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## TEES to explore possibility of digital libraries at A&M

The TEES center will work with the George Bush Presidential Library to bring digital libraries to students.

By Lisa Messer

A new center in the Texas Engineering Experiment Station will explore the potential of digital libraries at Texas A&M University. The Center for the Study of Digital Libraries was established by the A&M Board of Regents at its last regular meeting. The agenda item requesting the center's establishment stated that the federal government has identified digital libraries as a national challenge.

"National challenges are fundamental applications that have a broad and direct impact on the nation's competitiveness and the well-being of its citizens," the agenda item stated. "A primary goal of this program is to establish better linkages between fundamental science and technology development which directly impacts national competitiveness and advancement."

The Center will build on the work of the Hypermedia Research Laboratory in the Department of Computer Science.

Dr. Richard Furuta, director of the Hypermedia Research Laboratory, said digital libraries will bring together large amounts of information in digital form.

"It includes traditional pieces of information that you might expect, such as text, documents, audio and movies, but also information you might not think of like representations of physical

objects," Furuta said.

Dr. John Leggett, director of the Center for the Study of Digital Libraries, said the Center will serve the global digital library community.

"I see the Center for the Study of Digital Libraries providing expertise and experience to help the Texas A&M community transfer its collections of books, journals, bugs, plants, animals and so forth into useful digital libraries," Leggett said.

This work has been started with the Flora of Texas project, the Tracey Herbarium, the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Collection and the Keck Center for Genome Informatics in the Institute of Biosciences and Technology, Leggett said.

Furuta said digital libraries are challenged with providing students information without the constraints of physi-

cal libraries while ensuring the digital libraries maintain the advantages of traditional libraries.

"When you look up a book, for example, you won't find out it's stolen, ripped up or highlighted," Furuta said.

"Information will also be accessible when a physical library is closed.

"The problem is maintaining the same services. Physical libraries provide reference desks and expert help. They also serve the social aspect of providing a place to meet and talk about projects. Digital libraries need to retain those services."

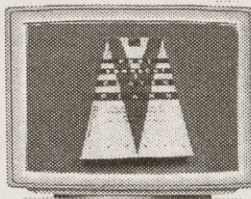
Dr. Frank Shipman III, a TEES re-

search scientist, said digital libraries will play a crucial role with researchers throughout the world.

"They will aid researchers in getting access to information they might not have otherwise," Shipman said. "They will also enable researchers to collaborate with each other across the world much quicker than the usual print cycle."

The Hypermedia Research Laboratory organized the first international research conference on digital libraries in Summer 1994. The second conference will be held in Austin in June.

The Center for the Study of Digital Libraries will work with the George Bush Presidential Library at A&M. The library plans to have a multimedia digital library system with more than 40 million pages of documents, two million photographs and 6,000 hours of video.



## Local police officers crack down on public intoxication

Officials say that public intoxication arrests are intended to prevent people from causing harm to themselves or others.

By Tracy Smith

Arrests for public intoxication are rising, and A&M students are having to deal with the effects.

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According to the College Station Police Department, public intoxication arrests increased from 884 in 1993 to 560 in 1994.

Currently, the public intoxication statute deals with those committing an offense in a public place while intoxicated to the degree that they may endanger themselves or another.

If arrested, they face a class C misdemeanor requiring them to either pay a fine or go to court to get the charge off their record.

Rick Powell, coordinator of legal services for the Student Conflict and Resolution Center, said that during the past few years, more students have received pub-

lic intoxication charges.

"We talk to students who received the charge because they were unable to drive and decided to walk home from the bar instead," he said. "Others may have been waiting for their friends to come out of a bar and were arrested while outside."

While the charges have varied greatly over the last few years, Powell said his advice is basically the same.

If students can raise any doubt pertaining to the charge, he said, they should go to court.

"It really helps if the person has witnesses that can come to testify on their behalf," he said. "These situations come down to your word over the police officer's word."

Powell said the law was changed in September 1994 so that those facing public intoxication violations can't receive citations, but can be arrested.

"The police officers do have other options, such as to allow the person to leave the premises in the care of a person who has not been drinking," Powell said. "But this is up to the officer's discretion."

Lyn Sechelski, patrol lieutenant with the University Police Department, said that in order to arrest people for public

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## Bush visits A&M to establish Associates of Presidential Library

Former President George Bush was on campus Monday for a luncheon establishing the Associates of the George Bush Presidential Library.

"I'm grateful to all who are launching the Associates," Bush said. "You are helping me see a vision come to fruition."

Members of the newly formed group will lead the volunteer efforts for the Presidential Library by serving as hosts and hostesses for special events at the library and leading library tours.

The group will also help find funding for the library's projects. Don Wilson, executive director of the Bush Library, said he will start evaluating bids for the construction of the library beginning in June.

The library is scheduled for dedication in Fall 1997.

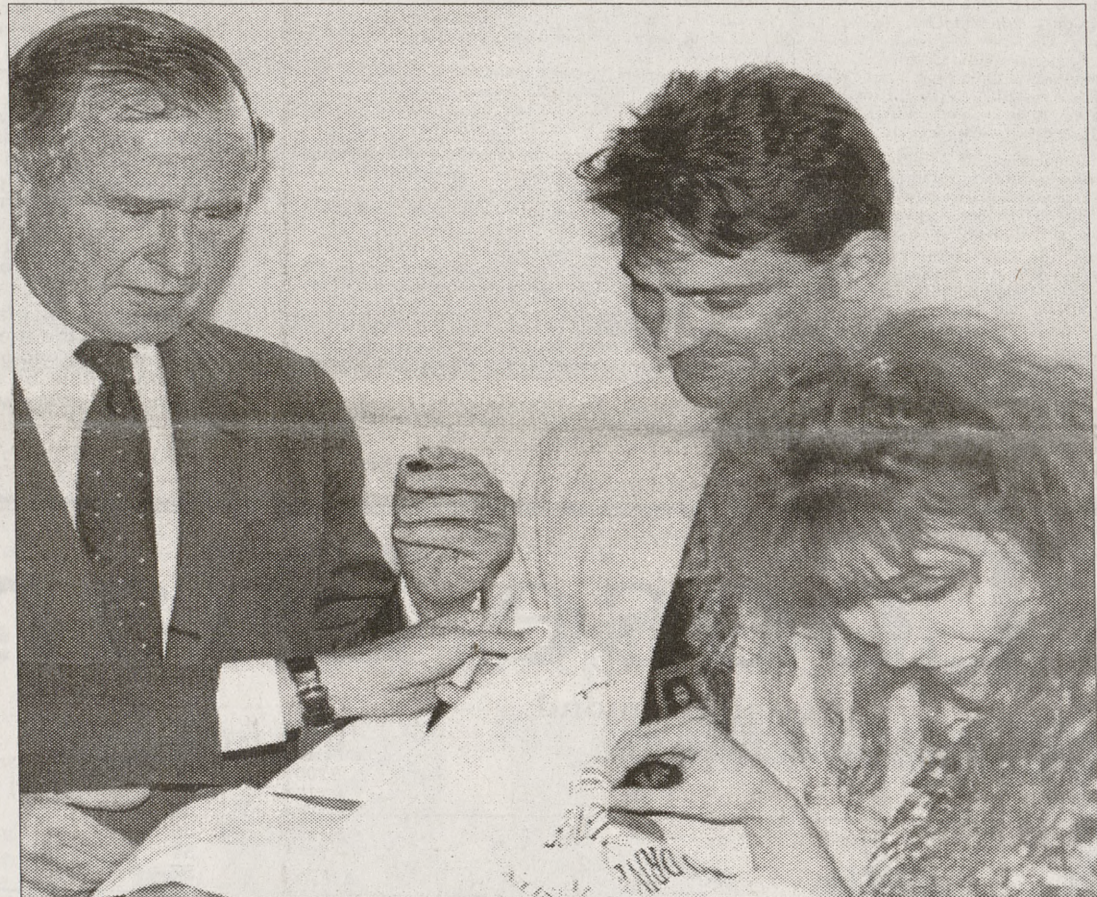
"We're right on schedule," Wilson said. After the luncheon, Bush lectured to a political science class.

Bush said he plans to teach at A&M once the Presidential Library opens.

"Barbara and I look forward to opportunities to teach and also to learn at this great institution," Bush said.

Bush also visited the Bloodcare blood drive and signed several T-shirts, one of which will be raffled off on Friday.

Anyone who donates blood will be eligible to win the T-shirt.



Mark Smith/The Battalion

Former U.S. President George Bush signs T-shirts for Alan Elias, blood care director, and Cindy Sweatman, blood drive consultant on Monday afternoon while visiting the Bloodcare blood drive.

## Aggies Celebrate Earth Week 1995

### Groups commemorate Earth Day's 25th anniversary

Concerts, information booths, films, and poetry readings are part of the week-long schedule of events for Earth Week.

By Brad Dressler

Earth Day Extravaganza 1995 continues April 18 through 23 in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the national Earth Day.

The week's events, hosted by the Student Government's Environmental Issues Committee, the Texas Environmental Action Coalition and the City of College Station, include informational booths, a film festival, poetry readings, live music performances and two concerts at Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheatre.

Today EIC and TEAC will have tables in the MSC to inform the public about the week's activities.

More than 20 organizations will have booths covering a variety of environmental topics in the Rudder Fountain area Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The booths will move to Wolf Pen Creek Saturday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Aggie Wranglers will perform Wednesday in the Rudder Fountain area for the Earth Day celebration.

Shelley Nash, EIC's chair of Earth Day, said the week's activities will educate the public about various environmental issues.

"I hope the week's activities will open the general public's eyes to the scope of environmental problems that people face everyday," she said. "We also will do our part to educate the public and motivate everyone to do what

they can do to make a difference. We all need to do our part for the planet."

A celebration called "Greenhouse: In Celebration of the Earth" will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Dead Lazlo's on Northgate. The celebration will include poetry readings, live music, an open microphone and a special presentation of Dr. Suess' "The Lorax."

A free presentation of "Free Willy" will be shown Wednesday in the Langford Architecture Building, Room 110-C.

"A Decade of Destruction: In the Ashes of the Forest" will be shown Thursday in Langford 105-C and a guest speaker will discuss the state of the rainforests after the film.

Founded in 1970 as a national holiday, Earth Day has been celebrated across the country throughout the past years.

In 1990, on the 20th anniversary of Earth Day, a large-scale festival was held at Research Park. For Earth Day 1993, EIC and TEAC founded the local Earth Day Extravaganza.

Carrie Thompson, TEAC chair of Earth Day, said this year's Earth Day Extravaganza is somewhat different in scale and scope.

"This year we have a more diverse, larger-scale schedule of activities for the Earth Day Extravaganza," she said. "In addition to an entire week's activities, we are working with the national Earth Day organization's movement on the Free the Planet campaign, which outlines 25 important environmental areas for Congress to address."

On Earth Day, Saturday April 22, a free Dah-veed Garza concert will be held at 3 p.m. in Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheatre.

Sunday there will be a Willie Nelson concert at 7 p.m. in Wolf Pen Creek. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 the day of the concert, with proceeds going to campus recycling and beautification.

### Earth Week Activities

Tuesday, April 18  
Informational tables in MSC from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19  
Organization booths in Rudder Fountain Area from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Aggie Wranglers perform

Free showing of "Free Willy" — 7 p.m. — Langford Architecture Building 110-C

"Greenhouse: In Celebration of the Earth" — 8 p.m. — Dead Lazlo's, Northgate

Thursday, April 20  
Organization booths in Rudder Fountain Area from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Special showing of "A Decade of Destruction: In the Ashes of the Forest" with guest speaker — 7 p.m. — Langford Architecture Building 105-C

Friday, April 21  
Organization booths in Rudder Fountain Area from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

EARTH DAY — Saturday, April 22  
Free Dah-veed Garza concert — 3 p.m. — Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheatre

Organization booths at Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheatre from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 23  
Willie Nelson concert — 7 p.m. — Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheatre



Bart Mitchell/The Battalion

Betty Rogers from the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission talks about environmental issues during Monday night's Earth Day forum.

## Panel discusses future of environmental movement

By Wes Swift

The environmental movement should return to the grass roots level and emphasize its link with spirituality in order to successfully progress into the next century, a four-member panel told students at Rudder Theater Monday night.

The lecture and discussion kicked off Earth Week 1995 and the 25th anniversary of Earth Day.

Dr. Thomas Dunlap, a Texas A&M history professor, began the forum by discussing the history of the environmental movement and some of its future challenges.

Dunlap said that one of environmentalism's obstacles is its complicated nature.

"The simplicity of the movement is gone," Dunlap said. "Now it's far more complex, much larger

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