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Increased emphasis placed upon environmental archaeology at A&M

By Craig Lewis THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M University anthropology department opened the door for future growth with the establishment of a new Center for Environmental Archaeology.

The CEA, a part of the College of Liberal Arts, will replace previous research fa-cilities in the Archaeological Research

Establishment of the center has come after nearly a year-and-a-half of deliberation within the Texas A&M System. The System Board of Regents approved plans for the center at its May 27 meeting.

Dr. David Carlson, director of the research lab, said he welcomes the expansion of the department.

The principle reason for creating the center was that we were discovering over the last 10 years, the lab has developed from a fairly small-scale operation to a much larger one," he said.

Archaeological research will continue nal funding. to focus on past environments and the so-cieties that occupied them, Carlson said. The CEA is also aimed at increasing the scope of these projects.
"On one level some of the projects will

be similar or the same," he said.

He said one primary purpose for the new center is to attract research outside of Texas, which the current lab has not done extensively.

Carlson wrote the proposal that was sent to the Board asking to change the name of the laboratory.

Mary Nan West, chairman of the Board of Regents, said there was no real opposition to the proposal. "We really wanted to know what exact-

y environmental archaeology meant, Carlson attributed the proposal's long

turn-around time to changing policy within the Board. "At the time, the University and the Board of Regents were re-thinking how to create centers," he said. "So at one point

they simply suspended considering any new centers."

The CEA will exist entirely from exter-

Archaeological research at A&M has brought up to \$1.25 million a year and will continue to be self-sufficient, he said.

Dr. Vaughn Bryant, head of the anthropology department, said establishment of

Anthropology center opens

Dr. David Carlson, associate professor of anthropology, proudly displays a rock discovered while participating in a local dig of a 9000-year-old civilization.

the center will make A&M more competitive with other Texas schools.

"Both The University of Texas and Southern Methodist University have centers of this magnitude," he said. "Those are our main competitors.'

Bryant said students will continue to have access to the center in the lab.

"Currently we employ a large number of

our graduate students to assist us in p forming many of these tasks," Bryant said Undergraduate students are employ

primarily in work-study programs.

Bryant said the CEA will not confi with any existing or proposed program and is another logical step in the grow of archaeological studies at Texas A&

Father testifies in murder-for-hire case

Prosecutors accuse woman of soliciting teenagers to kill father, stepmother for inheritance

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)

— He awakened in the "dead of night," Jack Koslow recalls, to the sounds of intruders breaking down a door and running up the stairs. 'They're in the house!"

screamed his terrified wife. He heard the shrill buzz of the

home alarm, people shouting and what he thought was a gunshot. "We're here to rob you," some-one cried. But they came to kill.

Minutes later, Koslow, his skull fractured and his throat cut, regained consciousness and rushed to his wife, Caren, lying face down in a pool of blood.

I knew then she was either dead or dying," Koslow said. "I was filled with enormous rage and hatred."

A packed and silent court-room sat spellbound Tuesday as Koslow wrapped up the first day's testimony in the capital murder trial of his 19-year-old

adopted daughter. He faced further questioning and defense cross-examina-

The state alleges that Kristi Koslow solicited her boyfriend and another teen-ager in March 1992 to kill her father and stepmother, promising to pay them with her multimillion-dollar inheritance.

Caren, 40, an heir to an oil fortune, was killed in the postmidnight siege. Koslow, 51, an ex-banker, barely escaped with

In statements given police two weeks after the attack, Kristi Koslow said she did in fact discuss killing her parents and mentioned an inheritance of \$10 million to \$15 million.

"But it was just a joke," she maintained. "I didn't think peo-

ple would take me seriously."

But her boyfriend, Brian Salter, and his high school buddy, Jeffrey Dillingham, did.

A jury convicted Dillingham, now 21, of murder last year and assessed the death penalty. Salter, now 22, pled guilty in exchange for a life sentence and an agreement to testify against Miss Koslow.

On Tuesday, state District Judge Bob Gill denied a de-

fense motion to suppress Kristi's "confessions," ruling that the state can play the taped interviews for the jury.
At day's end, Koslow took the

stand and described Kristi as a problem child and a troubled He was surprised, then, he said, when Kristi and Brian

drove up to his Rivercrest home in early March, less than two weeks before the attack. "She said she wanted to stop

and give me a kiss," he said.

Moving to the early morning hours of March 12, 1992, Koslow recalled that the intruders intercepted him as he ran for the gun closet. They ordered him back to the center of the room.

"Caren was sitting on the side of the bed," he said. "She could not move. She was totally petrified.

Once the intruders got the couple on the floor, the beatings began.

"I remember the whole world turning black," Koslow said, his voice firm but his hands shaking and his body trembling. "I remember him beating me and beating me and beating me until I didn't remember anymore.'

Army denies any safety risks from warfare testing

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas enough to be inhaled by lo (AP) — The Army says there were no risks to the public from biological warfare tests it conducted off the Gulf Coast near Corpus Christi in 1962. Tiny particles of zinc-cadmi-

um sulfide were dropped off the shoreline of Port Aransas along a 30-mile path to determine how far the fluorescent particles would be carried inland under different weather conditions, officials said. Army officials released some

details on the tests at a public briefing Monday.

Despite the reassurances that no one was harmed, the Army plans a follow-up assessment based on 1994 health standards.

State and national agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, will review the report, which is due in late July. In all, 405 pounds of zinc-cad-

mium sulfide were disseminated over seven days in late June 1962, said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Richard A. Jackson. Although more than 85 per-

cent of the particles were small

residents, the Army's prelim nary assessment showed n health risk, he said, citing the limited time and extremely large area over which the release

Jackson said no tests have been performed on residents live ing in or near the Port Aranss area. He does not know ho long the chemical compoun would have remained in a per son's lungs.
No biological agents wer

dropped, Jackson said.
"If the information that h

been provided by the Depart ment of Defense is complete accurate, I am satisfied that activity in Corpus Christi .. not have a harmful impact our environment or to the he of our citizens," said U.S. Rej Solomon Ortiz, who organized

the briefing.
Corpus Christi was amon several sites nationally in which the Army conducted the tests.

"I know what they told us to day," added County Commis sioner Carol Karter. "But the certainly didn't ask these people in June of 1962 whether they wanted to participate in some thing like this.'



POLICE BEAT

The following incidents were reported to University Police Department between June 10 and June 17:

Criminal Mischief 6/13 - McInnis Hall - Someone spray-painted graffiti on the sidewalk on the north end of the building.

Driving While Intoxicated/Possession of a controlled substance

6/10 - Houston Street - A motorist was arrested for driving while intoxicated, and the passenger was arrested for public intoxication. Police found suspected marijuana and drug paraphernalia while searching the vehicle. Additional charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia were filed against the suspects. They were taken to Brazos County Jail

Driving While Intoxicated

6/11 - Wellborn Road - An intoxicated motorist was arrested.

6/11 - Main Drive - An intoxicated motorist was arrested.

Misdemeanor Theft

6/13 - Heldenfels Hall - A wallet containing \$30 and several credit cards was stolen from a first floor room. 6/14 - Koldus Student Services Building - \$117 was removed from an office

6/15 - Appelt Hall - A wallet and \$150 were removed from 8

6/16 - G. Rollie White Coliseum - A wallet containing credit cards and \$130 was stolen.

Various campus locations - Two bicycles were stolen.

Evading Arrest or Detention 6/11 - Texas Avenue - A motorist was seen driving 0 Texas Avenue with no headlights. An officer pulled the vehicle over in the parking lot of a restaurant. Upon stopping the vehicle, the motorist exited the vehicle and ran toward a hotel. Responding police officers were unable to locate the subject. A subsequent investigation led to a possible suspect.

Public Intoxication 6/16 - Courtyard west of Aston Hall - An intoxicated person was arrested and taken to Brazos County Jail.

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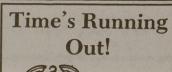


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