

## Campus News Briefs

### Work begins on sports center

Texas A&M officials will participate in groundbreaking ceremonies for a new University recreational sports building and natatorium today at 1:30 p.m. at the Penberthy Intramural Field.

University President Dr. William Mobley; Dr. John Koldus, vice president of student services; Ross Margraves, chairman of the Texas A&M Board of Regents; Stephen Ruth, former student body president; and Dennis Corrington, director of recreational sports, are among A&M officials expected to attend.

The sports center will be located immediately north of Olsen Field and will feature basketball and handball courts, gyms, an indoor jogging track, swimming pools and a rock-climbing wall. The facility is scheduled for completion in 1995.

Cost for the project will be \$34.6 million which includes design, landscape, furnishings, equipment and other infrastructure costs.

A&M students will begin paying a \$50 service fee for the center as soon as it is completed. The new complex will be available to Texas A&M students, faculty and staff.

### Dean elected to AACTE position

Dr. Jane A. Stallings, dean of Texas A&M University's College of Education, has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE).

Stallings was selected for this position by teacher education administrators and faculty in a national election. She joined the AACTE board of directors in March.

Before becoming dean in 1990, Stallings was chair of curriculum and instruction at the University of Houston and served on the faculty of Peabody College, Vanderbilt University.

AACTE is a national, voluntary association of colleges and universities with undergraduate or graduate programs to prepare professional educators.

### Local TV station raises \$35,000

KAMU-TV received a record number of pledges during its two-week March Festival which is public television stations largest direct appeal to viewers for financial support.

Calls from 715 people in the Brazos Valley came to the station during the fund-raising drive that ended Sunday.

The drive received \$35,055 in pledges - about \$1000 more than last year.

"We have a big thank-you for all of the viewers who called in those pledges," said Penny Zent, KAMU development director in a prepared release. "We also couldn't have done it without the dozens of volunteers who came to the studio to answer phones, operate cameras or provide food for the other volunteers."

KAMU spends all of the viewer donations to buy or produce programs. Those donations along with the an auction held in April and underwriting from local businesses make up the station's \$220,000 budget.

## Council considers rezoning for Wal Mart

By CHERYL HELLER

The Battalion

The College Station City Council will consider Thursday night whether to rezone a residential area in order to allow the construction of a Wal Mart SuperCenter.

The area in question at FM 2818 and the East Bypass is currently a residential zone. For Wal Mart to build a SuperCenter, the area must be a general commercial zone.

The SuperCenter combines a regular-sized Wal Mart with a full-sized grocery store. The facility would offer 199,000 square feet of shopping.

The council adopted the FM 2818 Land Use Plan in August 1992, which calls for a mixture of office and apartment zoning for the area. The plan includes avoiding strip zoning, protecting residential areas, and keeping the entrance to the city pleasing to the eye. Rezoning the area for commercial use will require changes to this plan.

Councilman Jim Gardner, who opposes the rezoning, said building the SuperCenter at the proposed location will change the character of the area.

"The area is basically residential," he said. "It hasn't filled up yet, but there are a lot of people who find it pleasant, and I think it has potential. A 30-acre Wal Mart will preclude everything like that from happening."

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College Station has two or three locations south of the developed area of the city designated for that kind of use.

"We're not lacking in potential sites," he said, "but maybe those don't suit them."

Councilwoman Lynn McIlhenny said she hasn't given an opinion on the rezoning but tries to tell people a change in rezoning means any business, not just a Wal Mart could be built in the area.

"The project can't be the deciding factor," she said. "We have to look at the proper use of the land and determine if commercial zoning is best and if the businesses meet the objectives we decide are important."

City Secretary Connie Hooks said city councilmembers and city offices have received letters and phone calls from Wal Mart employees and customers in support of the SuperCenter at the proposed location, almost 250 calls in the past month.

"We haven't had much opposition to the location," she said, "but there are other factors involved, such as land use having to be changed to accommodate commercial businesses."

The council meeting is tonight at 7 p.m. in the council chamber.

## Health Tips

By STACEY GARNER

A.P. Beutel Health Center

The cold is the most common of all human illnesses. The majority of colds are caused by viral infections. The cold viruses attack and multiply in the cells that line the nose and throat. The immune system can destroy these viruses. Your body will respond with cold symptoms three to four days after the initial cold virus infection. Once your body responds, it takes 7-11 days for it to fight off a viral infection. That means the total cold process may last up to two weeks or longer. Symptoms of a cold include nasal congestion, scratchy or sore throat, cough, sneezing, muscle and body aches, and burning, itching, or

### Beutel offers cold care suggestions

watery eyes, and you may even run a low fever.

Contrary to popular belief, colds are not spread primarily through coughing or sneezing but through hand-to-hand contact. If you shake, touch or hold the hand of an infected person, or something the infected person has touched, and then your eyes or nose, you are likely to infect yourself.

You may not be able to prevent all colds from coming your way but by observing certain precautions, you can help keep them at bay. The following are sensible measures:

- Avoid prolonged contact with people who have colds.
- Wash your hands often and

avoid touching your face.

- Keep your general health as good as possible. You can catch a cold, not from an occasional few germs, but from taking more into your body than your defense forces can conquer.

- Don't use a drinking glass which may have been soiled by a person with a cold.

At the present time, most cold care suggestions are aimed at symptom relief and immune system support. If you have seen a physician and received instructions and relief medication, be patient and expect the cold will take at least a week to be conquered. No medicine directly attacks the cold virus, and a physician can

do nothing except help you relieve symptoms and fight secondary infections. For relief of symptoms, do the following:

- Drink large quantities of liquids. Liquids, particularly hot liquids, soothe the throat and help loosen secretions, relieving nasal congestion.

- Gargle with salt water to help reduce swelling in your throat.

- Eat healthy meals.
- Use disposable tissues instead of handkerchiefs. Research has shown cold viruses can survive for hours on handkerchiefs.

- Don't smoke. It will further irritate your nasal passages. For more information, contact the A.P. Beutel Health Center at 845-1341.

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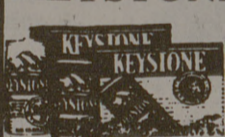
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**FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1993**  
**MSC STUDENT FINANCE CENTER ROOM 217**  
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**MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1993**  
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## Minority Engineering Program Awards Banquet

**When: Saturday, April 3, 1993**

**Where: Duncan Dining Hall**

**Cost: \$10 for students, \$15 for faculty**

**Speaker: Victoria Gonzalez,  
Class of 1984**

**All faculty and minority science and  
engineering students welcome.**

Tickets on sale in Zachry Lobby, Commons, MSC.



### URINARY TRACT INFECTION STUDY

- Lower Back Pain
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- Frequent urination
- Fever

VIP Research is seeking individuals 12 years of age or older with complicated urinary tract infections. If you have a urinary tract infection, you may qualify for an eight week research study using a currently available antibiotic medication. Participants who qualify and complete the study will be paid \$200.

### PNEUMONIA STUDY

- Productive Cough
- Difficulty Breathing
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Fever

VIP Research is seeking individuals 18 years of age or older with pneumonia. If you've been diagnosed by a physician or you suspect having pneumonia, you may qualify for a six week research study using antibiotic therapy. Participants who qualify and complete the study will be paid \$150. For more information, call:

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