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Japan donates \$1.5 million to Bush Presidential Library

The Library Foundation has raised over \$33 million of its \$42 million goal.

By Lisa Messer
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The government of Japan donated \$1.5 million to the George Bush Presidential Library Center Monday. Japanese Consul-General Shintaro Sasaki of Houston presented the check to Jeb Bush, president of the Bush Library Foundation and son of former President George Bush. Sasaki said the donation commemorates George Bush's role in strengthening the friendship between Japan and the United States.

"The decision by the Japanese government to make this contribution," he said, "was arrived at in view of the outstanding leadership role played by President George Bush during his tenure in office to cement the relationship between our two countries that has become well known as the 'U.S.-Japan Global Partnership.'" Sasaki said the donation recognizes Bush's contributions to promote peace, security and freedom during an unprecedented global transformation. "I believe that the George Bush Presidential Library Center will serve the noble purpose of honoring Mr. Bush's great presidency," Sasaki said, "while at the same time preserving historical documents to be studied and learned from by both present and fu-

ture generations and enhancing education and research." Jeb Bush said his father does not see the Library as a testimonial to his leadership or as a memorial to his life. "He thinks of it as a tool of teaching and history — a place for scholars and students, for children and grandchildren, for soldiers and civilians," he said. "In short, a place for all of us to come and learn about our democratic form of government and about the highest office of our land." He thanked the Japanese government with what he said were the words his father used when he was informed of the gift. "He said, 'More than just the gift itself, I am grateful to the Japanese government for the sentiment of

friendship that this gift represents,'" he said. "Those words certainly convey the feelings of myself and the Foundation here today." Sasaki said this donation is not the first one the Japanese government has made to a presidential library. "Mr. Bush may be disappointed to hear this, but we have made similar contributions to other presidential libraries," Sasaki said. "All of those presidents made outstanding contributions, and we enjoyed good, excellent, friendly, cooperative relationships. This is something Mr. Bush will be pleased with: this sum is a record." Dr. Don Wilson, executive director of the Library Center, said the

Bill proposes library as burial site for Bush

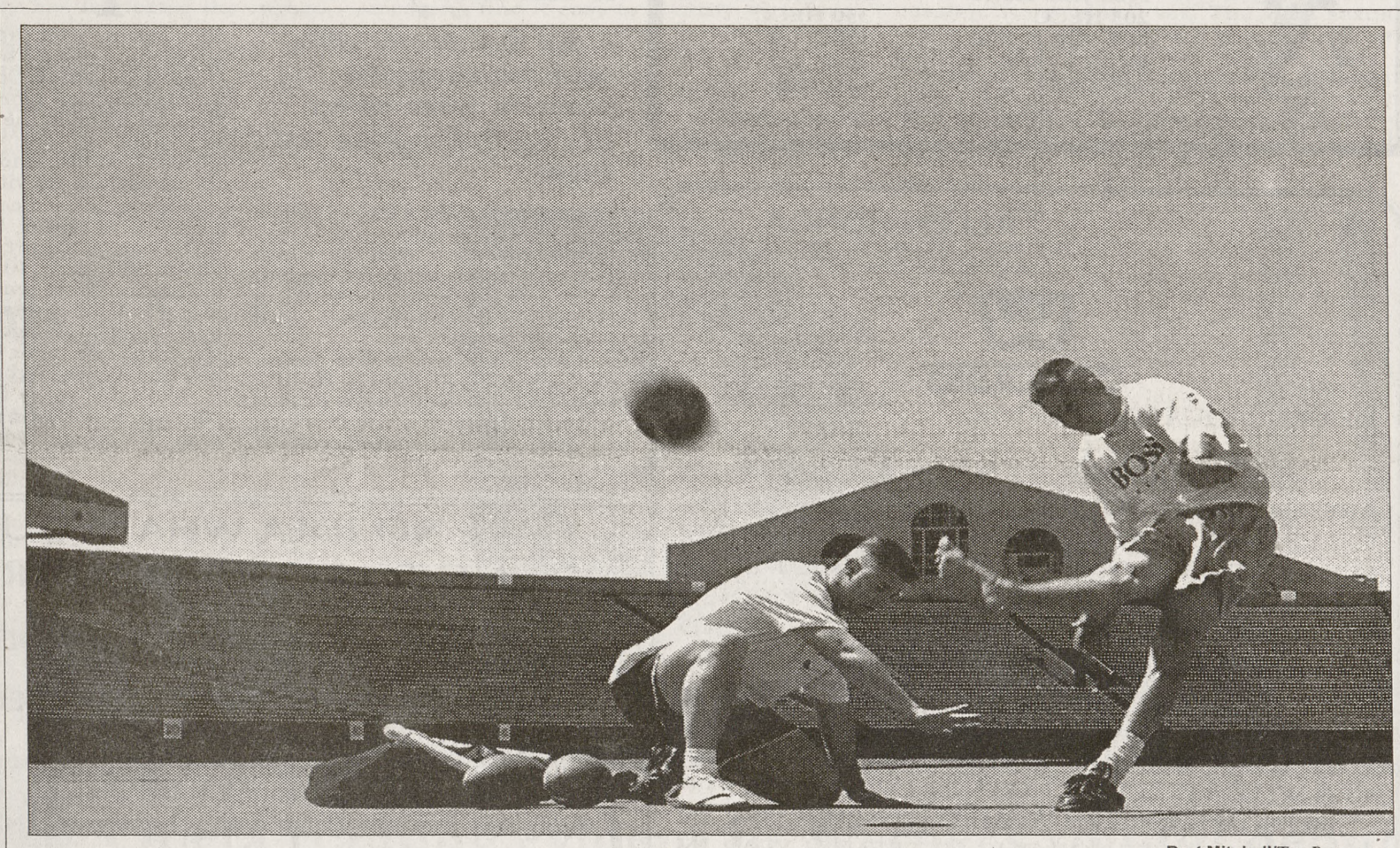
Former President George Bush and some members of his family may be buried on the George Bush Presidential Library site, if a bill pending before the Texas House of Representatives is passed. The bill is scheduled for public hearing before the House Land and Resource Management Committee today. The bill passed the Senate March 14. Current law does not allow for a cemetery to be located on state property unless specifically authorized by the Legislature.

Committee recommends three finalists for executive vice president and provost position

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By Lisa Messer
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The search advisory committee for executive vice president and provost has recommended three people to interview for A&M's second highest-ranking administrative position. The committee recommended Dr. B. Hobson Wildenthal, provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Texas at Dallas; Dr. Allen L. Sessoms, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Massachusetts System; and Dr. Deborah A. Freund, vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean of the faculties at Indiana University-Bloomington. The search committee, which advertised nationally to fill the position, received 100 nominations and 80 applications. The committee began reviewing applications for the position earlier this year. Dr. Charles Lee, interim executive vice president and provost, has said that Dr. Ray Bowen, president of A&M, said the interim vice president would not be a candidate for the

permanent office. The search committee has scheduled campus visits with the three finalists for the position. Wildenthal came to campus Monday and will continue his visit through today. Sessom's visit is scheduled for May 4-5, and Freund's is scheduled for May 8-9. During their visits, the three will tour campus facilities, learn about A&M and the community and meet with administrators, faculty, staff and students. A permanent executive vice president and provost could be chosen by July 1, pending approval by the Texas A&M Board of Regents. Wildenthal, a physicist with a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas, has been provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Texas at Dallas since 1994. He served as vice president for academic affairs at UT-D for the previous two years. Wildenthal's other administrative experience includes dean of arts and sciences at the University of New Mexico and a department head at Drexel University in Philadelphia. He taught physics at A&M from 1968 to 1969 before joining the faculty at Michigan State University.



Practice makes perfect
Clay Cody, a sophomore marketing and finance major, holds the ball for Bryce Essary, a sophomore finance major, as they practice place-kicking on Kyle Field Monday afternoon.

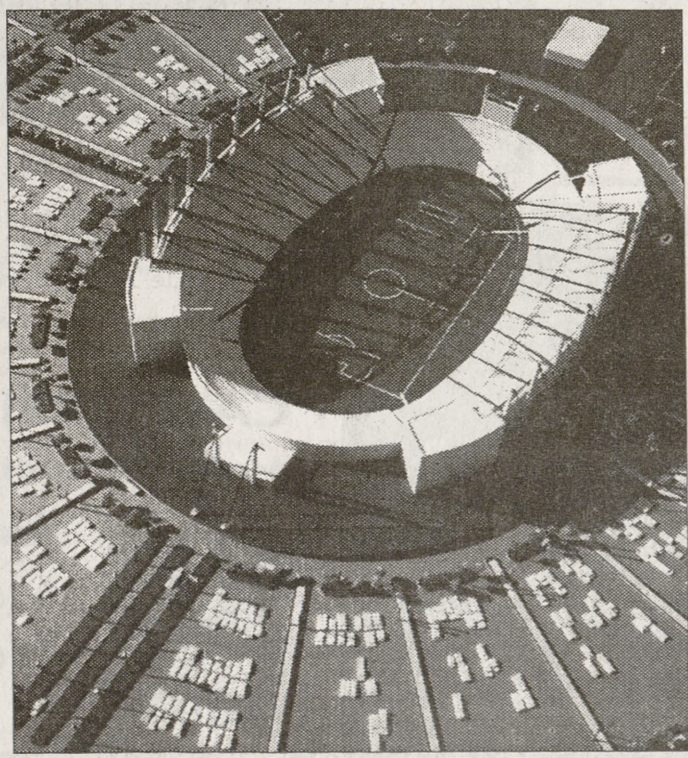
Architecture students submit designs for soccer stadium

The students will present their designs for the first soccer stadium in the U.S. on Wednesday in Dallas.

By Brad Dressler
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Eighteen students from the College of Architecture at Texas A&M University will present their designs for the first soccer stadium in the United States Wednesday in Dallas. The students, in teams of two, have been working for two months on their designs after the North Texas Soccer Association, Inc. approached the University about participating in the design of the proposed stadium. The stadium, which would be built in the Dallas-

Fort Worth area, would hold 20,000 spectators and be suited for regional, national and international events. Dr. Walter Moore Jr., a Thomas A. Bullock Endowed Chair in the departments of civil engineering and architecture, helped oversee the project.

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Above: Third year environmental design students Scott Chasteen and Myra Espinosa present their soccer stadium complex in Langford Architecture Center. Right: Model of the soccer complex.

Photos by Nick Rodnicki

Career Center connects students with jobs

Officials say that many students are not taking advantage of the opportunities that the center offers.

By Kasie Byers
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Although the Career Center at Texas A&M University is still supplying jobs, many students are not responding, said Dr. Glen Payne, associate director at the Career Center. The Career Center, which helps link jobs to graduating seniors, alumni and students interested in co-op and summer internships, has scheduled 38 on-campus interviews between now and May 2 for students graduating this May. Payne said that because of the time of year, students think there are no jobs left, but there

are many job openings still coming in. "My impression is that students look at the decrease in the number of recruits and conclude there are no more jobs, but actually there are," Payne said. "I have employers calling me and saying, 'I want to talk to students. Why am I having difficulty?'" "There is definitely a job flow here for students to take advantage of." To be eligible for these interviews, graduating seniors or alumni must fill out a resume disk to register with the Career Center, Payne said. After their disk is submitted, he said, students receive a password to enter the center's Career Resource Network, which can be reached through computers at the center and other computer labs on campus. Payne said that through this network,

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Faculty evaluation results now available

Students can see how others evaluated their professors.

By Eleanor Colvin
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Student evaluations of faculty are now available in Henderson Hall after five years of cooperative effort between A&M student leaders and the administration. Engineering Sen. Ryan Shopp, chairman of the subcommittee on the publication of student ratings of faculty, said making teacher evaluations available to students will help students choose professors and classes.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to compare the quality of professors and not just grades," he said. "This provides a better representation for students because grade distributions are not necessarily reflective of quality teaching." Shopp said students can see the answers to five questions from the student ratings of faculty. "The questions selected pertain to the efficiency and quality of the professors," he said. "The results also help students see how accessible professors are to their students." Shopp said they are now

working toward making faculty ratings available to students in all academic departments. "Expansion is the next phase," he said. "We want all the colleges and departments to take part in reporting grade distributions and student ratings of faculty." Student feedback on the usefulness of the teacher evaluations, Shopp said, is necessary to expand the program. "We need support from the students," he said. "If your college is not represented, get in touch with your student senator or department head. Students should

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