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## System employees lose jobs to budget cuts

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Fifty-three jobs within the Texas A&M System Administrative and General Offices (SAGO) were cut Friday after an announcement by Texas A&M System Chancellor Herbert Richardson to the A&M System Board of Regents.

Ross Margraves, chairman of the Board said he "sincerely regrets the reductions."

The University will offer assistance to all laid off employees in finding new jobs and will give them first priority on any new jobs available at A&M, he said.

Richardson said in a press release those who lost their jobs will be paid through Aug. 31, unless they find a new

### Reductions in University funding lead to cutbacks, reorganization

position before then.

The cuts came as a result of a reduction in the Available University Fund (AUF), which is the income the University receives from the Permanent University Fund (PUF). The AUF provides about \$6 million of SAGO's \$19.8 million budget.

University President William H. Mobley explained several of A&M's strategies to cope with the declining AUF to the regents. Through cutbacks and reorganization, the University should save \$7.6 million in the next two years, he said. The University has had a hiring freeze in place since January.

"We don't intend to go back to busi-

ness as usual," Richardson said. "Our goal is to continue to improve our organization and re-focus and re-energize our employees to tackle new opportunities."

With the 53 positions being cut from the SAGO budget, 31 regular employees out of 241 existing positions will be affected by the elimination of a job, a transfer, reduced hours or voluntary termination. The reduction amounts to nearly 22 percent of the total SAGO workforce.

Another item presented to the Board Friday was the controversial decision to begin formal negotiations with Tenneco Cogeneration Development Co. for the construction of a new campus power

plant. Tenneco was chosen first out of three finalists to build the power plant. A joint venture between the cities of Bryan and College Station was third on the list of finalists.

Tenneco and the University now have 45 days to agree on a contract to build the plant.

Mobley said that the process used to evaluate the finalists was fair.

"Because of our special responsibility to Texas A&M University, the state of Texas and our local community, it was essential that it be comprehensive and deliberate," he said.

Consultants to the University anti-

ci- pate 500 new jobs will be created during the 18-month construction period, adding an estimated \$150 million to the local economy. The plant is expected to employ as many as 21 people and benefit the local economy with \$12 million a year through operation and maintenance of the facility. According to the Office of University Relations, the plant could be operational as early as fall 1995.

Other agenda items presented and approved by the regents include an increase in student fees effective fall 1993. There will be an increase in the maximum student services fee from \$94 per semester to \$98 per semester. A \$43 science laboratory equipment access fee will also be enacted for students taking equipment-intensive courses.

## AGGIES BOUND FOR OMAHA

### Victory over N. Carolina sends A&M to College World Series in Nebraska

By KYLE BURNETT

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The Texas Aggie baseball team will be competing in the College World Series for the first time in 29 years.

The Aggies earned a trip to Omaha, Neb. by clinching the Central I division title Sunday afternoon with a 14-2 blowout over the University of North Carolina.

"I thought this would be the year (to go to the finals)," senior second baseman Eric Gonzalez said. "We had the talent to make it."

The Aggies will be among the eight regional winners to take part in the double elimination tournament next weekend.

A sell out crowd of 5,387 at Olsen Field stood witness as the top-seeded Aggies finished the tournament undefeated, improving their record to 52-9. The Tar Heels ended their run at a title with a 43-20 overall record.

"We played very well, very loose, very aggressive baseball," Aggie Head Coach Mark Johnson said.

The Aggies stepped out ahead of the Tar Heels with a three-run first inning.

A&M pitcher Jeff Granger (14-

3) attributes some of his success on the day to the early lead.

"It made things a lot easier," Granger said. "The game was very tough and I needed to get that early mental edge."

Aggies shortstop Robert Harris began the rally with single to shallow left field. UNC pitcher Michael Jerzembeck (9-3) walked the next two Aggie batters who then reached home on a throwing error to first base. A&M outfielder Scott Smith continued the attack when he knocked in the third run of the inning with a sacrifice fly to center.

Those three runs went unanswered through the first inning and the Tar Heels could only muster one run through the first five innings.

The two-run deficit only grew from that point in the game as the Aggies had a series of big innings that would increase A&M's lead to an even dozen runs.

"It was nice to have a game where we didn't have to sweat it out to the end," Johnson said.

The run-scoring series started off in the top of the third inning with a solo home run to right field by Aggie senior center fielder Brian Thomas. A&M finished



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The Texas A&M Baseball team celebrates their victory over North Carolina in the NCAA Central Region I final Sunday afternoon. Pitcher Jeff Granger was named to the tournament all-star team and also was named the most valuable player of the tournament.

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### Bryan election runoff on Saturday

## Opponents vie for city council post

By JASON COX

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Tuesday will be the last day to participate in early voting for the June 5 Bryan City Council Place 5 runoff election between Lonnie Stabler and Dan Galvin.

Stabler, the incumbent, is a longtime resident of Bryan, who has worked with the Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau. He currently serves on the Brazos County Health Board.

Stabler said a member of the city council should be involved in the community, not only working to eliminate crime, but also to unify neighborhoods.

"We're going to continue to

clean up Bryan," said Stabler. "More crack houses have been torn down in the last 18 months than in the history of Bryan. Everyone has pitched in to clean up."

Stabler said he also wants to work on a long range plan in terms of police and fire protection and continue efforts with the Brazos Valley Citizen's Crime Commission.

Galvin, Stabler's opponent, said he wants to help create "a city council that can work together and look toward the future."

"We need to provide a good environment for the city manager and city staff," he said.

Galvin, the assistant director for operational services at Texas

A&M's Computer Service Center, said Bryan has a lot of special events coming up in the next year that could improve the city's image.

"With the coming of the Bush Library and the city's 125th anniversary, we have some time to really improve our city," he said.

Galvin said he intends to work to upgrade the training of the job force to provide residents with more challenging and higher paying jobs.

"We'd like to have more industries and businesses in Bryan," he said.

Jim Brown, Bryan's public information officer, said it's usually the mayoral race that draws high

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## Committee begins search to replace Koldus as V.P. of student services retires Aug. 31

By MICHELE BRINKMANN

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The search is on.

A committee to replace Dr. John J. Koldus III, vice president of student services begins its search this week.

Texas A&M President William H. Mobley formed the University-wide committee in April when Koldus announced his Aug. 31 retirement.

Ron Sasse, vice president of student services and search committee leader said the committee is still in the first part of the selection process.

"We are now trying to build a pool of applicants from all over the country," he said.

The committee will start reviewing applications June 15.

"It will be a totally open process, anyone is being considered for the position," he said.

An open forum will be held on June 10 for the

University community to give the search committee their input.

Nominees and their qualifications will be discussed by the committee.

Steven Ruth, committee member and former student body president said students are encouraged to attend the forum to nominate faculty members for the position.

"The most important quality I will consider in an applicant is his/her devotion to optimizing student growth and potential," he said.

Jan Winniford, vice president of student services and committee member said, "One of the main qualities we are looking for is someone with a genuine interest in working with students. This is a very important qualification for a chief position such as this."

Mobley has set a Sept. 1 deadline for the committee to replace Koldus. However, the position will remain open until a qualified candidate is found.

## Wolf Pen Creek open for business

### Future developments include nature trail, picnic shelters

By JENNIFER SMITH

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After six years of planning, the first phase of the Wolf Pen Creek Corridor and Amphitheater opened Friday.

The Wolf Pen Creek Corridor, which is located in the area east of Post Oak Mall, runs from Texas Avenue to the East Bypass.

Phase I of this comprehensive project was dedicated Friday with performances from country western artists Joe Diffie, Tim McGraw and Special F/X.

Karan Chavis, a former A&M student, performed at a mayor's

reception prior to the performances. This was followed by a dedication ceremony.

Future events at the Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater include concerts, children's movies and an Independence Day celebration.

The seating capacity for the amphitheater is 5,000, and there is also a small dance floor in front of the stage.

Future developments in the Wolf Pen Creek area include a nature trail, a historical museum, library, community center, floral and botanical gardens, picnic shelters and additional lakes and sidewalks.

Larry Ringer, mayor of College

Station, said the future of Wolf Pen Creek amphitheater depends on the public.

"To make this a success, it's going to take the support of all of the citizens of College Station," Ringer said.

Dick Haddox, a former member of the College Station city council, presented the idea for the Wolf Pen Creek Corridor to the city council in 1987.

Haddox said he came up with the idea for the Wolf Pen Creek Corridor after visiting the river walk in San Antonio.

Although Ringer credited

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Spectators brave the mud and rain on Friday to attend the opening of the Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater.