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John Aler, Tenor; Carter Brey, Cello; Laurie Smukler, Violin; Scott St. John, Violin; Sarah Rothenberg, Piano  
 with Hsin-Yun Huang, viola and Pulitzer Prize poet Richard Howard

Music permeates the fictional world of French novelist Marcel Proust, and becomes a central metaphor for the relationship of memory to experience in his literary masterpiece, *Remembrance of Things Past*. The specific pieces that inspired the imaginary "Vinteuil Sonata" of Proust's novel will be performed on the program, along with readings from Proust and works by Fauré, Franck, Debussy and Reynaldo Hahn from the turn-of-the-century Paris in which he lived.

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The Texas Commission on the Arts

## Bill confronts Texas Information Superhighway

**The State Legislature reevaluated telecommunications and discovered a need for Internet access in more public services.**

By Courtney Walker  
 THE BATTALION

The wireless telegraph, radio, telephone, television and computer are all technological advancements society never dreamed of and now the Internet is the latest advancement.

Telecommunications continues at a rapid pace and Senate House Bill 2128, which went into effect Sept. 1, may make it possible to have the Internet in every school district, library and home.

Mark Ansboury, manager of the Texas Telecommunications Division, discussed the current role of telecommunications in Texas and where the industry is headed during his speech "The Onramp to the Information Superhighway" Wednesday.

Ansboury began by describing the technical and policy side of the telecommunications bill and

what the state has accomplished the last year.

"Telecommunications means different things to different people, and when someone is asked their opinion, everyone will give a different opinion," Ansboury said.

The bill began two years ago when the Texas Legislature realized there was a need to redefine the term telecommunications, Ansboury said, and formed a interim study committee to look at the infrastructure of telecommunications and what the federal government should do.

"Things are happening that happened last year in the Legislature that can be of benefit to Texas," he said, "and can put Texas in the leadership role for telecommunication services."

The study committee found a need to negotiate funds with the government and expand telecommunications and Internet access to public services such as educa-

tion, the telemedicine in and libraries.

"One of the things we do with this bill is work out table terms for those essential public services, which then become major candidates for telecommunications in state," Ansboury said.

Ansboury debated the cable or telephone lines telecommunication delivery the future.

Daniel Torres, a senior computer engineering major who attended the speech, said his companies are a dead end on the Internet and telecommunications and more cable will be used in the future.

"The high-speed of fiber found in cable has a faster infrastructure than telephone lines," Torres said.

Before all public services

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Shane Elkins, THE BATTALION  
 Mark Ansboury spoke about the Information Superhighway.

## Overassignments recognized for cooperation

**Overassigned students can make suggestions to the University during a reception in their honor.**

By Heather Pace  
 THE BATTALION

After having three students crammed into a dormitory room for a semester, overassigned students and their roommates will be acknowledged for their cooperation in a reception Nov. 16 from 6-7 p.m. in Rudder Exhibit Hall.

Sponsored by the MSC; the National Residence House Association; the Texas A&M RHA; Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs;

and the Department of Residence Life and Housing, the reception includes refreshments and door prizes.

Melissa Currin, programs director and a sophomore psychology major, said the reception shows support for overassigned students.

"It is a gesture of good will; some of the students are in an awkward position, and we want to do something nice for them," Currin said. "I hope they have a good time and are aware of how supportive the faculty and student body is trying to be."

Darby Roberts, Department of Residence Life and Housing area coordinator, said the reception gives the University an opportunity to recognize the overassignments and their roommates.

"Basically, what we want to do is have a reception acknowl-

edging the overassignments and their roommates thanking them for being patient," Roberts said.

The reception will lead to greater understanding between both overassignments and the University, Roberts said, and between overassignments and their roommates.

"I hope they will gain a better understanding of the University and what the resources are," he said. "In addition, I hope they will gain a better relationship with their roommates because they will be moving at the end of the semester, so I hope we encourage a spirit of cooperation."

Roberts plans to use the reception to gain information from overassignments and their roommates about improving the situation in the future.

"We hope to get some feedback about how things have

gone and ideas students have for the future," he said.

Liz Rayburn, a Hobby resident adviser and a junior psychology major, has seen overassignments and their roommates have endured through the semester.

"I think the overassignment reception will help the overassignments feel appreciated," Rayburn said. "They have been living in cramped quarters for a semester. It makes me feel appreciated that Southerland would come and speak to them."

Rayburn said the reception will provide a positive experience for residents.

"If nothing else, it will be them with a good feeling about living on campus, so I think will be beneficial in that way," Rayburn said.



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## COUNSELLINE

### Watching for signs of suicide can save lives

By Dr. Andy Smith  
 STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES

How does anyone know when another is contemplating suicide? When someone is depressed, does that mean suicide is a possibility?

Usually, a person who is depressed to the point of suicide, seeks out a rescuer. Rescuers are often friends, spouses, girlfriends, boyfriends or parents.

Despite feelings of hopelessness or helplessness, the suicidal person continues to hope that someone will rescue him or her from the depths of despair. Most persons who are considering suicide communicate that they are in trouble and want to be rescued.

The most obvious suicidal clues are verbal ones. The suicidal person may make statements such as, "I don't want to

live." "Life is not worth living," "I wish I were dead," "I wish I had never been born," "Everyone would get along better if I were not here," or "I just can't go on anymore." Without a doubt, such statements are cries for help and need to be taken seriously.

Another form of verbal clue is reference to past suicidal thoughts or attempts. References to past suicidal behavior may indicate the presence of current suicidal thoughts and plans. Research indicates that those who kill themselves have often previously attempted suicide.

Other clues relate to abrupt behavioral changes. Perhaps the most obvious changes are those related to eating, sleeping and activity patterns.

An inability to sleep or eat, to perform normal day-to-day tasks or a sudden change in grooming can indicate extreme depression

with a possibility of suicidal thoughts. Someone who decreases activity drastically and remains in bed most of the time could also be suicidal.

The person who begins to put all personal and business affairs in order may be in the first stage of suicidal plan. This involves such things as returning borrowed property, giving away personal items, signing over important papers or writing a will to take care of personal belongings.

At this stage, the person may seem calm and anything but depressed. Often, when a person has made a definite decision to take the suicide option, there is a period of calm before the suicidal attempt.

One word of caution: the fact that a person is depressed and exhibits some behavioral change does not automatically indicate suicidal crises. Loss of


sleep and appetite or poor hygiene may stem from physical problems, stress over examinations, or job pressures.

Many people experience depression without considering suicide. It is necessary to check out the meaning of a behavior before making any assumptions. Nevertheless, if there is a continual pattern of loss of sleep, appetite, a psychotherapist or physician should be consulted.

If someone you know is exhibiting, through verbal or behavioral cues, that he or she is in a suicidal crisis, it is important to take their behavior seriously.

Don't be afraid to sit down and talk to the person you are concerned about. Ask them about their problems. Ask them if they are thinking of suicide. Offer to help them make a counseling appointment or go with them to see a counselor.

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