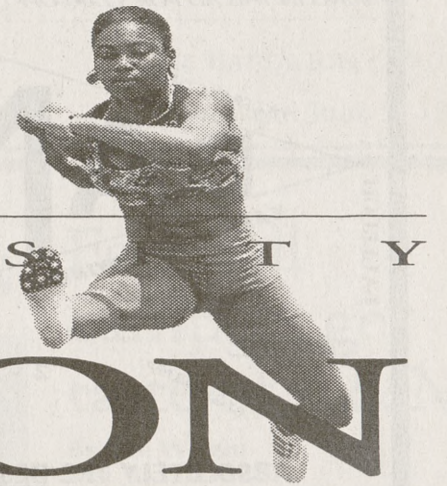


# Anjanette Kirkland is the first Lady Aggie to earn All-America honors in indoor and outdoor competition.

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## Serb general refuses to free U.N. hostages

**Military chief wants a promise of no more NATO airstrikes. 250 peacekeepers are still detained.**

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The Bosnian Serb military chief is refusing to free any more of the remaining hundreds of U.N. hostages without a solemn promise of no more NATO airstrikes, the United Nations said Sunday.

The demand by hardline Gen. Ratko Mladic has created an impasse with the international community over more than 250 peacekeepers still detained since NATO jets bombed rebel weapons depots on May 25-26.

Britain, whose forces will participate in a new international rapid reaction force, warned the Serbs' strategy of trying to bargain for further concessions from the West was a big mistake.

There was no firm word for a third day about the fate of a U.S. pilot whose F-16 fighter jet was shot down Friday over Bosnian Serb-held territory near Banja Luka.

Defense Secretary William Perry said Sunday that the Pentagon has found no evidence that the pilot managed to eject before his plane crashed. He said a search-and-rescue effort was continuing amid a claim from Mladic that the

rebels had captured the pilot.

"He may be confused, he may be playing some kind of cruel game," Perry said of Mladic as he returned to Washington from weekend talks with Allies in Paris. U.N. spokeswoman Maj. Myriam Sochacki said Mladic told U.N. officials in a late-night phone conversation Saturday that "he wanted a positive answer saying that there would be no further use of NATO airpower."

"Otherwise, he said he would not discuss whether the Red Cross can visit those detained, or any other related issue," she said from Sarajevo.

Bosnian Serbs took several hundred peacekeepers hostage after NATO jets attacked Bosnian Serb ammunition dumps in reaction to repeated rebel bombings in Sarajevo.

Sarajevo has been the city most under siege in the three-year war, which has left about 200,000 people dead or missing since Bosnia-Herzegovina seceded from Yugoslavia.

Under intense pressure, the Bosnian Serbs finally released one hundred twenty one people Friday.

Until Mladic's statement, there had been mixed signals about whether more would be released soon. Some officials had demanded promises of no airstrikes and an end to the Bosnian Serbs' diplomatic isolation. Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic's office had said more hostages could be released soon.

## A&M readies for study complex

**Renovations will improve library facilities.**

By Javier Hinojosa  
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M students will have access to an overall higher-quality library facility, A&M officials said.

Bids for construction of the new Library, Computing and Study Complex, the renovation of the Sterling C. Evans Library, construction of a new parking garage and remodeling of the Cushing Library will be made early next month.

All of the construction will cost the University \$35 million from previously saved funds.

Dr. Jerry Gaston, interim vice president for finance and administration, said that the new Study Complex will add 100 square feet of space for student use and extended hours of operation.

"The library has been short of space for student use since the 1980s," Gaston said. "The whole plan is to create sufficient library space so we could be close to the nationally recommended formula on how large a library complex should be, relative to the student body size."

Gaston said that with the addition of the com-

plex, Texas A&M will have the recommended space for student use for the first time, but will fall short of creating the appropriate space for book storage.

Dr. Fred Heath, dean and director of Evans Library, said the Study Complex will include a 24-hour studying facility and will be built on parking lot 34, which is between the Pavilion and the Peterson Building.

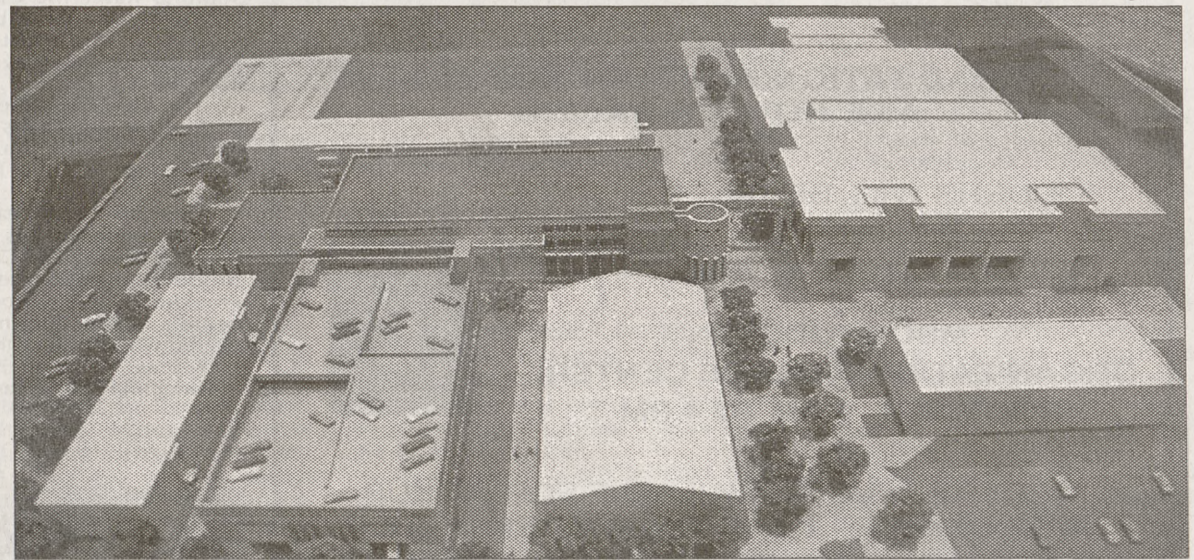
Heath said that the first floor will provide areas for reading and reserved texts, and the upper levels will have a learning center and a multimedia center.

A parking garage will be built on the site of the old creamery, between the Heep Building and the Pavilion, facing Spence Street. The creamery will be demolished to allow space for the garage.

Other library improvements include renovations to the first two floors of Evans Library, Heath said. The floors will still hold the journal, microtext and reference departments, he said.

Heath said the third through sixth floors will be equipped with new safety features, such as sprinklers.

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The above is a model of the projected study complex to be built on parking lot 34, between the Pavilion and the Peterson Building. Bids for construction will be made early next month.

## Study program joins sociology and political science faculty

**Participants will research democracies across the globe.**

By Wes Swift  
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The Program for Democratization, a joint effort between the Texas A&M sociology and political science faculty, has been formed to study the complex questions of new and old democracies around the world.

Democracy has been sweeping across the globe for the last several years, taking root in Eastern Europe, Latin America and Southeast Asia. Communist and dictatorial regimes, like Poland and Romania in Eastern Europe and Nicaragua in Latin America, have fallen, leaving a political void that

has often been filled by democracy.

Dr. George C. Edwards, director of the Center for Presidential Studies at Texas A&M, said the growing number of fledgling democracies across the globe has created a need for answers to democracy's complicated questions.

"It's one of the most important issues of our day," Edwards said. "Many countries are in some sort of transition to democracy, more than at any other time. It's one of the most exciting times in history."

Dr. James Burk, co-coordinator for the program, said that scholars need to know why some democracies succeed while others fail.

"We need to investigate under what conditions democracy will flourish," Burk said. "Several countries are trying democracy for the first time. Some will succeed and others won't. We need to

find out why."

Burk pointed to problems that face established democracies like the United States.

"No form of government has persisted over time," Burk said. "The old democra-

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cies in the West are some of the oldest governments we've ever known. The renewal of democracy is a problem which we don't know much about. We don't know the conditions needed for a democ-

for social and political information concerning democracy.

Burk said the schedule of activities has not been set, but will begin in the fall. He said the impact of culture on

democracy, the relationship between democracy and economic development and the relations between democratic and non-democratic nations are probable discussion topics.

Edwards said that although the research will focus on the umbrella of democracy, it will encompass a wide variety of projects.

"All of the studies will have a common denominator, but there will be quite a diversity," he said.

Burk added that the program will be a vehicle for research.

"We want to discuss the research we have done and be able to distribute the results of that research," Burk said.

Edwards said he wants the program to serve as a springboard for research and discussion for the students and faculty.

"I want this program to promote quality research," Edwards said.

## College Station road construction to widen streets near A&M campus

**A shuttle system may be created to reduce traffic around town.**

By Katherine Arnold  
THE BATTALION

Construction to widen three major College Station streets near campus is scheduled to begin in mid-September, Texas Department of Transportation officials said.

Denise Fischer, public information officer for TxDOT, said contracts for construction on

Texas Avenue, George Bush Drive and Wellborn Road will go out in July and August.

Texas Avenue, University Drive and Dominik Drive, will be under construction for about three years, Fischer said.

"Texas Avenue will be widened to six lanes, with a landscaped median that has left-turn access at key locations," Fischer said.

George Bush Drive, from Wellborn to FM 2818, the area where the George Bush Presidential Library Center will be located, will be widened to four lanes, and it will also have a median.

"We anticipate higher amounts of traffic from the construction of the George Bush Presidential Library Center," Fischer said.

Construction on George Bush Drive will take approximately two years. TxDOT will try to finish construction of the road by the time the library opens, Fischer said.

Wellborn Road, between FM 2818 and the town of Wellborn, will be widened and repaved. That project will leave Wellborn Road with two lanes but will add a paved shoulder to the road.

To identify and examine problems that might be created by the construction, a traffic-management task force has been created. The task force is made up of officials from TxDOT, Bryan, College Station and Texas A&M. Elmer Schneider, associate director of security for the University Police Department and a member of the task force, said the task force is looking for ways to modify the flow of traffic for special events and day-to-day traffic.

"We have to try and anticipate the alternate routes people will have to take to get to work and school," Schneider said. "We don't know how the construction will affect those alternate routes."

## Internet bookswap eliminates middle man involved in class textbook trading.

**The program is provided by Student Government with the assistance of CIS.**

Jill Saunders  
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M students can purchase class textbooks from the 300 A&M textbooks available through Bookswap on the Internet.

Sam Fleitman, Gopher administrator for Computing Information Services, CIS, said that using Bookswap is an easier way to sell textbooks.

"Bookswap is a way for students to buy and sell books by Internet," Fleitman said. "It takes the place of having to go across campus and post flyers and then retrieve all of them."

Fleitman said that the program has been a tremendous success.

"We cannot tell how many books have been sold so far, but we've gotten e-mail and personal comments about Bookswap," Fleitman said. "We've gotten lots of positive comments."

Bookswap is provided by Student Govern-

ment with the assistance of CIS.

Fleitman said there is no charge for A&M students to use Bookswap and that the program was designed to be easily used.

"Anyone who can access the Internet can use the bookswap," he said. "Students can use CIS labs on campus to access the system. A computer with a modem can also access the Internet."

Keith Marrocco, Oracle database administrator for CIS, said A&M students should have no trouble using Bookswap.

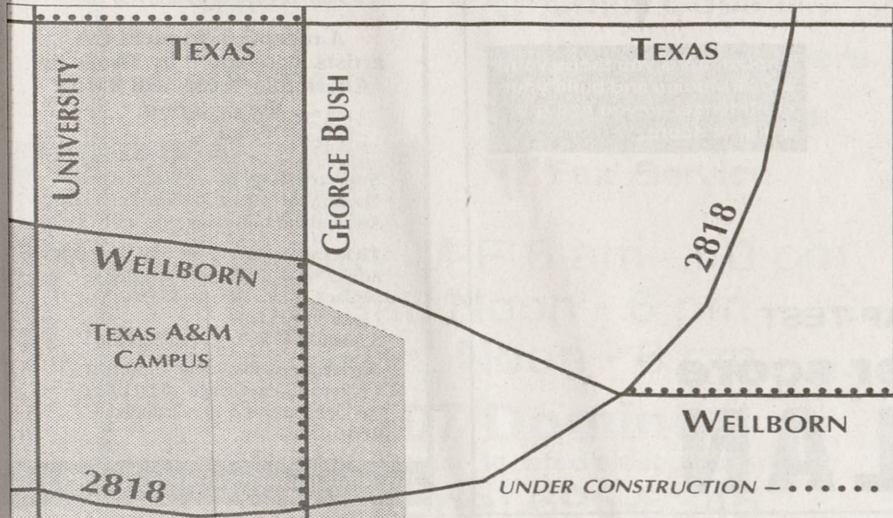
"It is user-friendly because it uses the inherent nature of the web," he said. "You just point and click to choose whatever you wish. You don't have to think too much about what to do next."

Marrocco said that this was the first time CIS has worked on this type of program.

"The program is a success in that we managed to put up an application that uses the Inter-

net and databases. That has never been done before by CIS."

Fleitman and Marrocco, the main programmers of Bookswap, said their



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