

## It's showtime



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Acely Wilhite, a junior biomed major, freshens up Tracie Martin, a junior accounting major, during their performance with Alpha Kappa Alpha at the PanHellenic Council's "Greek Extravaganza" Saturday.

## The killing field

# Police to work with FBI on League City murders

The Associated Press

LEAGUE CITY — It's been called the killing field.

Down a lonely dirt road, in the thick brush and grass of an abandoned oilfield, the lives of four young women ended, apparently at the hands of a serial killer.

The last victim was found two years ago this month, but police have yet to catch the killer.

League City police have examined national computer files and talked to forensic experts in their search for leads. And on Tuesday, they will meet in nearby Houston with FBI special agents from Quantico, Va. to discuss the cases.

Investigators hope FBI agents can form a psychological profile of the person responsible for the

Calder Road murders.

"These are homicides," said League City Sgt. Pat Bittner. "Those women definitely did not just crawl out there and die on their own."

"We have girls with similar appearances, and similar hair color. The area where the bodies are being left (is similar). The girls are all left nude," Bittner said last week.

"It gives you the idea that this is an organized serial killer," he said. "We don't know what sets the killer off, or what makes him kill."

The victims were all white women with brownish-colored hair. Three were around the same height and weight, while one was somewhat taller.

Their nude bodies, lying face

up, were found relatively close to each other in the pasture next to a rutted stretch of Calder Road that is closed now because it is virtually impassable.

Police don't know if the women were sexually assaulted because their bodies were so decomposed. Some body parts were dragged away by animals.

It began in April 1984, when a dog carried home a human skull. Police later found the body of Heidi Villareal Fye, a 25-year-old League City resident who had been missing about six months.

Laura Ann Miller, a 16-year-old repeated runaway from League City, was next. She disappeared in September 1984, but her body wasn't discovered until February 1986.

While officers were in the pasture investigating her case, she stumbled upon the third victim.

That woman and the fourth victim, who was found on Sept. 3, 1991, have never been identified. Police believe they were transients.

The third victim is the only one whose cause of death has been revealed by police. She died of a small caliber bullet wound apparently to the back.

Police said they have no explanation for why the fourth murder occurred years after the others.

"And you've got to wonder what happened, why so much time went by before we found our next one," Bittner said. "Did the killer move out of the area, did the killer end up going to prison? Did he just get out?"

## Engineering

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"Through the extension service and the transportation institute we can provide training for other campuses, and then follow up with interaction."

Haden was selected for the positions after a nationwide search.

Dr. A. Benton Cocanougher, Texas A&M senior vice president and provost and search committee chairman, said he was pleased that Haden was selected.

"I'm very glad that he'll be joining us," he said. "He has an outstanding record in administration, and I think he'll bring high quality leadership to what is already an outstanding engineering program."

Texas A&M Interim President Dr. E. Dean Gage also said he approved of the selection of Haden for the positions.

"We are very pleased that we were able to recruit a recognized academic leader with his administrative experience," he said. "With his proven track record of building excellence in academic and engineering positions, he'll be able to set us apart from the rest."

"I believe, based on the recommendations from the search advisory committee and our lengthy discussions and interviews with Dr. Haden, that he will lead our engineering programs to the next level of recognition and excellence."

## Students get the dirt on archaeology

# Excavation digs up slave artifacts on plantation

The Associated Press

BRAZORIA — Slowly, meticulously, several University of Houston archaeology students scrape thin layers of dirt from around a buried kettle.

The kettle is among hundreds of 19th century artifacts, including buttons, coins, crude jewelry, utensils and tools, that have been excavated over eight summers at the Levi Jordan plantation in southwest Brazoria County.

"We're learning what stuff was brought here by these people. They didn't have any property but they had a lot in their heads," professor Kenneth Brown said. "They simply remolded their culture to survive."

The kettle was part of the curer's kit, the curer being the African American equivalent of a physician or folk doctor. His kit included chalk, mirror fragments, bird skulls, animal bones and pebbles, all used in the art of ritual healing, Brown explained.

Slaves, and after slavery was abolished, tenant farmers lived and worked on the Jordan plantation until the 1890s. None of the 14 cabins still stands, but much of their former contents remain underground.

Texas law after the Emancipation Proclamation prohibited tenant farmers indebted to the owner from leaving a plantation, and their children inherited the debt, Brown said.

The excavation has turned up artifacts from more than four decades. The ground has never been plowed and a storm in the early 1900s covered the cabin remains with a protective layer of mud.

The tenants left the cabins hurriedly in 1892, perhaps because they were evicted, and left a lot of their belongings behind.

Brown suspects that the eviction may have been in retaliation after two tenants testified in a lawsuit among Jordan's descendants.

Tony Davison of Texas City, an African American graduate student, described his experience working on the excavation as almost spiritual.

"When I touch some of the artifacts and realize that the last person who touched it before me was either a slave or a tenant, I sense that there is a connection," he said. "It has made me much more sensitive to the survival skills my people had."

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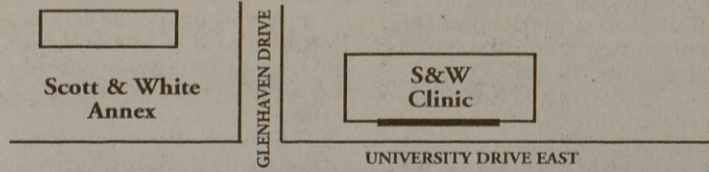
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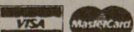
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