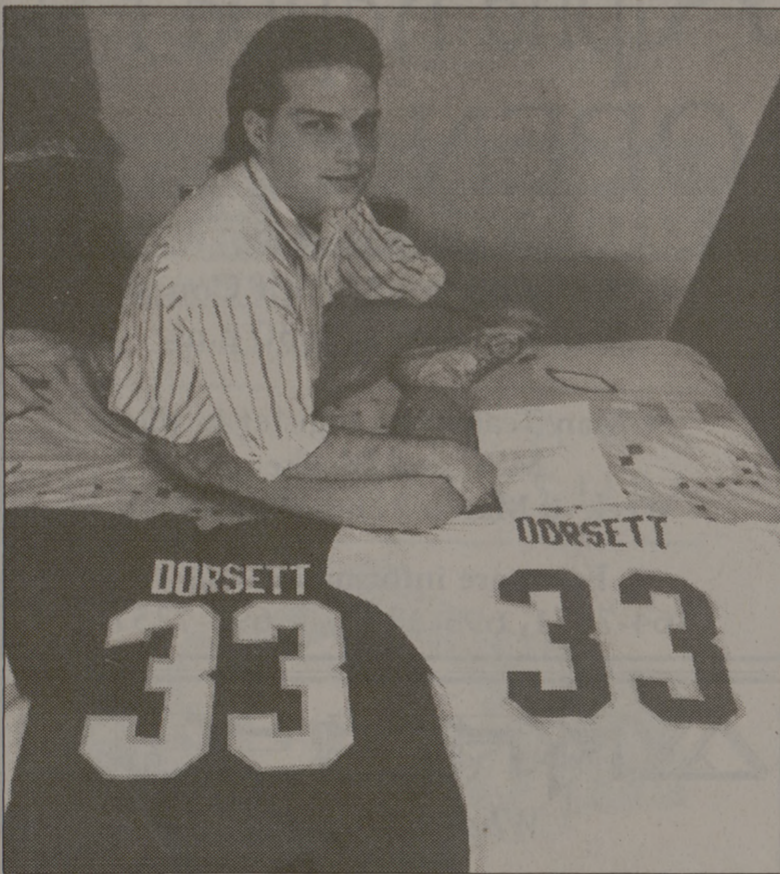
## Taking it one step at a time



KEVIN IVY/The Battalion

James Newport, a junior animal science major and member of the Texas A&M Horsemen's Association, paints the steps to the crownsteeple at Freedman Arena. Painting and upkeep of the arena is an on-

going project the club shares with several other groups. The Horsemen's Association is sponsoring a quarter horse show to be held in the Arena April 9-11.



DARRIN HILL/The Battalion

Patrick Kelly displays the two Tony Dorsett jerseys formerly owned by Jackie Sherrill he bought at an auction held last week.

## Going, going, gone

Student gets 2 Dorsett jerseys at auction held to pay Sherrill's overdue storage rent

By GINA HOWARD

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A Texas A&M University graduate student last week stumbled upon a piece of American football history, and he has former A&M head coach Jackie Sherrill to thank.

Patrick Kelly, an MBA student, bought two Tony Dorsett college football jerseys for \$45 at an auction, and each jersey may be worth as much as \$1,000 each. The jerseys previously belonged to former A&M head coach Jackie Sherrill.

The jerseys were auctioned as part of the contents of a self-storage unit because Sherrill failed to pay rent. The property owners put the contents of the unit on auction to recover the lost rent.

The jerseys are from Dorsett's playing days at the University of Pittsburgh from 1973 until 1976, the year he won the Heisman Trophy. Sherrill was on the Pittsburgh coaching staff at the time.

Sherrill, who is now the head

football coach for Mississippi State University, was unable to return phone calls to The Battalion.

Beckie Dube, operations supervisor for Apartments Plus in College Station, said this is the usual way property managers deal with nonpayment situations.

"We send them past due notices and in 30 days we can auction off the contents to retrieve the rent," Dube said.

Announcements of storage unit auctions are placed in newspaper classifieds, stating the delinquent renter's name, the storage unit number, and the address, Dube said. The auctions are conducted by professional auctioneers, not the property managers.

Kelly said this was the first auction he attended, and at first, he did not want to go.

"A friend of mine dragged me out of bed that Saturday to go and we just stood around for the first couple of units (being auctioned)," he said.

Kelly said he became much

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Jason Mitchell

## University recognizes NORML chapter

By KEVIN LINDSTROM and DENA DIZDAR

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Texas A&M students and faculty should know about the beneficial aspects of marijuana, said

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the president of the Texas A&M chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML).

Jason Mitchell, a junior microbiology major and president of the Texas A&M NORML, said "We want to educate the pub-

## Organization works toward goal of national legalization of marijuana

lic about the positive medical uses and ecological benefits of marijuana. We also want to discourage the criminal penalties for possession and cultivation of marijuana."

Texas A&M NORML, which was officially recognized by the University last month, plans to raise these issues by writing letters to local and state officials and having an information table at the MSC, Mitchell said.

Members of NORML are also planning a "Tax Day Protest."

Mitchell said the group will pass out flyers explaining that taxing marijuana consumption is more profitable to taxpayers than enforcing the illegality of marijuana.

"It isn't the users who are paying for this," Mitchell said. "It is the non-users who are paying for the drug war with higher taxes. It is the non-users who are losing all of the tax revenue that would be received from the regulation of hemp. And it is the non-users who are paying for the prisons."

If marijuana was legal, taxes on

the drug would put the burden directly on the user, Mitchell said.

Dr. Dennis J. Reardon, coordinator of the Center for Drug Prevention and Education on campus, said the issue of marijuana legalization is not that clear cut.

The problem of abuse is a complex aspect of this issue that involves economics, personal aspirations and relationships, Reardon said. To view the problem only in terms of legalization is too narrow, he said.

"Those who promote legalization say the other problems in-

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