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Texas Senate suspends expansion bill

The Baylor College of Dentistry and East Texas State University will become part of the A&M System in September 1996. The University of Central Texas will not become part of the System.

By Katherine Arnold
THE BATTALION

The Texas Senate suspended a bill Saturday that would have made the University of Central Texas the newest addition to the Texas A&M University System.

This action came after the Texas Legislature approved bills earlier this month to make the Baylor College of Dentistry and East Texas State University a part of the System.

Terri Parker, director of communications for the System, said they wanted to make the University of Central Texas, a private

school in Killeen, a part of the A&M System. "There is a high demand for higher education in that community," Parker said. "Central Texas would be a great small school to have in the System."

The University of Central Texas is a junior-senior and graduate-level school. If the Senate had approved the bill, the school would have been renamed Texas A&M University-Central Texas. The bill was proposed by State Rep. Layton Black in March.

Parker said the main opposition to the bill came from Mary Hardin-Baylor University, located near Killeen, and from David Sibley, a Republican senator from Waco.

The 74th Legislature ends tonight at midnight, so no further action can be taken to reintroduce the bill. The Legislature reconvenes in 1997.

Mary Nan West, Texas A&M Board of Regents chairman, said the University of Central Texas was looking to join the System.

"It just made sense to have a central Texas school in the System," West said.

West said the acquisition of the Baylor College of Dentistry and ETSU will go into effect on Sept. 1, 1996.

"We are delighted to have these schools in the System," West said. "They really fit with the goals and opportunities in the rest of the System."

"We will begin to adapt and adopt policies to be consistent with those of the System," Morris said.

"We will start participating in every possible board meeting and system meeting so we can to prepare for the merger."

Morris said joining the System will fall



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Construction on Bush library to begin within one month

Manhattan Construction Co. will begin initial building of the Bush Presidential Library this summer.

By Wes Swift
THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M Board of Regents awarded a multimillion dollar contract to build the George Bush Presidential Library Center to a Houston-based construction company during a May 25 special meeting.

Manhattan Construction Co. beat out seven other firms for the \$47.3 million contract

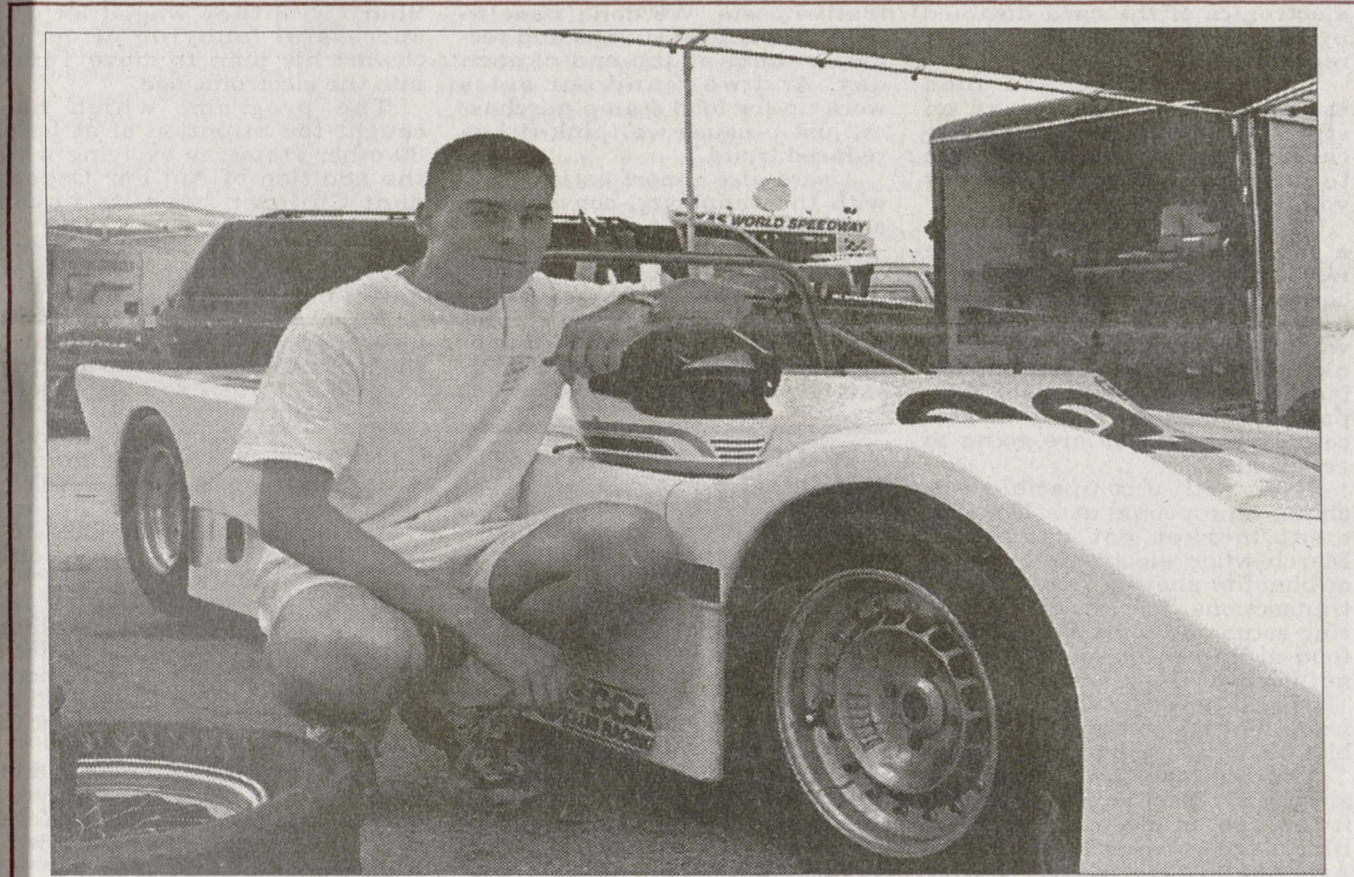
for construction of the 316,663 square-foot building that will house the presidential library and several Texas A&M academic departments.

Gen. Wesley Peel, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said construction should begin within one month, depending on the speed of the contractors.

"The contractors have 15 days to sign the contract, then return it to us," Peel said. "After that, we'll sign the contract, and after that, they have 10 days to proceed. I would say that construction should be started in no less than 30 days."

Peel said the center would probably be completed by Fall

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Go, SPEED RACER, GO!

Sophomore business major **Matthew Acocck** takes a short break before racing his formula racer at the Lone Star GP4 Regional/National and IT Sprint Races held at Texas World Speedway Saturday and Sunday.

Police continue investigation of May 4 sexual assault at A&M Research Park

The University Police believe the attack earlier this month and an attack in January were made by the same man.

By Scott McMahan
THE BATTALION

The University Police Department is searching for the suspect in the second reported sexual assault at A&M this year.

A 21-year-old student told police she was sexually assaulted while jogging alone on Research Park on Horticulture Road May 4.

The student said that shortly before 9 p.m. her attacker knocked her down and dragged her down an embankment and across a creek at knifepoint. She was taken to an area where UPD believes the assailant had previously prepared an area and raped her. The assailant held her for about an hour before she was released.

Bob Wiatt, director of the UPD, said the victim's description of her attacker closely resembles one given by the victim of a similar sexual assault near Olsen Field Jan. 30. Because of the similar descriptions and similar methods of operations, UPD believes the same man committed the two rapes.

During the attack, the victim cried out when she thought she heard people in the distance. The police still have not found anyone who may have heard her that night. Wiatt said that police are looking for anyone with information.

"It's been in the news," he said. "All we can do is get some

assistance from the person who may have heard her."

Wiatt said the University police are still looking for suspects who fit the victims' descriptions by networking with other police departments and other agencies.

"We are tracking down people who may have done similar things and were in the area," Wiatt said.

Wiatt said if they find a suspect, having the victim identify the attacker is a difficult task because of the trauma that victims face when seeing their assailants.

The attacker is described as a white man, age 20 to 22, 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 160 to 170 pounds. He has a medium to toned build and medium-brown hair that is short on the sides, full on top and flops over the forehead.

The suspect was wearing a white T-shirt with a print on the front, shorts a few inches above the knees and white running shoes.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, said the Texas A&M Association of Former Students is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for individuals who provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assailants.

"Texas A&M is obviously concerned about the continued safety of our students, faculty and staff, as well as other visitors," Southerland said. "I strongly urge everyone to exercise normal to extraordinary caution by being aware of their surroundings and what is happening around them and by not placing themselves in what could be dangerous situations."

Anyone with information should call UPD at 845-2345. Callers can remain anonymous.



The University Police Department and the Brazos County Rape Crisis Center offer several methods of rape prevention:

- Stay alert; be aware of your surroundings.
- Remain calm.
- Walk quickly and against the traffic, and never hitchhike.
- Walk in open areas away from walls, shrubs, doorways, alleys or unlighted walkways.
- If you suspect you are being followed, go to a safe place quickly and call for help.
- If a car pulls up next to you, run in the direction that the car came from. The driver will have to turn around to follow.
- Travel in pairs.
- Take a self-defense class from UPD or the A&M kinesiology department.

If attacked:

- Talk - say anything that may allow you to escape.
- Scream for help.
- Fight - aim for sensitive parts of the body: groin, eyes, windpipe, kneecaps. The first blow is very important and must be accurate, because you may not have a second chance.
- Submit - submitting is not the same as consenting, and it may be the only way to save your life. Do not allow an attacker to tie you up. At that point, you will lose all options to escape.
- Run - your main objective is to get away. Look for crowds, lighted houses or a busy street.
- Remember - If persuasion and resistance do not work, concentrate on identity: age, height, hair color, eye color, scars or birthmarks, clothes, car and license plate number.
- Mace and pepper spray are other options during an attack.

Students adjust to A&M's summer changes

Students with meal plans can use the Commons dining facility. Libraries and computer labs will keep normal hours.

By Michael Simmons
THE BATTALION

Although students may have to make minor schedule changes this summer to accommodate for new campus programs and expansions, many activities and programs will continue regularly.

Ron Beard, interim food services director, said the expansion of the Vet Snack Bar and the addition of a snack bar in the new recreational sports building are slated for this summer.

Beard said the Vet Snack Bar, located in the Veterinary Medicine complex on West Campus, will be expanded to accommodate 150 people.

"We've been dragging our feet a little bit," Beard said, "but I expect the [Vet] snack bar to open in seven to 10 days."

The Commons dining facility will be open to accommodate both new student conferences and students with meal plans. The Underground market also will be open to students this summer, but Sbsa will be closed in order to perform general upkeep of the facility.

Jennifer Evans, summer housing coordinator, said approximately 1,300 students will be living in Northside residence halls this summer, slightly more than in previous years.

Although fewer activities take place in the summer than other semesters, Heather Huntley, executive vice president for programs, said the MSC anticipates several noon programs at Rudder Fountain.

The MSC will also host a domino tournament

and a dinner theater performance of "Mame." Huntley said the MSC Dinner Theater, Stage Center and the Aggie Players will put on a show together in Rudder Theater for the first time.

The musical production "Mame," the story of a wealthy New York woman during the Roaring '20s, will have several showings starting June 15.

Other summer activities include recreational sports. The recreational sports department will offer a variety of summer intramural activities, including basketball, volleyball, softball, racquetball and tennis. The Read building will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The off-campus bus routes will run their normal schedules, every 15 to 20 minutes, but only Rudder, Old Army and Fish Camp routes will run on campus.

Sterling C. Evans Library will keep normal hours of operation during the summer.

All computer labs will reopen today and will operate under normal hours all summer.



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Sbsa Dining Hall will be closed during the summer. The Commons will be available to those residents living on Northside.



The police sketch on the left matches the description of the Jan. 30 attacker whose crime is reported to have been committed near Olsen Field. The police sketch on the right matches the description of the May 4 attacker whose crime is reported to have



been committed on Horticulture Road. Both are described as being white males in their early 20's with brown hair and a medium build. Due to case similarities, police are exploring the possibility that the two sketches are of one single actor.