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Regents consider changes in Lubbock Street mall proposal

By Lisa Elliott

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Plans for the new Lubbock Street mall will move ahead if the Board of Regents today approves the recommended design presented to them Thursday morning at the Facilities Planning and Construction meeting.

David Godbey, associate director for engineering and design services at the Physical Plant, features a curving walkway and a piece of art rather than a fountain, which is what was originally planned.

Godbey said a statue will require less maintenance than a fountain and be cheaper in the long run. Another change from the original plan cancels the building of a

special handicapped parking area on Nagle Street. Godbey said the handicapped parking area will instead be located in the new parking garage that will accompany the library extension currently in the planning stage.

Godbey suggested moving the greenhouses on Lubbock Street to another area to open the mall up. That idea is still being considered

by the Board. In other business, the Board discussed the setting aside \$5,000 to relocate the entrance to the Riverside campus. The entrance will move to Highway 47 because of construction on Highway 21, where it is currently located.

If approved, the \$5,000 will be used to study drainage and survey the land to determine where

the entrance will be located. The construction is scheduled to begin within 12 months, and the new entrance should be completed before that time.

The Board also previewed plans for a new parking lot on West Campus to accommodate students and faculty at the new Business Administration Building and the West Campus Library.

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will go on
vacation today for
the holidays and
will resume
publication on
Monday, Jan. 17.

Koriyama pays rent on campus

A&M campus in Japan to remain open

By Mark Smith

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Texas A&M University's campus in Koriyama, Japan will remain open for the rest of this academic year because the city of Koriyama has met its financial obligations.

Officials from A&M said they were encouraged by the outcome of the Wednesday afternoon meeting concerning the future of the Koriyama campus.

"We are pleased that the campus will go through this academic year," said John Norris, director of the TAMU-Koriyama support office. "We know we can work to build a good program."

By paying the \$500,000 the city owed the Koriyama campus, the city of Koriyama has allowed the campus to remain open. Those funds were due on Aug. 31 of this year.

"The city has now met its financial commitments to date and during a press conference, Mayor Fujimori said he would request 100 million yen from the city assembly to provide us with funds to complete the academic year ending May 31," Interim President E. Dean Gage said.

The exchange rate for the currencies is one penny to one yen, which means Mayor Fujimori will allocate \$1,000,000 for the Japanese campus.

Dr. Jerry Gaston, executive associate provost, represented the University at the meeting in Japan.

"Our students and faculty were most enthusiastic when this news was given them by Dr. Gaston," Gage said. "We appreciate the support of Mayor Fujimori, the city assembly and our faculty and students. While we all have a lot of work to do, we are encouraged about the future of this important international program."

Norris said the controversy over the financial situation for the Koriyama campus was a result of political friction and not from a lack of funds in Koriyama. The governor and the mayor in Koriyama are from different political factions and have different views regarding the Koriyama campus.

Some of A&M's trouble in keeping the Japanese campus open may have come from Texas law, which says state schools must keep their money within the state. Therefore, the Koriyama campus must be entirely funded by the city of Koriyama and private Japanese sources.

Despite the troubles with finances and politics, Norris said he felt good about the effects the Koriyama campus has had.

"In four years, a tremendous amount of energy has gone into this effort," Norris said. "It's a very positive thing for the University, for Koriyama and for both countries."

"We're like an infant now. We think that we deserve the chance to stay open and prove the benefits of the Koriyama campus."

Good luck in the Cotton Bowl Ags!



Kyle Burnett/THE BATTALION

Laurie Mikes (left) and Kelly Kurka (right) sing to red-shirt freshman defensive back Andre Williams on Kyle Field Thursday afternoon. The two sophomore general studies majors from Houston joined

their fellow members of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority as they wished the football team good luck in the Cotton Bowl. The Kappas gave the team members T-shirts and sang them several songs.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Friday, December 10

7:30-9:30 a.m.	Classes meeting MW 5:45-7 or later
10 a.m.-12 noon	Classes meeting MWF 8
12:30-2:30 p.m.	Classes meeting TR 9:35-10:50
3-5 p.m.	Classes meeting TR 11:10-12:25

Monday, December 13

8-10 a.m.	Classes meeting MWF 9:10-10
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Classes meeting MWF 12:40-1:30
1-3 p.m.	Classes meeting TR 8-9:15
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Classes meeting MW 4:10-5:25

Tuesday, December 14

8-10 a.m.	Classes meeting MWF 10:20-11:10
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Classes meeting MWF 3-3:50
1-3 p.m.	Classes meeting TR 3:55-5:10
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Classes meeting MWF 1:50-2:40

Wednesday, December 15

8-10 a.m.	Classes meeting TR 12:45-2
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Classes meeting MWF 11:30-12:20
1-3 p.m.	Classes meeting TR 2:20-3:35
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Classes meeting TR 5:30-6:45 or later

PTTS gives options for holiday parking blues

Temporary day permits, monitored parking available during semester break

By Kim McGuire

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Texas A&M University is helping students keep their cars safe during the holiday break by allowing them to park in lot 89, the area behind the University Police Department.

Tom Williams, PTTS director, said parking closer to inner campus will help reduce the chance of vandalism for students who leave their cars on campus during the holidays.

"The University Police Department does a

great job of monitoring the parking lots during the holidays," Williams said, "but parking in remote lots of campus increases your chances of having your car vandalized. Parking behind the police department should decrease the chances of anything happening."

Williams said students who do not have parking permits can purchase temporary permits to take advantage of this service. The parking garage will also be open part of the holiday break, but students will be expected to pay the \$4 fee while the University offices are open.

Ray Hernandez, Student Senate student ser-

vice chair, presented Williams with the proposal of allowing students who need to visit campus during the holiday break to obtain a temporary permit so they can park in staff lots 5, 54, 55 and 34.

"I know there are students who have to come back on campus to talk to a professor about a grade," Hernandez said. "Since PTTS enforces regular rules during that time, the student will go in for a few minutes, come back out and discover they have a ticket."

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Clinton: violence is 'tearing the heart out of our country'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pressed by crime-weary mayors and police to embrace tougher gun controls, a somber President Clinton declared Thursday that violence is "tearing the heart out of our country." The attorney general said it ought to be at least as hard to get

a gun as a driver's license.

"The American people are tired of hurting and tired of feeling insecure and tired of the violence," Clinton told officials from 35 cities gathered at the White House. "It's changing everyone's life in ways that are quite destructive. We have to move, and I think we are prepared to move."

Clinton called for passage of a tough crime bill, including provisions to put more police officers on the street and ban gun ownership by children. He also has directed the Justice Department to study whether gun owners should be licensed and illegal weapons collected through an amnesty program.

On Thursday, Clinton said,

"We ought to talk about what else we do and where we go," without referring directly to the gun licensing idea he had ordered the Justice Department to begin studying on Wednesday.

Attorney General Janet Reno said the department also was

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A&M finding new uses for industrial byproducts

By James Bernsen

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Electric power plants produce tons of waste every year, most of which is buried in landfills, but researchers at A&M are finding ways to use it to build highways and even homes.

The research is being conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute, a part of the Texas A&M University System, with the help of Houston Lighting and Power, which is providing the material.

Jan Prusinski, product and market development coordinator for HL&P, said the company produces 2.5 million tons of waste per year, most of which formerly was put into landfills.

However, she said, projects to find uses for the waste, a byproduct of burning coal, in electrical power plants have reduced the waste considerably.

Dr. Don Saylak, principal researcher on the project for TTI, has researched possible uses of industrial byproducts for highway construction since the 1960s and has worked on this project for nine years.

The byproduct is used in roadways, replacing expensive materials, such as gypsum and crushed iron ore gravel.

"We can save from 30 to 50 percent over the cost of conventional bases," he said. "It's also a commercial application of a material that before had no value."

Saylak said the materials are environmentally safe and in laboratory tests work as well or better than the present materials.

Prusinski said HL&P is interested in the product for environmental as well as monetary reasons.

"It saves our utility customers money because we don't have to bury it, and it saves

taxpayers money by giving state and local agencies a less expensive material for construction," he said.

Research is also being conducted at A&M into uses in building construction for the byproducts.

Gary Sorensen, lecturer in the civil engineering department, said bricks made from the materials can be produced much more inexpensively because they do not require heat to make. Conventional bricks require a 3,000-degree heating procedure to produce.

The bricks are also lighter and stronger than conventional ones, he said.

"We're also looking at ways to reuse plastic and rubber in roadways and to recycle porcelain from old commodes," he said. "These will be cheaper and will also save landfill space."

Saylak said A&M and TTI have been fore-

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