

CAMPUS BRIEFS

State office seeks help in audit

The State Auditor's Office is asking anyone who has any information that may be helpful to the auditors, to please call their toll-free assistance line 1-800-TX-AUDIT.

The agency is currently conducting an audit of the Texas A&M University System, including the System Administrative and General Offices and Texas A&M University.

The scope of this audit will encompass various aspects of the System's operations, including areas of finance, management and program performance.

The auditors request that all calls be made by July 22 in an effort to ensure that information is received in time to be included in the development of the audit. All calls will be confidential.

Coolant shortage may heat up campus

The Texas A&M University main campus may experience chill water capacity shortages throughout the summer.

This may result in comfort and/or process cooling problems in various areas. Aggressive steps are being initiated by the Physical Plant to help lessen the effects of this shortage.

Long term solutions such as central plant chiller replacements, distribution pumping improvements and building energy efficiency projects are also under way.

The Physical Plant is requesting participation from the campus community to help alleviate problems.

It requests that everyone participate in turning off lights, equipment and computers when not in use. Officials also ask that thermostats be set to 75 degrees for cooling.

A&M cancels plans for power plant

Texas A&M officials announced Friday that A&M has discontinued negotiations with Tenneco Power Generation Co. to build a cogeneration power plant on campus.

The cogeneration facility, a \$120 million project, would have been the largest capital construction project to be built by the A&M System.

"We are discontinuing further negotiations because the university was not able to secure an agreement for the purchase of back-up power or the sale of excess power for the proposed project," said Richard Lindsay, System vice chancellor for finance and operations.

The University's development agreement with Tenneco required that an agreement regarding back-up and excess power be reached by March 31. No agreement was reached.

The agreement provided for two phases to the proposed project. Phase I, which is the installation of a facility to provide hot and chilled water on west campus, is scheduled for completion by Sept. 1.

The University will initiate a study to assess future energy needs of the University.

Detours change on State Highway 21

Motorists traveling State Highway 21 west of Bryan should expect a change in their driving route Tuesday.

Contractor's crews are scheduled to detour traffic from the temporary lanes now in use to the newly constructed lanes on the opposite side of the median.

The new detour will include the section from the Texas A&M Riverside Campus to the Little Brazos River.

Both east-bound and west-bound traffic will continue to share the roadway while construction progresses.

University gallery offers wide variety of exhibits

J. Wayne Stark Galleries help promote art on A&M campus

By Christine Johnson

THE BATTALION

Texas A&M's J. Wayne Stark University Center Galleries offer more to visitors than meets the eye.

The Stark Galleries, which opened in February 1992, host a wide variety of traveling exhibits from all over the world. The galleries also hold special events for the campus and Bryan-College Station community.

Beverly Wagner, senior secretary for the Stark Galleries, said that since the galleries opened, an average of 90 to 100 people visit the gallery each day.

Catherine Hastedt, registrar/curator for the Stark Galleries, said students make up a large part of the visitors.

Some A&M professors take students in their classes on a tour of the galleries, she said.

"We try to use things that professors can tie into their classes," Hastedt said. "The mission of the galleries is to enhance the learning of Texas A&M."

Hastedt decides which exhibits, which change every six to eight weeks, will be shown in the galleries.

"I like to do a variety of different subjects or tie into something that is topical," she said.

Hastedt said the exhibits are often related to history and anthropology, and she would like to do a project related to science if one was available.

"As long as it's related to art in some manner," she said.

Sheran Riley, assistant to the president, said the Stark Galleries help promote art on campus.



Jennifer Hunt, a senior biomedical science/genetics major from San Antonio looks at a display of photographs that are on display at the Stark Galleries in the MSC. The exhibit is called "Photography and the Old West."

Hastedt said the galleries hold special events for the community, including children's programs and tours.

"There's not only good campus involvement as well," Riley said.

The community is also involved through the Docent program. Docents are volunteers who come and learn about the art in the gallery and then give tours.

One hundred children from the

community will learn how to tie-dye, make appliques and learn the art of African doll making at the June 26 children's program.

"We did something like this once before and the response was phenomenal," she said. "We had so many more calls than we could accept."

The galleries will display beaded masks, cloths and textiles from West Africa in the "Spirit Cloths of Africa" exhibit that

runs June 23 to Aug. 28.

Funding for "Spirit Cloths of Africa" was granted by the Arts Council of the Brazos Valley, part of the Texas Commission for the Arts.

Other upcoming exhibits include: "Photography in the Old West" (May 5 to July 3), "New American Talent IX" (July 7 to Aug. 21), "Lifting the Rose Colored Glasses: Three Social Realists" (Aug. 25 to Oct. 9), and the

"George Bush Library Exhibit" which will feature gifts that President Bush received from other heads of state (Oct. 13 to Dec. 17).

Hastedt said the A&M System Board of Regents approved the galleries only if the money for the center would be provided by private interests.

Funding for the Stark Galleries was provided by John Lindsey of Houston who is now a member of the Board.

Teen goes to trial for murder scheme

Fort Worth girl may face death penalty for hiring boyfriend to kill father, stepmother

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — On March 12, 1992, two teen-age boys invaded the home of Jack and Caren Koslow and savagely beat and slashed the wealthy Fort Worth couple.

Mrs. Koslow, 40, died. Her husband, then 49, barely survived.

Two weeks later, a 17-year-old girl, her voice a whisper and her story disjointed, told homicide Detective Curt Brannan she asked her boyfriend to kill her father and stepmother.

"You did?" Brannan asked.

"Yes," replied Kristi Koslow.

"I guess I meant it when I said it, but I didn't think it ... would actually happen ..."

"Brian just told me that he would hit them over the back of the head, or some way ... that it wouldn't hurt them."

"Nothing would be wrong. Everything would be OK."

Now prosecutors hope to play that recorded statement for a jury that will decide if Miss Koslow in fact ordered the attack on her parents.

If so, prosecutors insist, she should pay with her life.

In a surprise move, the defense intends to argue that it was not Miss Koslow but her boyfriend, Brian Salter, now 22, who orchestrated the murky, bungled murder-for-hire

scheme. And in another strange twist, Salter entered a guilty plea in exchange for a probable life sentence and is expected to testify as a state witness.

Salter's buddy and co-defendant, Jeffrey Dillingham, 21, spurned a plea bargain last year.

A jury then convicted him of capital murder and assessed the death penalty.

Although Miss Koslow never pinpointed a motive for the attack, she expressed contempt for her parents and the way she said they treated her.

"I thought maybe I'd get money, but that really wasn't the big issue," she told Brannan.

How much money?

"Like \$10 or \$15 million," she replied.

"I guess I meant it when I said it, but I didn't think it ... would actually happen..."

—Kristi Koslow, 17

Alan Levy, Tarrant County's top prosecutor, and Tim Evans, one of the state's leading criminal defense attorneys, spent five weeks selecting a jury to hear the case.

They settled on eight men and five women, one an alternate.

Because of widespread news interest, the panel will be sequestered.

State District Judge Bob Gill has set aside Monday for pretrial issues, the most critical being the admissibility of Miss Koslow's statement to Brannan.

"There will be a hearing on the voluntariness and reliability of that statement," Evans said. "I am optimistic about the outcome."

Testimony is expected to begin Tuesday.

Levy, who demanded the death penalty in the Dillingham case, says Salter is not his "star witness" but that his testimony is "simply icing on the cake."

He said he expects the defense to attempt to show that Miss Koslow wasn't serious about the murder plot but that Salter took her seriously.

The defense, in effect, would suggest that Salter killed the Koslows knowing he would benefit from Miss Koslow's inheritance, perhaps by marriage.

In his statement, Salter told Brannan Miss Koslow "brought up the idea" two and a half months before the attack, indicating she would inherit between \$5 million and \$10 million.

"At first it was brought up kinda just as conversation and joking, and then she said she wanted it done," Salter recalled.

"I talked to Jeff about it. He liked the idea because Kristi had offered to pay him between half a million and a million dollars."

Salter said he and Dillingham discussed a robbery instead of murder but that "Jeff said to me he really wanted to do it the other way ... to kill them."

A pivotal issue could be whether Salter or Dillingham cut the Koslows' throats after Dillingham beat them unmercifully with a pry bar.

In their statements, each said the other wielded the knife.

Evans says he expects the defense to show that Salter has given prosecutors conflicting versions of his role in the attack.

State lobbyist unduly bills taxpayers

HOUSTON (AP) — The state's top lobbyist in Washington has billed Texas taxpayers at least \$2,800 for travel per diem expenses on days she never left the nation's capital. The Houston Post reported Sunday.

Jane Hickie, director of the Texas Office of State-Federal Affairs, claimed \$25 worth of travel expenses almost daily from May through August 1991.

While collecting the extra travel cash, Ms. Hickie also was getting a \$40 payment per day from taxpayers to help cover the high cost of living in the nation's capital.

Ms. Hickie's office provided a written, one-page explanation that contends she violated no laws or procedures in the matter.

But state Rep. Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, decried the practice as "double dipping" and called for the state auditor to immediately launch an investigation.

And Republican George Bayoud, a former Texas secretary of state and past chairman of the Texas Ethics Commission, said Travis County District Attorney Ronald Earle also should investigate for potential criminal wrongdoing.



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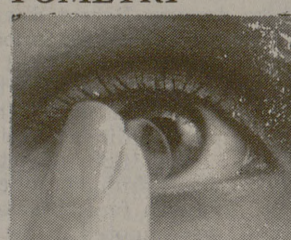
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