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## Kyle Field expansion up for Regents' approval

**A&M's football field could be converted to natural grass by the time A&M officially joins the Big 12 Conference next fall.**

By James Bernsen  
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Texas A&M Athletic Department officials are planning an addition to Kyle Field that would increase the seating capacity by 10,000 seats and convert the turf field to grass.

Wally Groff, A&M athletic director, said the only change that could happen before next year

would be the replacement of the artificial turf on Kyle Field with natural grass.

"The project consists of several phases," Groff said. "The first phase would be the conversion to grass."

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Groff said nothing is definite yet, but with approval by the Board of Regents, the field could be converted by the time A&M officially joins the Big 12 Conference in Fall 1996.

The main reason for the change is the perception that natural grass is safer for the players, Groff said.

"There's no scientific data that proves one way or another, but the players and their parents

think grass is better," he said. "To be honest, we put in AstroTurf in 1969 for recruiting purposes, and we're putting in grass in 1996 for recruiting purposes."

The increase in seating would come from demolition of the current "horseshoe" section that seats 12,000. The section would be replaced with a new double-decked section closer to the field that could hold 22,000.

The plans also call for an enclosed section between the two decks, much like what exists between the second and third decks of the press-box side of the field.

"The main reason for this is we're a top-notch football program, but we don't sell out," Groff said. "The end zone seats don't allow a good view for our customers."

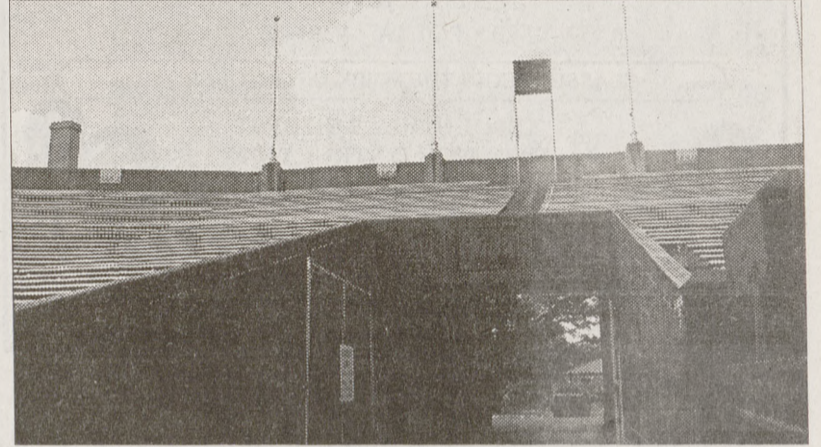
H.B. "Buddy" Payne, 12th Man Foundation president, said the current seats do not sell because they are too far from the action.

"In our experience traveling around and looking at other stadiums, we find end zone seating is real popular if you can make them more comfortable," Payne said. "We would like to try to develop a type of seating where people would be able to enjoy the game."

The new deck can also be 40 to 45 feet closer to the field because the track that circles the field has not been used by A&M since the mid 1980s.

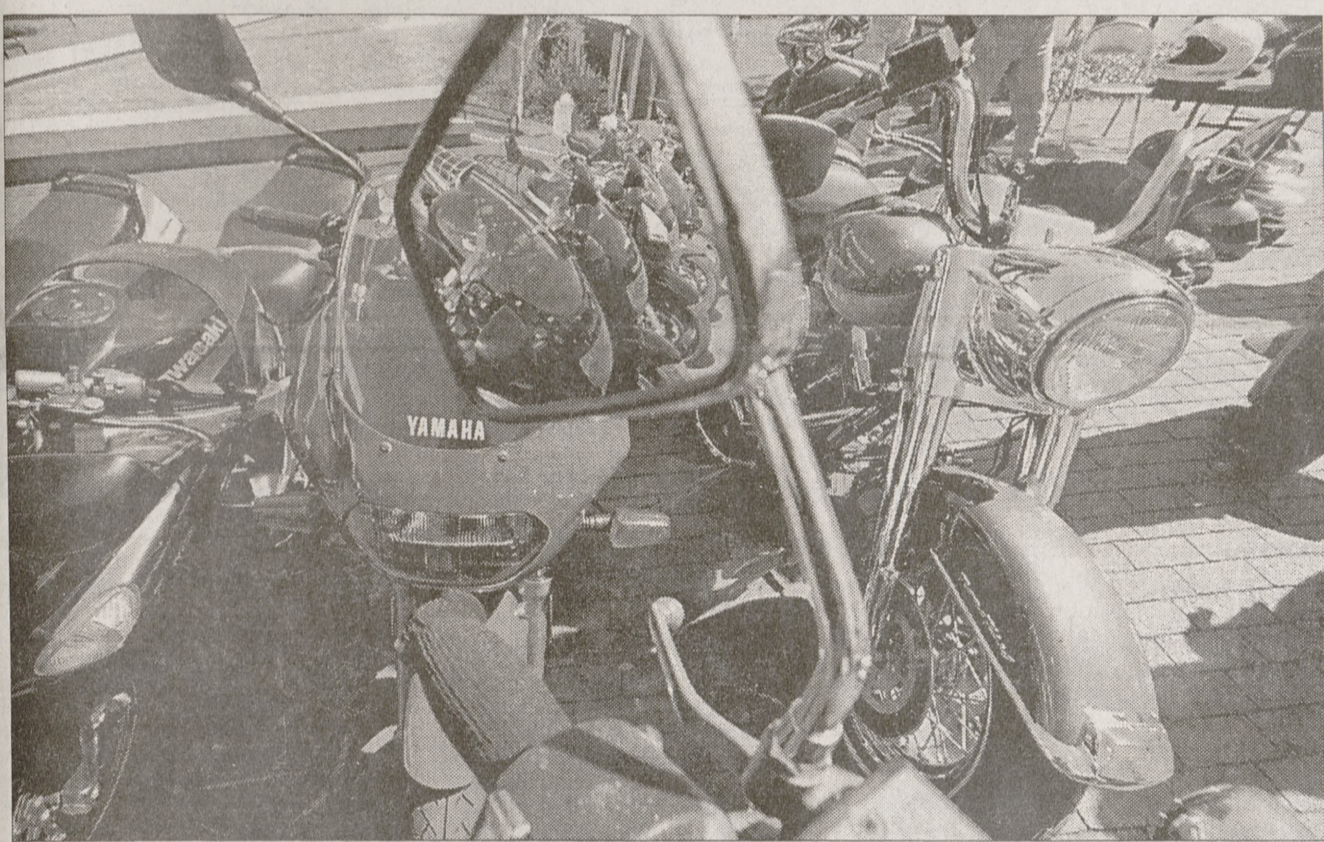
Groff said that if approved soon, the grass could be in place by next year, but the renovations

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The "horseshoe" section of Kyle Field may be replaced by a double-decked section.



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### BORN TO BE WILD

Hall Parrote's '94 Harley Davidson Road King, a limited edition, stands next to many other street bikes as part of the A&M Motorcycle Club's display at Rudder Fountain Thursday.

## Caliente marks end of Hispanic Heritage Month

**The carnival will provide musical entertainment, food and games.**

By Melissa Keerins  
THE BATTALION

The sixth annual Caliente, a carnival of games, food and music sponsored by the Hispanic Business Student Association, will take place Saturday at the LULAC Recreation Center.

Jose Rios, HBSA president and a senior business major, said he is excited about Caliente, which has expanded to include the Bryan-College Station community.

"Caliente is usually for students, but we moved off campus this year so the community could be more involved," Rios said. "It should be a lot of fun, and we are expecting a lot of people."

Rios said many groups are involved in helping out with the event.

"Tampico and Goyas 1910 will be providing authentic Mexican food, and Pancho's will be providing Tex-Mex," he said.

The Spanish Seniors from Bryan High School will also be cooking food, Rios said. "It should be really neat," he said. "I

don't know of any other group that does anything like this with as many organizations involved."

During the day, musical entertainment will be provided by the radio station, La Fabulosa 99.5 FM, who will be there with a live remote. A mariachi band will also perform.

Nubia Rodriguez, a senior business major and Caliente chairperson for HBSA, said many student groups will be involved, and they are expecting a large crowd.

"Eleven minority groups will be involved along with some local merchants,"

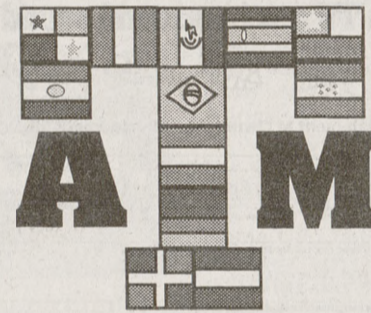
Rodriguez said. "Last year it rained, so there were only around 150 people there. The weather looks like it will be great this weekend, so we are expecting a lot more people."

Admission is free from 12-6 p.m. During this time there will be game booths and authentic Mexican food. The games will be free, but local restaurants will charge for food.

There will be a break in the celebration from 6 p.m., and the event will resume at 9 p.m. Admission will be \$12.50 with pre-purchased tickets and \$15.00 at the gate for the evening musical performances.

"Evening entertainment will be provided

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## Prof presents program to study racial segregation

**Dr. Mark Fossett said residential segregation is not necessarily caused by active discrimination.**

By Lori Young  
THE BATTALION

Dr. Mark Fossett, associate professor of sociology, presented his new computer program and research theories Thursday to explore "Racial Preferences, Inequality and

Demographic Structure: Consequences for Racial Residential Segregation."

Fossett, an expert in the areas of race and ethnic relations, stratification and inequality and race and ethnic relations, began working formally on his new computer program about five years ago.

Dr. Samuel Cohn, associate professor of sociology, introduced Fossett as making important progress in the field of residential segregation.

"This is a historic occasion because now the story can be told," Cohn said.

Fossett said his initial intention was to show his undergraduate students how the accepted sociological theories on residential segregation work. He found that the theories did not prove entirely true when subjected to computer simulations.

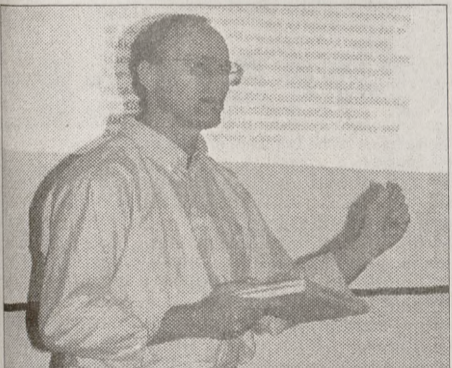
"The way the literature currently stands, [it] very strongly assumes that if you observe high levels of segregation, the only possible explanation for it is institutionalized discrimination," he said.

Fossett said he believes residential segregation is not necessarily caused by conscious or active discrimination.

"Preferences in group affiliation, whether it be male/female, young/old or black/white, combined with demographic structure, make it hard for everyone to realize their preferences," he said.

The traditionally accepted sociological factors that influence residential

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Louis Craig, THE BATTALION

Dr. Mark Fossett spoke to a group Thursday about his research theories in race and ethnic relations.

## SHARING AGGIE SPIRIT

### Cadets lend helping hand to family

**Unit A-1 cadets have been assisting a former cadet's family since his death in April.**

By Courtney Walker  
THE BATTALION

Corps of Cadets unit A-1 members may act like blood relatives of 3-year-old Morgan Hancock. However, the cadets have only known Morgan's family since April after her father, a former A-1 cadet, died.

The cadets regularly visit Morgan's mother, Bebe, to help with daily tasks and care for two other children.

After the death of her husband, Mike Hancock, Class of '86, Bebe was left with two children to raise and a third child on the way.

Mike was killed in an automobile accident last October in Saudi Arabia, where he was living with Bebe and their children. He was in a coma for 11 days before passing away.

After Mike's death, Bebe and her children left Saudi Arabia and moved back to College Station.

Bebe has a two-month-old daughter, Connor; a three-year-old daughter, Morgan; and a six-year-old son, Justin.

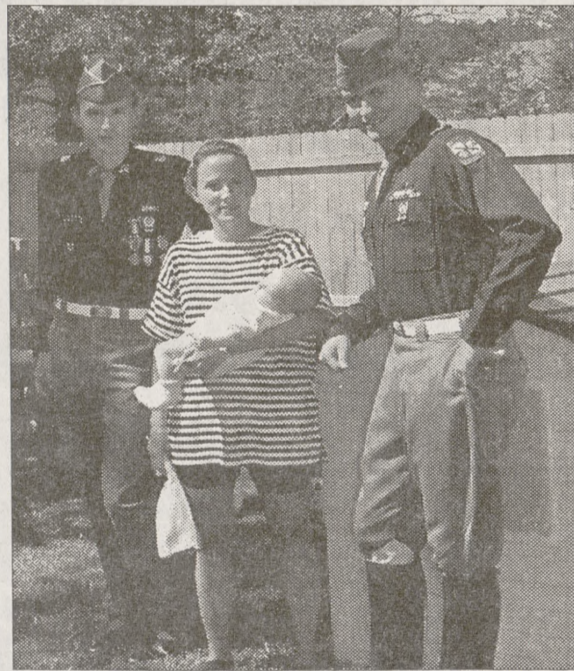
"I wanted to be near Mike's grave, and there are a lot of familiarities here," Bebe said. "It is a safe place and a good area to raise children."

When she moved to College Station, Bebe was pregnant with Connor and needed help keeping up her yard and landscaping her new house. Unit A-1 was asked to help, and the cadets accepted.

Laura Arth, Corps academic adviser, contacted the unit's commanding officer about Bebe's situation, and A-1 began helping by landscaping her house. Bebe said 14 cadets showed up on the first day ready to help.

"At first I thought it would be difficult because of all the memories, but it has turned out to be the best decision," Bebe said. "I don't think you can find college students who care about a pregnant widow and two other kids they don't even know in a large town."

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Bebe Hancock holds her daughter Connor with Kyle Robinson, A-1 commanding officer and Bo Arnold, first sergeant for A-1. The cadets have been helping out her family since the death of her husband, a former cadet.