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Shockley leaves for Houston rehabilitation center

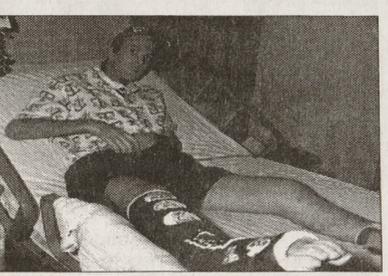
The 26-year-old A&M student was injured in a bicycling accident in February.

By Wes Swift
THE BATTALION
Trevor Shockley, dressed in maroon and white, flashed a quick "Gig 'em" sign for the cameras Monday as he was taken from his second-floor room at Brazos Valley Medical Center on a stretcher to a waiting ambulance. It was the latest part of the journey that has taken Shockley, a 26-year-old animal science major from Montgomery, on a tragic bicycling accident on West campus in February to The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research at the

Texas Medical Center in Houston, where he will undergo treatment. Shockley was granted a 30-day scholarship by TIRR and was given another 30-day scholarship by the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. The two gifts will pay for more than \$100,000 in medical expenses. Joe Shockley, Trevor Shockley's father, said it felt good to finally be going. "This is great. We've wanted this for three months," he said. "It's really been a struggle." Suzanne Presley, a senior sociology major who helped organize a benefit for Shockley, expressed similar feelings. "This is so wonderful," Presley said. "Just to see his progress is great." Shockley was riding his bicycle on Agronomy Road Feb. 1 when a stopped

bus pulled away from the curb and turned left onto Soil and Crops Circle. When Shockley made a sharp turn to avoid hitting the bus, his tires came out from under him. He slid under the bus and the double rear tires rolled over him. Shockley was rushed to Brazos Valley Medical with severe injuries to his head, body and legs. Joe Shockley said the first few days were critical to his son's life. "For those first 72 hours, we didn't know if he would live," he said. "But not only did he survive, but he's getting back to a normal life." Family members said Shockley has slowly regained the use of his voice and has limited use of his limbs. He recognizes voices, can respond to questions with simple words and eat food

by mouth again. "His brain is working," Joe Shockley said. "But it's just not working with his body." But that was more than many doctors expected. Joe Shockley proudly told the story of a neurosurgeon familiar with the case who recently visited his son. The doctor stood staring for several moments looking at Shockley, and finally spoke. "He's doing extremely good," the doctor said. The elder Shockley took that as an encouraging sign. "Neurosurgeons are usually very dark because they don't want to give anyone false hope," Shockley said. "But here he



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Trevor Shockley prepares to move to Houston to undergo treatment at the Texas Medical Center.

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Standing tall
The Twelfth Man statue, being protected by a wooden enclosure, awaits the addition of the dedication wall. Palomares Construction Co. plans to be finished with construction by May 30.

Simple procedures can safeguard home, officials say

Students should burglar-proof their homes before leaving for the semester break, police say.

By Tracy Smith
THE BATTALION
Locking doors, closing windows and watching for suspicious behavior could help the College Station Police Department lower the total number of burglaries, police officials said. According to College Station Police statistics, burglary is up 8.5 percent from last year, with the total number of offenses increasing from 224 in 1994 to 243 this year. These include burglary offenses of dwellings, buildings, vehicles

and coin-operated machines. Lt. Scott McCollum, administrative lieutenant for the College Station Police Department, said many habitation offenses occur when people are out of town and the homes appear empty, making the two weeks between the spring and summer semester a possible risk. Students going home for the two weeks, he said, should take the necessary precautions to secure their houses or apartments. "Criminals will usually avoid places that have taken the time to lock the doors, secure windows and place other security devices around their home," he said. "The number of burglaries could

possibly be lowered if students would make things a little more difficult to break into." McCollum explained that criminals usually avoid houses that will be time-consuming to break into because there is more time for the criminal to be caught. "They will avoid these places and find somewhere that is more opportune," he said. Having someone watch the house and pick up the newspapers and mail, McCollum said, can help make the house look lived in. People also should invest in timers for their lights, television and radio, he said.



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Running to face trial for charges of falsifying government records

The hearing is set for May 15 to determine if the defendant is guilty of disguising the purchase of alcohol as food and beverages.

By Gretchen Perrenot
THE BATTALION
The last of the Texas A&M employee hearings concerning the tampering of government records by disguising the purchase of alcohol as food and beverages is scheduled for May 15. Vicki Running, secretary to the University System's Board of Regents, is the last defendant of almost a dozen A&M employees involved in the incident. Running will go on trial for charges of eight counts of falsifying government records. She was indicted in February 1994 on charges of falsifying purchase vouchers and altering state records. Brazos County District Attorney Bill Turner said Running has requested a jury trial. The hearings of Dr. John Wormuth, an oceanography professor, and Ronald Carter, chemistry department business manager, were held Monday. Turner said the hearings called for Wormuth to pay a \$150 fine and Carter a \$500 fine. They each received three months deferred adjudication, meaning no conviction will appear on their records if they follow probation conditions. Wormuth and Carter entered pleas of no-contest to the charges of falsifying government records, Turner said.

When originally indicted in June of last year, the two pleaded not guilty. Wormuth had said then that he would try plea bargaining, which is a negotiation between the district attorney and the criminal defense lawyer. Turner said the results of the hearing are similar to the results of previous hearings. Allegations against the other employees involved in the incident have resulted in similar fines and probation. Wally Groff, athletic director, and Penny King, associate athletic director, also pleaded no contest and were placed on three months probation and charged \$250. They were both given deferred adjudication. A jury convicted Dr. Don Hellriegel, a management professor, of six counts of falsifying documents. Hellriegel was sentenced to 30 days probation and fined \$200 in court fees. Robert Smith, former A&M vice president of finance and administration, was found guilty by a jury of soliciting gifts for his wife from Barnes and Noble Bookstores, Inc., which manages the campus bookstore. The charges against Sasha Walters, an administrative assistant in the Board of Regent's office, and Sabrina Saladino, an academic administrator for the management department, were dismissed by the Brazos County District Attorney. All of the charges resulted from an investigation by the Texas Rangers and FBI into questionable business practices at A&M. An anonymous letter was sent to former Gov. Ann Richards concerning the alleged wrongdoings. Ross Margraves, former regents chairman, resigned as a result of the investigations.

Two men taken into custody in Missouri as bombing witnesses

One of the men slightly resembles the sketch of John Doe 2.
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — FBI agents hunting the elusive "John Doe 2" raided a Missouri motel Tuesday, capturing two men who traveled a path of cheap motels from Arizona to Oklahoma that paralleled the movements of bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh. Gary Alan Land and Robert Jacks, 60 — objects of an FBI all-points bulletin — were arrested at daybreak in Carthage, Mo., as material witnesses in the Oklahoma City bombing. Land, a 35-year-old drifter with a record of petty crimes, bears a passing resemblance to the heavyset, square-jawed figure in the sketch of John Doe 2, wanted in the nation's worst domestic terrorist attack.

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Former student establishes endowment fund

Dr. C. Clifford Wendler set up the endowment fund for the Sterling C. Evans Library and the Department of Architecture.

By Stephanie Dube
THE BATTALION
An A&M graduate has established an endowment fund for art and architecture at the Sterling C. Evans Library and the Department of Architecture. Dr. C. Clifford Wendler, Class of '39, will continue to add to the funds for the endowment, which will be available after his death. Charlene Clark, development and promotion coordinator for the Sterling C. Evans Library, said Wendler worked in the Cushing Library when he attended Texas A&M.

"He worked very closely with Thomas Mayo, who was then director of the library," Clark said. "Mayo influenced many lives and Clifford was one of them. He had the highest regard for Mayo and wanted to do something to acknowledge what Mayo had done for him." Clark said the endowment was well-timed because it coincides with the renovations to Cushing Library that will begin this summer. Clark said she is more excited about Dr. Wendler's relationship with the library than about the endowment itself. "He is a wonderful person to meet," Clark said. "The friendship with Clifford is just as exciting as the gift to us. This endowment really does celebrate our discovery of our friendship with Clifford." Wendler became interested in architecture when he saw the name of the dean of the College of Architecture, Dr. Walter V. Wendler, in the Texas Aggie magazine. Walter Wendler said Clifford Wendler

had been looking for his long-lost cousin, who was also named Walter Wendler. Walter Wendler said that although he was not the cousin, Clifford Wendler still came to A&M and visited the architecture college, which sparked his interest in supporting the college. "Clifford had originally wanted to study architecture at A&M in the mid-30s," Walter Wendler said. "But Ernest Langford, who was then head of architecture, told him he should find another career choice because the job opportunities were limited then. So we sent little Clifford away." Wendler received a bachelor's degree in agricultural administration from A&M and his Ph.D. in computer system design. Wendler served as the chair of the quantitative analysis department at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Once Wendler retired, he began to paint. His depictions of hill country scenes are on display in the second floor of the MSC until May 13.