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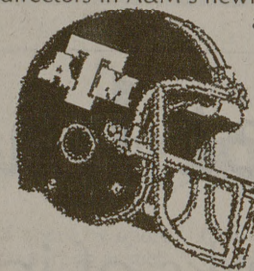
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State approves special events center

Former student donates \$10 million; facility to open for May '97 commencement

By Jan Higginbotham
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A state education board approved a request from Texas A&M officials Friday to construct a \$33.4 million special events center on campus. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's decision was the last step required for approval of such a project. The first step was completed in April when University officials first presented the proposal to the board. Tim Donathen, assistant vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's approval of the project was rewarding.

"We were very pleased with the actions taken by the coordinating board," he said. "We were asked to do a lot of things to ensure this would be a successful project. We worked diligently through all of their requests." Donathen said the center will open many opportunities for A&M. "This is going to give us the opportunity to create a better meetings facility for programs," he said. "We will have a lot of improved opportunities." Former student Dr. Chester Reed, Class of '47, has donated \$10 million to the University for the project. The money will be used to set up an endowment to pay for the operating and maintenance costs of the facility. Reed also donated a tract of land near Katy. The money received for the sale of the land will also be used

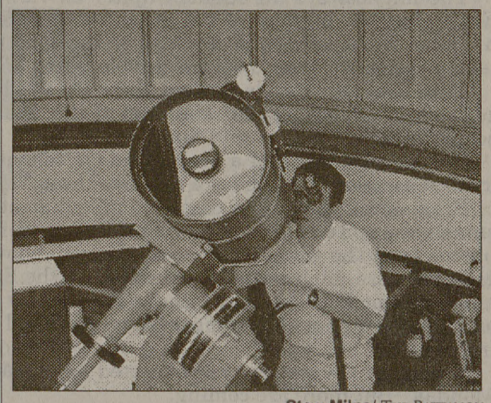
for the center. The new center will be named for Reed in return for his support and contributions. Donathen said Reed has been a strong supporter of A&M and the plans for the center for many years. The University first proposed the center in 1991 but was turned down by the coordinating board because of the expense of the project, then estimated to cost \$44 million. After revisions to the plan, A&M re-introduced the proposal April 28. The plans for the center will come before the A&M System Board of Regents on Thursday for approval of the appropriation of funds for the project. Construction of the new center is scheduled to begin in spring 1995 and should be concluded in time for commencement ceremonies in May 1997. The center will be located on the corner of Olsen Drive and Joe Routh Boulevard opposite the Recreational Sports Building now under construction. The new 230,000 square foot facility will seat up to 12,500 for sports events, 10,500 commencement guests, and 11,500 concert guests. Steven Hodge, manager of the University Center and project use coordinator, said the center will be used for a wide range of activities. "The proposed building will be a true special events center in that it is equipped to support a wide range of entertainment events," Hodge said. He said the facility would be able

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Comet watching

A presentation on the "Comet/Jupiter Collision" will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. in room 202 of the Engineering-Physics Building. Dan Bruton (pictured below), a graduate student in physics who specializes in astronomy, will discuss the impact of several fragments of the comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 on Jupiter, which began Saturday. The presentation will consist of slides and video animation of the event.

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STATE & LOCAL BRIEFS

Assistant professor wins science award

Dr. Sherry Yennello has been named the winner of the National Science Foundation 1994 Young Investigator Award. The award provides \$25,000 for four years plus an additional \$37,000 of matching support can be gained. Yennello is an assistant professor of chemistry who works at Texas A&M's Cyclotron Institute.

Engineering dept. receives \$51,000

Mobil Corporation recently awarded \$51,000 in annual support for the College of Engineering. The gift is part of Mobil's overall annual support of \$90,000. The money will support seven departments as well as scholarship programs for minorities and women.

A&M earns award for education fundraising

Texas A&M has been named to the 1994 Circle of Excellence in Educational Fund Raising by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. A&M was the only winner selected among ten public research/doctoral institutions. The award recognizes exemplary performance or improvement in educational fund raising during the past three years. Texas A&M ranks seventh in private support among U.S. public institutions. Total private donations increased from \$59.8 million in 1991-92 to \$90.2 million last year.

A&M political science tops national survey

Texas A&M's Department of Political Science was named one of the nation's top programs in a recent survey. The department is ranked fourth in a national survey based on publications from 1983 through 1992 in the discipline's top three journals. The survey was reported in an article by Dr. Paul Teske of the State University of New York at Stony Brook in the latest issue of Law and Courts.

Body found in barrel; businessman arrested

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Fort Worth businessman has been freed on bond a day after officers found the body of a young woman stuffed in a barrel at his condominium. Warren Miles Bondurant, 59, who owns a data processing company, was charged with murder on Saturday. He was released from the Tarrant County Jail on Sunday after he posted \$100,000 bond. Police said that Bondurant's live-in girlfriend tipped officers early Saturday that he might be responsible for the disappearance of a close friend.

World Cup 1994 Final Brazil wins 3-2 in shootout with Italy

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The World Cup belongs to Brazil. It is the country's unmatched fourth title and it was won in an unprecedented shootout. Their nation expected it. Their fans demanded it. And led by goalkeeper Taffarel, the Brazilian players delivered it Sunday, going to the limit for a 3-2 victory over Italy in the shootout after a 0-0 tie through 120 minutes. The shootout, the first ever in a World Cup final, ended when Italy's Roberto Baggio, the 1993 player of the year, sent a penalty kick far over the net. It was a nerve-racking and perhaps unfair way to decide a world title, and it left both teams exhausted. But the Brazilians also were exultant, and the Italians lay stunned in the middle of the field. Brazil's title, its first since 1970, came after a conservative, even dull regulation 90 minutes. It came following an exciting overtime. It came over another soccer powerhouse seeking its fourth title. And it culminated the most successful and one of the most entertaining World Cups, staged in a land where the sport is a grass-roots giant and a professional pipsqueak. Maybe this tournament will change that. On Sun-



Goooooal! of the game
Final score: **Brazil 0*, Italy 0**
*wins on 3-2 on penalty kicks.
at Pasadena, Calif.
Brazilian midfielder Dunga beats Italian goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca for the decisive goal in a penalty shootout tiebreaker to give Brazil a record fourth World Cup. Play was tied at 0-0 after 90 minutes of overtime. Brazil won 3-2 on penalty kicks.
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extra time for the first time since 1978 and the fourth time overall. And then it went into the shootout, where Italy's poor marksmanship ended its dreams. The Rose Bowl was nearly silent as the shootout began. Franco Baresi, a source of strength on defense all game and possibly the man most responsible for Italy shutting down Brazil, went first. His shot wasn't even close, sailing far over the net. But goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca made up for it with a diving save against Marcio Santos. Italy's Demetrio Albertini and Alberigo Evani both connected, as did Brazil's Romario and Branco. Then came the critical misses for Italy. Taffarel, the backbone of an unheralded defense that allowed only three goals all tournament, dived left for a hand save on Daniele Massaro. After Dunga put Brazil ahead 3-2, the great Baggio missed the net, setting off wild celebrations among the green-and-yellow clad supporters in the stands and the players on the field. With Pele, its greatest hero, waving from the press
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Racking 'em up
Kevin Sluis, a 1993 A&M English/political science graduate, plays pool at a Northgate bar Sunday afternoon.
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A&M heightens recycling efforts

By Tracy Smith
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Texas A&M is increasing awareness of campus recycling as a result of federal and state regulations promoting recycling and the use of recycled products. The 1991 Texas Legislature ordered state agencies, counties and school districts to give preference to office supplies made from recycled materials. The law requires state agencies and institutions to spend 5 percent of their consumable product budget on recycled products in 1994 and 8 percent in future years. Paul Barzak, A&M assistant director of materials services, said the University is currently spending 10 percent on recycled materials. "This percentage could vary because not all items are purchased through the University," he said. "But an increase has been seen for recycled materials in the last few years. "Right now, all paper towels and toilet tissue on campus are recycled," he said. Barzak said his office has received more departmental requests for recycled items such as copy paper. Texas' recycling rate is also expected to rise as new federal regulations will force an estimated 192 landfills to close by 1995. The regulations attempt to make more people aware that land and its resources won't last forever. State Comptroller John Sharp said the laws have promoted recycling and the use of recycled products in Texas. "For too long Texas assumed the bounty of the land would carry us indefinitely, guaranteeing cheap energy, low taxes and unlimited growth," he said. "No longer can we simply consume nature's resources
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New A&M program to teach highway safety to young drivers

By Christine Johnson
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Texas A&M has been awarded a grant to develop a highway safety curriculum to teach children in the sixth and eighth grades how to safely make the transition from bicycles to cars. The Texas Education Agency and the Texas Department of Transportation awarded the money to the Safety Education Program at A&M, part of the Health and Kinesiology Department. About one-third of all injury-related youths' deaths are caused by auto accidents, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Of the 65 people killed Fourth of July weekend, 27 were children. Maurice Dennis, a professor of health and kinesiology and Terry Kline, senior health and kinesiology research associate, are heading the project. "Young people have consistently poor driving records because of too much risk taking," he said. "They need to have a good transition from bicycles to cars and sixth and eighth grade is the right time to do that." Organizers of the program will be working with an advisory committee of parents, students, school administrators and teachers to develop the project. The committee will meet before the next school year to plan implementation and decide on the curriculum. Kline said the committee will also decide on programs to teach bicycle safety. "Most kids in the sixth grade are riding bicycles but do not know that they have to follow the same rules and regulations as motorized vehicles," he said. Kline said ways of integrating the lessons into the existing curriculum will be examined rather than trying to start a whole new curriculum, which would be hard to implement. "We will try to incorporate the learning of highway safety into normal subjects like math and science," he said. "We will also try to have computer interactive programs, where the children will be able to see different traffic scenarios and decide what they should do." Kline said safety programs have been tried in the past for this age group, but were never useful to the schools because they always called for a new
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