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No COMMENT

University refuses to release results of Corps inquiry, cites privacy act

By GINA HOWARD

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Texas A&M University officials will not release the results of a Corps of Cadets' investigation into allegations of sexual assault and sexual harassment, said a University official.

Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, said the results of the investigation will not be released because such an action would violate the Buckley Amendment - formally entitled The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

"There is nothing we can share," Koldus said. "The Buckley Amendment precludes us from doing that."

The Buckley amendment states educational records are private and belong to the student and the university. The records are in the possession of the university, but only the student has access to them.

On Jan. 26, the Battalion reported allegations from a female cadet that she was sexually assaulted last spring and sexually harassed in the fall by a male cadet. The female cadet had reported her allegations to Corps officials and the University Police in De-

ember.

Rene Henry, Jr., director of University Relations, said Monday the University would not make an announcement of the investigation results.

"There are some things that I have to question whether or not they are news," Henry said. "I question whether or not this is news."

On Jan. 27, the Office of University Relations released an announcement that the Corps would conduct a formal administrative hearing. Koldus said in the release an investigating officer had been appointed to follow up on the incident. The release outlined all allegations and actions taken by the University.

However, Koldus said Thursday releasing any information about the investigation was a mistake because he feels the Buckley Amendment applies to this situation.

"That was an inappropriate action to take," he said.

Dr. Don Tomlinson, attorney and associate professor of journalism, said the definition of educational records is open to interpretation which can cause

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New regents discuss Bush library

By STEPHANIE PATTILLO

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The Texas A&M Board of Regents Thursday inducted its three newest members and discussed the initiation of several construction projects, including the George Bush Presidential Library Center.

M. Guadalupe Lopez Rangel of Corpus Christi, T. Michael O'Connor of Victoria and John H. Lindsey of Houston were sworn in as Board of Regents members by Brazos County Judge R.J. Holmgreen.

Gov. Ann Richards appointed the new regents three weeks ago and the state Senate confirmed their nomination this week. They will serve on the board until Feb. 1999.

A consensus by the regent's Planning and Building Committee agreed to one of the two plans presented for the layout of the Bush Presidential Library Center.

A spokesman from CRSS, the construction company from

Houston that is building the library, presented two design schemes.

CRSS's "A" plan would build the center around a creek that runs through the property.

This plan would require an "aggressive water management system" to integrate the stream into the architecture, the CRSS

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Brazos County Judge R.J. Holmgreen (left) inducts John H. Lindsey (far right), M. Guadalupe Rangel and T. Michael O'Connor as the new members of the Board of Regents.

Ramadan ends for Muslims



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Members of the Islamic community of Bryan-College Station (ICBS) pray to Allah in an early morning prayer session in Rudder Tower to

Celebrate Eid. The Eid celebration represents the end of Ramadan, a month of daily fasting from dawn to dusk.

GLSS to join march on D.C. for gay rights

By KEVIN LINDSTROM

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Nine members of the Texas A&M chapter of Gay and Lesbian Student Services (GLSS) will travel to Washington D.C. to participate in the "1993 March on Washington D.C. for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Equal Rights and Liberation," April 25.

"It will be exhilarating to be where gay people are the vast majority," said Jayson Payne, senior computer engineering major and treasurer of GLSS. "The march will be a monumental celebration of who we are: gay, out and proud."

The marchers will walk from the front of the Capitol to the White House. The Committee for the March on Washington, Inc., the organizer and sponsor of the march, estimates one million people will participate.

According to the organization, the march will be the largest civil rights demonstration ever. In 1987, 600,000 people marched during the first march on Washington D.C. for gay rights.

The goal of April's march is to encourage the passage of a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights bill and more funding for AIDS education, research and patient care.

"We don't want special rights, we just want equal rights," said Clay Kilpatrick, sophomore computer science major and publicity chair for GLSS. "We are not one or two people in another state or a bunch of freaks."

Other gay and lesbian groups participating in the march include Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Gay Veterans, Elder Gays and Lesbians and a section of student groups from around the nation.

GLSS members also will attend a national student conference on gay and lesbian student issues at George Washington University the day before the march.

Cadets 'March to the Brazos' to raise funds

By GINA HOWARD

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The Corps of Cadets will march 15 miles Saturday to raise \$50,000 for the March of Dimes.

The March to the Brazos, the largest student organization fundraiser in the nation, is an annual event to raise money for the March of Dimes.

The cadets will meet on the Quadrangle at 8 a.m. and march seven and a half miles to the Brazos River and will return at 5:15 p.m. To raise money, cadets collect pledges from family and friends in the community.

Chad George, March to the Brazos chairman, said the cadets have been gathering pledges since last year and so far the top cadet

has collected around \$1,100.

Still, George said the march is not all work. When the cadets reach the farthest point of the march, they pass leadership positions down to the next class.

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"Basically, it is a day when we can all go out and have a good time," George said.

Virginia Andrews, district di-

rector for the March of Dimes, said March to the Brazos is the largest single fund-raiser in the nation for the March of Dimes and most of the proceeds stay in the Brazos Valley.

"At least 60 percent of what is raised stays right here," she said. "It (the march) gives us a great opportunity to have money brought in that we wouldn't have been able to get otherwise."

"This is a one-of-a-kind effort," she said. "The Corps does all of the work and effort. They are a wonderful group of people."

George said the march began in 1908 as a way of keeping the Corps out of trouble on April Fool's Day. In 1977, the Corps incorporated the March of Dimes into the event.

Big Event kicks off Saturday

By SHELIA VELA

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Community service will be on the minds of more than 4,500 Texas A&M students who are participating in the 11th annual Big Event on Saturday, said Nicole Newbury, Big Event director and junior elementary education major.

"Students are given the opportunity to give thanks to the community for all they do for the students," Newbury said, "It's all about Aggies helping others."

Students organize and conduct Big Event, a one-day community service project, to complete job requests for the community.

The program consists of 225 job projects ranging from painting houses to cleaning yards for local citizens and businesses who may not be able to do the jobs themselves, Newbury said.

Although the sign up deadline to participate

was March 1, students can come to the kickoff which will begin at 9 a.m. at Kyle Field, she said.

"Kickoff is an opportunity for students to see the whole effect of Big Event," Newbury said. "People can see how many students, in the thousands, are actually going out into the Bryan/College Station community."

Participating students attend the kickoff to receive last minute instructions and supplies for their particular jobs.

Guests, such as Miss TAMU, yell leaders, Aggie Wranglers and a local radio station also will be present. Cliff Dugosh, Class of '86, will deliver a motivational speech.

Scott Satterwhite, Big Event sub-chair and junior mechanical engineering major, said, "Big Event shows everybody that going out into the community and giving thanks is doing something

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Vet school looks to appropriation rider for help

By JASON COX

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A proposed amendment to a Texas A&M University System appropriation bill could restore needed money to Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine.

The rider, sponsored by Rep. Steve Ogden, is a response to budgetary cuts and is part of a larger section of the bill containing similar requests.

Lisa Avila, an official with Ogden's office, said the rider is part of a "wish list," amendments requesting money that would be lost by earlier cuts.

Avila said the cut proposed by House Bill 650 could further affect the Vet school and increase the problems the school has had maintaining its accreditation.

The Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association

(AVMA) placed the Vet School under limited accreditation in the fall of 1988, saying the school lacked adequate facilities and funds.

Dr. John Shadduck, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, said the money is needed to maintain the present level of programming.

Also concerning the department is the five-year review by the AVMA to regain full accreditation.

"Our concern is that if the money is not put back into the college, it will negatively affect re-accreditation in the fall," Shadduck said.

Shadduck said the problem affects the college as a whole and is needed to upgrade equipment and keep the current level of staffing.

The bill has just finished review and is now in conference with the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees.

A&M system could gain \$40 million

By JASON COX

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Proposed riders to an educational appropriations bill currently under review by the Senate Finance and House Appropriations committees could restore over \$40 million to the Texas A&M University System over the 1994 and 1995 fiscal years.

The system could retain \$3 million for the creation of an electronic library and video network. Texas A&M University stands to keep \$3.3 million in funding for a video network, development of minority faculty, the Outreach Center and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Other A&M system colleges which may retain or gain funding through the riders

include:

- Texas A&M University at Galveston - \$5 million for institutional support.

- Prairie View A&M University - \$250,000 for a cooperative extension program.

- Tarleton State University - \$840,000 to support nursing degree programs, a computer mainframe and a minority development program.

- Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi - \$1.9 million for library automation and preparation of a communications facility.

- Texas A&M International University - \$750,000 for academic

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