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Daniel Fallon, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, displays a pair of headphones he received at a farewell reception in his honor Friday afternoon. Dean Fallon will be leaving Texas A&M after nearly a decade of service.

## STAFF BIDS FALLON FAREWELL

### Reception honors Dean of Liberal Arts

By MICHELE BRINKMANN

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Texas A&M University faculty and staff said farewell to former Dean of Liberal Arts Daniel Fallon at a reception Friday.

"This is a wake, but I am happy for Fallon," John McDermott, distinguished professor of philosophy and humanities said in honor of Fallon. "He is not only my colleague, but he's also my loyal and trusted friend."

Fallon, who came to A&M in 1984, will become the new vice president of academic affairs and provost at the University of Maryland next week.

Selected faculty members gave their praises and said their goodbyes to Fallon and presented him with gifts on behalf of students, faculty and staff in the College of Liberal Arts.

"The main thing that he (Fallon) has done for all of us is that he has promoted the classics," Dr. Jack R. Nation, professor of psychology, said.

To provide tangible evidence of this, Professor of Philosophy and Humanities and Coordinator of the music program Dr. Werner G. Rose played a piece by Ludwig van Beethoven on the grand piano.

"Dan Fallon is now and forever an Aggie in the first rank," history department Head Dr. Larry Hill said.

Betty Sellers, who spoke on behalf of the Liberal Arts Development Council, said, "Dan Fallon's fingerprints are all over the College of Liberal Arts. With great reluctance we say farewell."

Associate Dean of Liberal Arts Dr. Paul A. Per-

rish, who spoke on behalf of the Undergraduate and International Programs, said, "There are two things that I have learned from Dan - what it means to be an effective, caring, humane administrator and that one person can make a difference. We owe you a lot Dan, thank you."

Fallon was given a digital keyboard, a set of headphones and a notebook of mementos.

Jokingly, Kip Corrington, who presented Fallon's gift, said, "Dan, you may become one of the most famous composers from here since Lyle Lovett."

In the closing comment of the day Nation said, "The ultimate contribution by Fallon is that all of us in this room have been impacted and influenced by him."

Fallon said "It has been extremely enjoyable being here, watching dreams come true and watching students respond to the commitment of this faculty. I have served with you and along side of you, I know the growing and becoming will continue here at A&M."

-Betty Sellers,  
Liberal Arts Development Council

Since Fallon came to A&M, there has been a 140 percent increase in undergraduate majors, from under 2,000 to just under 5,000. The college budget has increased from \$12.5 million to \$22 million. The international studies programs, women's studies, and music program have all significantly expanded.

Former Associate Dean of Liberal Arts Dr. Woodrow Jones Jr. was named interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts on May 25.

A search advisory committee is in the process of finding a permanent replacement for Fallon. Dr. William L. Perry, dean of faculties and associate provost, is the head of the committee.

## A&M to test computerized access cards for dorms

By JASON JEFFUS

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Texas A&M University is considering installing a computerized card access system on exterior doors of dormitories in an attempt to increase the security of residence halls.

The computerized system, installed by Diebold, Inc., has already been placed in Spence and Neeley Halls. Diebold will run a systems test today to check the workings and performance of the system.

The access control system, which eliminates the need for outside door keys and the trouble associated with replacing them, consists of a card reader pad which is accessed by students' regular identification cards.

Information on residents is downloaded into the system and sorted according to students in their respective halls. This allows only those students whose card information corresponds to his or her dormitory to enter.

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-Rachel Ray,  
resident director

Dan Mizer, assistant director of residence life, facilities and operations, and coordinator of this effort, said this system is very effective.

"We take security seriously," he said. "That's why we're doing this."

To add extra security during holidays and vacations, the system can be programmed to lock out all unauthorized entries. Reports of those entering can also be run.

Chris Thompson, president of the Resident Hall Association, said this system is a good start.

"I see how it would be better for security," he said. "It will definitely deter (unauthorized entries)."

Rachel Ray, resident director of Neeley Hall, also agreed the system is a good idea.

"I think there will be some bugs, but I think it's going to be a great system," she said. "It should save the University money in the long run."

Mizer said the increased use and necessity of ID cards could mean students may not lose their cards as often as they lose their keys.

"Students will hold on to their cards better with this (system)," Mizer said. "Keys get lost often."

Mizer also said if a card is lost or stolen, students can call a 24-hour hotline to have their identification cards immediately canceled. Free loan cards are then issued until another one can be acquired.

If today's test is successful, Mizer said that he will seek funding from University administration to provide systems for all residence halls on campus.

## Jurors ask judge to resolve problem 'Gangsta rap' trial remains in deadlock

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AUSTIN - Jurors asked instructions from the presiding judge on how to resolve a 10-2 deadlock in favor of the death sentence for a Houston man who has maintained that rap music inspired him to kill a state trooper.

The note, handed to State District Judge Whayland Kilgore at 5:45 p.m. Saturday, said the jury had been "hopelessly deadlocked" since 11 a.m. Saturday on whether Ronald Ray Howard deserves to die for his crime. But the note wasn't read in court until Sunday morning.

The jury, working through its lunch hours, deliberated for 10 1/2 hours on Friday and 9 1/2 more hours on Saturday before returning at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

The eight-man, four-woman jury was hung up on whether evidence that explained Howard's behavior should influence the sentence he is given. Two of the jurors did not want to assess the death penalty because of such evidence, the note said.

"Can you give us some guid-

ance on how to solve this problem?" the note went on.

Kilgore instructed the jurors to continue their deliberations, saying the only advice he could give was contained in the written charge already delivered to them.

After the note was read on Sunday, defense attorney Allen Tanner asked for a mistrial - his third such motion - saying jurors had deliberated long enough. Kilgore denied the motion, which, if granted, would mean an automatic sentence of life in prison.

The same jury took just 40 minutes last month to convict Howard of murder in the death of Department of Public Safety trooper Bill Davidson in April of last year near Victoria. Howard was stopped because the stolen vehicle he was driving had a broken headlight.

Howard's attorney has claimed "gangsta rap," an outlaw version of rap music that his client listened to, was a contributing factor in the killing. Tanner also has said Howard is a product of the violent inner city and was abused by his father.



## Campus News Briefs

### Former professor wins Inamori Foundation Prize

Jack St. Clair Kilby, a former distinguished professor of electrical engineering at Texas A&M, has been awarded the Inamori Foundation's 1993 Kyoto Prize.

The prize recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural and spiritual development of mankind.

Kilby is one of three people around the world to receive the award.

### Ph.D. candidate receives Congressional grant

Jeffrey C. Talbert, a Ph.D. candidate in political science at Texas A&M, is among 11 students nationwide who received grants through the Dirksen Congressional Center's 1993 Congressional Research Grants Program.

Talbert's grant will fund a portion of the research for his dissertation titled "Processing Health Policy Agendas in Congressional Committees." The grants total \$25,000 and range from \$1,200 to \$3,000.

### A&M professor accepts award at celebration

Dr. L.S. Fletcher, a Texas A&M mechanical engineering professor, accepted the W. Leighton Collins Award for Distinguished and Unusual Service at the 100th ASEE Annual Conference Centennial Celebration June 20-24.

The award is the highest honor of the American Association for Engineering Education.

Fletcher is known for his work on the committee including restructuring the award's program and attracting more than two-thirds of the current award endowment.

### Mechanical engineer selected for professorship

Dr. Je-Chin Han was recently selected as the inaugural holder of the endowed Heat Transfer Research, Inc. Professorship in the department of mechanical engineering at Texas A&M.

The company performs heat transfer and fluid flow research. Its headquarters are in Texas A&M's Research Park.

Han is recognized internationally for his work in turbulence promoters for advanced turbine cooling systems.

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