

## A&M receives \$3.3 million in grants

By Lisa Elliott

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Several Texas A&M University researchers will receive financial help for their projects after the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board handed out \$60 million in grants to state-supported universities.

Texas A&M received 26 awards worth \$3.3 million.

One project at A&M that was awarded funds involves the electronic X-ray camera for mammography. The camera is being studied to improve the detection of

breast cancer.

Peter McIntyre, physics professor, is working on this project. He said he has the results should be available within a year.

"It will be a very important development if it can be turned into a product for market," he said. "It will lower the dosage of X-rays being sent through the breast currently. These high doses of X-rays tend to produce cancer as well as detect it."

The funds supplied by the Higher Education Board are important for this project, McIntyre said, because they will pay for the

building of the first camera to be sent to Scott and White.

In addition to this project, A&M received 25 other awards. For advanced research programs, including the sciences, engineering, and mathematics, A&M received 14 awards totaling more than \$1.3 million.

For advanced technology programs, including agriculture and aquaculture, biotechnology, environmental science and manufacturing technology, A&M received 12 awards totaling more than \$1.9 million.

Kenneth Ashworth, commis-

sioner of Higher Education, said the board is issuing more funds this year to projects with commercial applications.

"In addition to grants for basic research and applied research, this year we've made awards to support previously funded, successful projects that show the most potential for commercialization," he said.

In addition to funds from the board, he said, each of these new technology development and transfer grants is supported by matching funds from business and industry.

## Class of '94 committee reviews gift suggestion

By Jacqueline Mason

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Class of '94 committee members are reviewing suggestions for a class gift to represent the senior class and benefit all students for years to come.

Class Gift Co-Chair Leslie Trevino said the Class of '94 may consider building an "Aggie Wall," like the Vietnam Memorial, with the names of all deceased Aggies. Other suggestions include endowments and scholarships.

"Right now, we have a few ideas, but we are in the process of taking ideas," she said. "The gift will represent something the majority of seniors want."

The gift committee, consisting of 11 members, researches all gift ideas as if each one were to be implemented, she said. Eventually, they will narrow down the choices and allow seniors to vote on them during the spring elections.

Past gifts include the Twelfth Man Statue from the Class of 1980 and the Silver Taps Monument from the Class of 1991.

But, Zack Barcevac, a member of the Class Gift Committee, said the committee is looking for a gift that is more than just attractive, such as providing money to maintain certain University services. "There are various areas, I feel, we can benefit the University," he said.

Trevino said seniors can choose either one gift or several when they vote next spring.

The class council has been raising money for the gift since 1990 and has already raised more than any class before, she said. The money comes from T-shirts sales and Ring Dance ticket sales.

"We are expecting to have around \$94,000," Trevino said.

Barcevac said the committee will stop taking gift suggestions in February, so that it will have time to research them. But for now, the Class Gift Committee is open to all ideas.

"Whatever the Class of '94 wants us to look at is what we will look at and research," he said.



## Campus News Briefs

### A&M 'to re-engineer' engineering program

Texas A&M University is one of six universities in four states that will be working towards a common goal to fundamentally change how undergraduate engineering students are taught.

The campus leader for Texas A&M is Dr. Cesar Malave, associate professor of industrial engineering.

"Our goal is to re-engineer the engineering education culture and curriculum," Malave said. "Desired changes include emphasis on collaborative learning, faculty interaction within and between institutions, technology-enabled education, and integration of topics across disciplinary and departmental boundaries."

Other participating universities include, University of Alabama, Arizona State University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Indiana, Texas A&M University-Kingsville and Texas Woman's University.

### College of Geosciences names associate dean

Dr. Mary Jo Richardson has been named associate dean for academic affairs in the

College of Geosciences and Maritime Studies at Texas A&M University.

Richardson, who is an associate professor of geology and of oceanography, joined the Texas A&M faculty in 1986. She received an A.B. degree from Smith College and a Ph.D. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her new assignment became effective Sept. 1.

### Distinguished Graduate Student Award given

Randy Turk received the Paul R. Hensarling Distinguished Graduate Student Award.

The award was presented to Turk during the annual Administrative Leadership Institute at Texas A&M University.

The award was given in honor of the late Dr. Paul R. Hensarling, former Texas school superintendent, who also was head of A&M's Department of Education and Psychology and professor emeritus of the Department of Educational Administration.

### Aggie Band to host high school competition

The Texas A&M Fightin' Texas Aggie Band

will host the sixth annual National Association of Military Marching Bands' high school competition on Kyle Field Saturday, Nov. 6.

Aggie Band Director, Lt. Col. Ray Toler said the contest will bring 32 high school marching bands and more than 3,500 people from throughout the state to the A&M campus.

Toler said many of the bands performing Saturday have historically been judged as "first division" units in regional and state contests.

"So we have every reason to expect an entertaining afternoon and evening of music and marching at Kyle Field," he said.

### Friends of Evans Library to hold second Fun Run

The friends of Sterling Evans Library will hold their second annual Fun Run before the Louisville football game Nov. 13 at 8 a.m.

The Fun Run is sponsored by H.E.B. Pantry Foods in conjunction with the Texas A&M Athletic Department.

Coach R.C. Slocum will lead the run which takes place on the west side of campus and will start in front of Olsen Field.

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