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## Negotiations continue for new A&M power plant

By STEPHANIE PATTILLO

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Texas A&M University officials announced Tuesday that routine parallel negotiations will begin with CSW Energy of Dallas, A&M's second choice to build a campus power plant, because no agreement was reached with the university's first choice during the allotted negotiation time.

University officials on Thursday completed the 45 days of negotiation with Tenneco that is required under the University's se-

lection process to come up with an agreement for a contract before moving on to the second choice developer.

Although officials will begin deliberating with CSW Energy, they will continue at the same time to hammer out a negotiation with Tenneco.

A&M's third finalist for negotiating a contract to build the power plant is the city of College Station. Mary Jo Powell, University Relations spokeswoman, said A&M of-

officials have the choice to begin negotiating with the city after another 45 days if no agreement is met with either of the first two choices, but negotiations with College Station will not automatically begin.

Criticism arose in May when A&M officials announced their decision at a Board of Regents meeting to go with Tenneco instead of the city of College Station, which joined forces with the Texas Municipal Power Agency, Ensearch Development Corp. and Black and

Veatch to build the plant.

However, city officials questioned the University's proposal process saying that they believed the city had offered A&M the best proposal.

But Joe Sugg, director of the Physical Plant, said, "We structured the selection process so it would be fair, thorough, professional and responsible for everyone involved - the vendors, the University, the state of Texas and the local community."

The company who wins the contract will become a third-party developer, building the plant on A&M property while A&M pays for campus energy use.

Currently, the University supplies about 70 percent of its own power and buys the rest from the Brazos Electric Power Cooperative in Waco.

Because of plans for future campus expansion, A&M's current power plant will soon be insufficient to meet the University's pow-

er needs. In October, two transformers were added to the plant to serve immediate power needs.

Consultants to the University anticipate 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.

## Greenwood a 'target' of gang violence, witnesses say

By JASON COX

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Testimony continued Tuesday in the trial of Sherron Dante Greenwood, a 16-year-old Bryan youth accused of killing a classmate at Bryan High School's Lamar campus last March.

Greenwood is being tried for the stabbing death of rival gang member Billy C. Williams. If convicted, he could face from five years probation to 99 years or life in prison.

Witnesses testified before a crowded courtroom that Greenwood was the target of another gang's violence and that he suffered daily abuse at their hands.

A friend of Greenwood's family said members of the "Squab Mob" would follow Dante through the school hallways, taunting and threatening him.

He said although most of the gang's aggressions were aimed at Greenwood, even he didn't feel safe being alone in some parts of town.

He said Greenwood and several of his friends were placed on "emergency removal," being taken out of classes for reasons of personal safety, earlier in the year.

Doris Taylor, a mother of two of Dante's friends, said Williams was abusive and disrespectful to school administrators at a meeting held in an attempt to settle the two groups' differences.

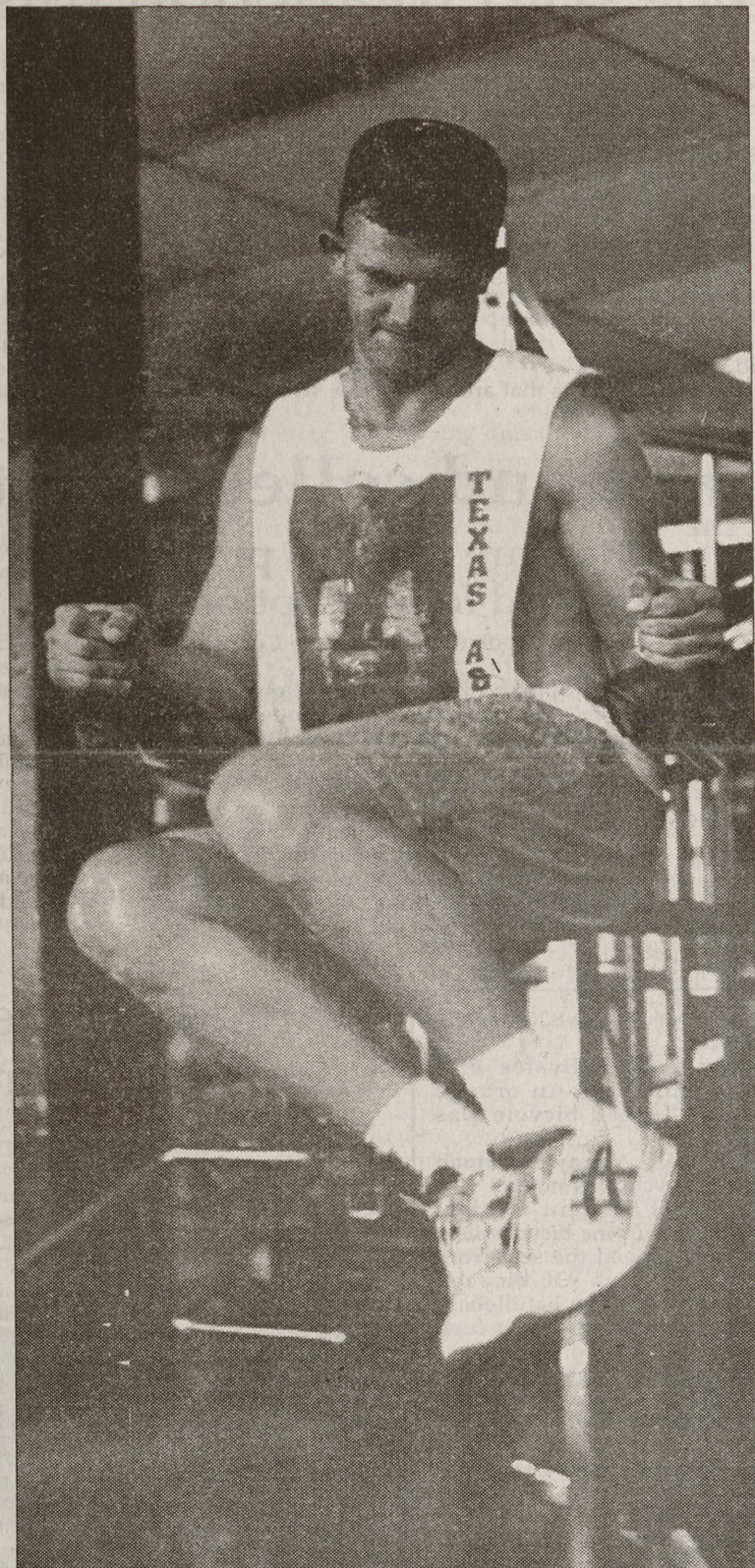
She said she felt overall violence on the campus was increasing around the time of the stabbing and worried for her children's safety.

Michelle Esparza, counsel for the defense, called upon Dr. Peggy Love-Clark, a psychologist who examined Dante for a period of time following the murder, to determine his emotional state at the time of the stabbing.

Love-Clark said Greenwood was an "anxious, depressed, saddened young man" who feared for his life and "wondered if he could go on."

She compared Greenwood's emotions to those of people who suffer Battered Women's Syndrome, a condition characterized by feelings of fearfulness, danger and "hyper-vigilance." She said

## One more ...



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To keep in shape, David Stout, does oblique crunches at DeWare Field House. Stout, a computer science major from McAllen, says, "DeWare is a great place to work out because there's not a long wait for the equipment."

## MSC exhibit stirs controversy

### Nude photographs removed during AggieHostel program

By JANET HOLDER

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An MSC photography exhibit including nude photographs was temporarily taken down amid complaints from AggieHostel leaders that the photos were offensive to visiting former students, but an official from the MSC Visual Arts Committee said Tuesday it was a mere coincidence the display was taken down during the week of the former students' visit.

AggieHostel is a program sponsored by the Association of Former Students that gives former students over the age of 65 and their spouses an opportunity to spend a week on campus reliving their college days.

Wynn Rosser, chairman of AggieHostel, said he didn't request the entire exhibit be taken down, but he only requested that no nude photographs be displayed.

"The display wasn't shut down for our benefit," he said.

A 200-picture Contemporary Czechoslovakian Photography display, which includes nude photographs, was scheduled to be shown in the MSC Visual Arts Gallery from June 7 to August 6. The show, however, has been closed one week to add identification labels and another week to make a brochure for the photographs, said Amy Day, staff adviser for the MSC Visual Arts Committee.

The committee originally intended to display the art from June 20 to June 26, but an MSC representative asked that the gallery close in order to complete the brochures, said Manipay Lieou, chairman for the MSC Visual Arts Committee and junior environmen-

tal design major. Day said it was simply a coincidence that the week the brochures were made happened to be the week the AggieHostel was on campus.

However, Mukul Goel, a civil engineering graduate student and a member of the committee, said in a July 20 column appearing in The Battalion, "perhaps the underlying reason behind the closing (of the gallery) was the nudity depicted in some of the photographs that potentially could offend representatives of the Association of Former Students (AFS). It was felt to be quite risky to have, on campus, an exhibition displaying pictures of nude people when AggieHostelers were visiting the campus."

Lieou said a complaint was filed by an AFS representative about the nude photographs after the MSC Program Review Committee and the MSC Council approved the photographs.

He said some people were offended that the complaint was registered because "no one had seen the photographs."

"I tried once to see the photographs, but it (the gallery) was locked up at the time," Rosser said. "It was a busy time, and I didn't have time to go back."

He said he had to make a "quick decision" and decided to request that the display not use the nude photographs.

"There was no threats; it was simply a request," he said. "I am not against nudity."

Rosser said some people participating in AggieHostel might not want to see the display at A&M, and he didn't want to deal with "one upset person."

The committee said they are currently organizing more photographs from the Contemporary Czechoslovakian Photography display because all 200 can't be shown at one time. The display will re-open Friday.

## Board of Regents to meet Thursday, Friday

By STEPHANIE PATTILLO

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The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents are meeting in regular session on Thursday and Friday.

The Facilities Planning and Building Committee will meet Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon in the Facilities Planning and Construction Building to discuss the initiation of construction projects and approve a revision to the Campus Master Plan. Also, the committee will take action on bids for the access road and bridge to the new wastewater treatment plant. The Board will also hear a report on the feasibility of in-house asbestos assessment.

Other items, including the authorization to cre-

ate the Center for Public Studies (CPLS), will be sought when the Board reconvenes Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Board of Regents Annex. The CPLS is to be developed in conjunction with existing programs at A&M to expand public policy research and graduate training programs within the Department of Political Science.

The Board will also be discussing the approval of a license agreement to grant Forum, Inc. of Bryan an exclusive license to make use of or to sell products under proprietary rights of Texas A&M.

The Texas Engineering Experiment Station is requesting recognition of the Center for Alternative Fuels Research and its member institute the Propane Gas Research Institute as well.

The regents will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Friday to take action on items presented Thursday.

## Out-of-wedlock births on the rise

### A&M professors attribute increase to changing attitudes

By GENEEN PIPHER

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Out-of-wedlock births among white, college-educated women are on the rise according to a recent U.S. Census Bureau report, and A&M professors and local experts say changing attitudes may contribute to this phenomenon.

The report, "Fertility of American Women: June 1992," said 11.3 percent of unmarried women with one or more years of college gave birth in 1992, double the figure of 5.5 percent in 1982.

Dr. Nikki VanHightower, professor of political science, said the diminishing stigmas against unwed mothers could be attributed to the increase in out-of-wedlock births.

"Values have changed enormously," she said. "When I was growing up in the 1950s, an unwed mother was almost considered a leper; it just was not acceptable. Society has definitely become more accepting of these women."

Sandra Cerinovich, director of Good Samaritan Pregnancy Service Inc., said women do not feel the pressure they once did to get married.

"Those people who get married because of pregnancy are, I believe, 70 percent more likely to end up divorced," she said.

"Many women say, 'why should I get married if I'm just going to end up divorced?'"

Sherry Paul, director of Brazos Valley Crisis Pregnancy Services, said the report's findings are not surprising, and the entertainment industry is partly to blame for the declining morals and increasing sexual activity.

"The figures are significant but not really that startling," Paul said. "Given what you see in the movies, on television, especially

soap operas and what you hear in music, it's not at all shocking. Everything educates young people to premarital sex. Babies out of wedlock are very normal in these mediums."

"I think what we're doing to our young people is a shame because we're giving them the sense that this is great, and this is the way to live, but they never show the consequences. They never

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## Youth crime increases in Brazos Valley

By LISA ELLIOTT

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According to Brazos Valley juvenile officials, there is a dramatic rise in the number of crimes committed by youths, and a Texas A&M sociologist suggests the decline in the family may be one reason why.

Dr. Howard B. Kaplan, distinguished professor of sociology at A&M, said there are a large number of factors that contribute to this rise in juvenile crime.

"The rise in crime feeds upon itself," he said. "The more crime there is, the more acceptable it becomes."

He said one of the major influences in juvenile crime is the family. Children aren't being supervised by the family, he said.

"There's decreased motivation by children to conform to conventional behavior," he said. "They're looking for their own identity."

Kaplan said the way society can help decrease the problem is by reversing the process of crime.

"Give them a place in society which can gain respect," he said.

The majority of the change has to occur in the home, he said.

"Parents must provide opportunities to achieve, show approval and exercise greater supervision," he said. "Parents need to be less accepting of violence,"

Kaplan said. Parents should express their disapproval about violence on television and in the mass media to let their children know it is wrong, he said.

Kaplan said alcohol and drugs do a lot to contribute to crime among young people. He said the pharmacological effects of drugs and alcohol will naturally bring out violent tendencies. In addition, the world of drug trafficking is violent and exposure to this in itself is enough to bring out violent tendencies, he said.

Kaplan said violence should not be tolerated by the police and court regardless of age. He said they should let them know violence is not acceptable especially by young people.

Susan Dow, spokesperson for the Brazos County Juvenile Detention Center, said, the dramatic increase in the number of crimes committed by juveniles in the Brazos Valley this year is causing concern among citizens.

According to records from the Brazos County Juvenile Services Department, the number of cases of violent crime committed by juveniles in Brazos County rose 220 percent from 1988 to 1992.

Dow said the number of juvenile homicides committed this year has already surpassed the number

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