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Demand for English classes increases

By Heather R. Rosenfeld
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While freshman enrollment continues to increase, current students are unable to register for required classes from Texas A&M's English Department.

Dr. Lawrence Mitchell, head of the department of English, said the predicted number of incoming freshmen requires a readjustment in fall scheduling.

"I need, by my calculations, 30 to 280 more seats, or 8 to 10 sections of freshman English for this fall," Mitchell said. This is in addition to the cur-

rent 54 sections."

Dr. Woodrow Jones Jr., dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said the problem is a basic supply-and-demand situation.

"The budget for liberal arts is appropriate for a school with 30,000 to 35,000 students," Jones said. "The budget doesn't increase with the increase in the amount of students. ... It is simply not adequate for a university this size."

Mitchell said the state legislature should handle available funds more responsibly.

"The chancellor has said we would be better putting our mon-

ey in higher education than in our prison systems," Mitchell said. "I would have to thoroughly agree with that."

Julie Karr, a junior business analysis major, said she is frustrated with the lack of available technical writing classes.

"I tried to get into technical writing last spring," Karr said. "Basically, I couldn't get in, so I will have to wait until I'm a senior and can get forced in."

Robert Carpenter, a senior chemical engineering major, said he shares Karr's sentiment about unavailable courses.

"I tried one semester to get into

either (English) 210 or 310 because I absolutely needed that class, but it was full," Carpenter said. "The next semester, the only way I got in is by calling every single day during the holiday break, and I finally enrolled the Friday before school started."

Mitchell said the department is doing everything possible, including administering an English equivalency test for English 104, to reduce student demand for classes.

"We gave the test to 3,100 students, and about a third of them passed the test," Mitchell said. "That is 1,000 students that do not have to enroll and

take up seats."

Dr. Valerie M. Balester, director of writing programs for the English department, said the lack of courses cannot be ignored.

"It is a University-wide problem," Balester said. "It is not just the English department's dilemma, because we offer technical writing for other majors that require the course. Very few English majors take it."

Mitchell said it is difficult to correct such an immense problem with the resources the department has available.

"In the seven years I have been here, I spend more of my

time trying to lessen the demand for classes than anything else," Mitchell said. "By being even-handed, you inevitably end up upsetting people because you have not completely succeeded."

Jones said in order to maintain quality classes at A&M, more funds must be allocated to higher education.

"If we don't have an increase in state funding then we can't do anything, and I don't want to be forced to put students in 300-person classrooms," Jones said. "I want to give the students today the same quality their parents had when they went to college."

Nottingham turns himself in to police

By David Taylor
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Texas A&M basketball player Gary Nottingham turned himself in to College Station Police Tuesday to face an arrest warrant.

Nottingham, a junior agriculture and life sciences major, was taken to the Brazos County Courthouse where he was booked on a charge of theft (\$50 to \$500), a class B misdemeanor. Bond was set at \$300. Nottingham posted bond and was released just before 4 p.m.



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Lt. Scott McCollum, public information officer of the College Station Police Department, said Nottingham is accused of allegedly taking a

cellular phone from an apartment on Holleman Drive.

Texas A&M Head Basketball Coach Tony Barone was out of town and unavailable for comment.

Alan Cannon, A&M sports information director, said any decision regarding Nottingham's future with the team will be up to Barone.

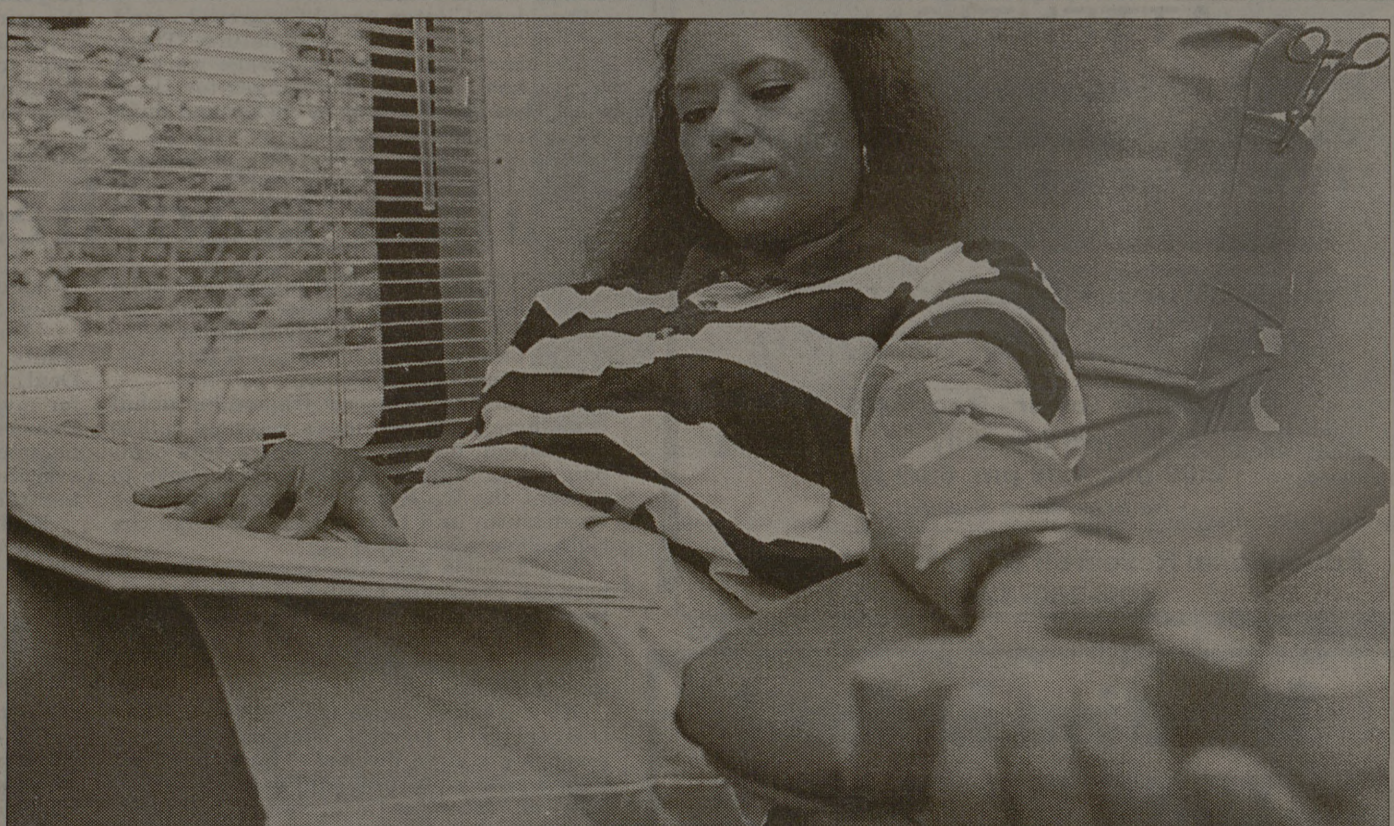
"[Nottingham] will get the benefit of due process," Cannon said, "but the decision ultimately rests with coach Barone."

Wally Groff, A&M athletic director, said while Nottingham's status with the team is yet to be determined, the situation is unfortunate.

"[I feel] disappointment that any of our boys would be arrested — whether they are guilty or not," Groff said.

If convicted, Nottingham could face a fine of up to \$2000 and imprisonment up to 180 days.

Nottingham could not be reached for comment.



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Belia Gonzalez, an education administration graduate student, gets a head start on studying for the semester while donating blood. The blood drive lasts through Friday at the MSC.

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Prof's book recounts '60's

With 16 years of teaching experience in the history department at Texas A&M, Dr. Terry Anderson is a tenured professor and confessed hippie.

Anderson said being a hippie helped inspire him to author his book, *The Movement and the Sixties*.

"May of 1970 was the most radical month in the 20th century," Anderson said. "There was Kent State. ... More forces were being sent into Cambodia. It was overwhelming. ... One day I thought to myself, somebody's going to have to write about this decade."

Anderson said his book stresses the role movements of the era played in shaping today's society.

"The legacy of the '60s opened up many doors," Anderson said. "That decade yielded opportunities for the majority of Americans, women and minorities alike."

Anderson said although his book has met with some criticism, it is the first of its kind.

"Everyone attacks my book because I didn't say enough about particular movements; instead, I speak about the decade as a whole," Anderson said. "It's unique because I'm the first baby boomer to write about this generation, and I can explain firsthand the reasons why we did those things."

Anderson said he tries to incorporate topics covered in his book into his daily history lectures.

"It is important to discuss the '60s because students have to understand where we are today and how we got there," Anderson said. "The classroom is an opportunity to show the direct relationship between the acts of yesterday and the results of today."

Will Matthews, a senior history major, said Anderson's teaching style is very effective.

"He makes you look at all the facts, but also takes in consideration other things that shape society," Matthews said. "He teaches you how to take all factors and put them together to defend what you think is the reason for any historical event."

Matthews said it is not only Anderson's classroom behavior that makes him an effective teacher.

"We could always go by his office, and he was always available for us," Matthews said. "He is the most approachable professor I've ever had."

Julia Kirk Blackwelder, head of the history department, said Anderson displays his open attitude in the workplace as well as in the classroom.

"Dr. Anderson is regarded as a very lively and animated person in the office," Blackwelder said. "He teaches his convictions, and that is very important to his students."

Anderson said his goal is to teach in a style most beneficial to his students.

"I try to show my students the dynamics of change," Anderson said. "The more you understand the forces of change, then the farther you will go in your career and the higher probability you have in being a success."

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Bush library set to open Fall '97

By Melissa Nunnery
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Construction on the George Bush Presidential Library Center is ahead of schedule almost one year after it began last July.

The Bush Library is expected to be completed before school starts in Fall 1997.

Ron Kelley, a staff intern for the Presidential Library Foundation, said plans have begun for the opening of the Bush Library.

"Discussions have started for dedications of the school and the library," Kelley said.

Dr. Chuck Hermann, director of the Bush School of Government and Public Service, said the dedication is planned for September 1997.

Hermann said he has talked to former President Bush about the dedication.

"He's determined to be actively involved," Hermann said.

The Presidential Library Center consists of three buildings — the museum building, the presidential conference center and academic facilities.

Work on exterior walls is underway on the Bush Library and museum building. Inside the library, there is ongoing mechanical and electrical work. Construction crews are getting ready to install a skylight in the rotunda of the library building.

Structural steel framework is under construction inside the Presi-

dential Conference Center, which will house two main auditoriums.

The Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitor Bureau expects between 350,000 and 500,000 visitors at the library center in its first year of operation. After the first year, they estimate annual attendance will be between 300,000 and 400,000.

At least 25 percent of these visitors will be elementary- and secondary-school students on field trips.

Dick Forester, director of the Convention and Visitor Bureau, said the Presidential Library Center is already being used to entice visitors and conventions to A&M.

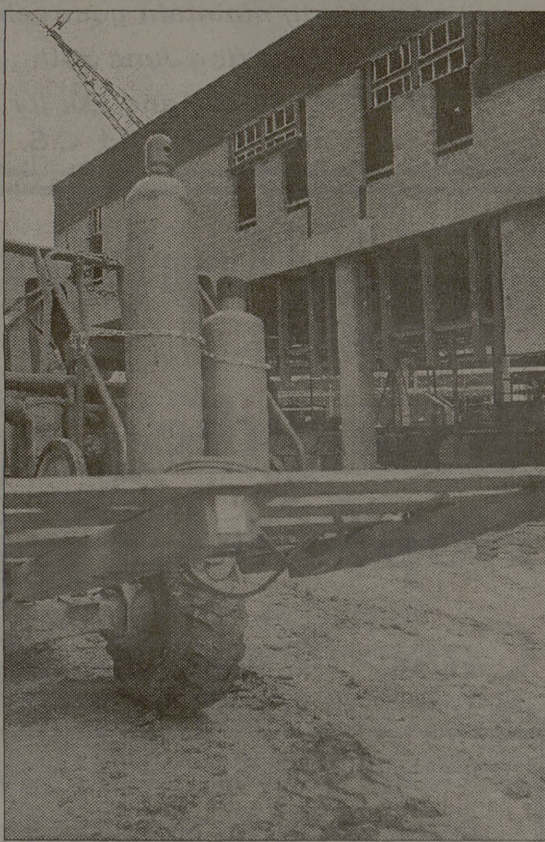
"It's an additional selling point for conventions because group tours will be available and the president will be there sometimes," Forester said.

The Bush School of Government and Public Service is also scheduled to open in Fall 1997.

Hermann said the curriculum for the master's degree program is already in place. It will involve faculty from eight departments and four colleges.

"We will be recruiting additional faculty to A&M," Hermann said. "It is of real interest to faculty members to be in on the ground floor."

Hermann said there will be several policy-oriented research centers, including presidential studies



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The George Bush Presidential Library and museum is scheduled to open Fall 1997.

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Political Forum sponsors Hopwood lecture

By Jason Brown
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The effects of the *Hopwood* decision on Texas A&M will be the focus of a lecture today at noon in the MSC Flagroom. Dr. William Perry, dean of faculties and associate provost, will discuss how A&M might respond to the Supreme Court's decision to uphold *Hopwood*, which outlawed the use of race in admissions decisions to public universities in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

The MSC Political Forum is sponsoring the program, whose purpose is to continue the dialogue between the administration

and the student body on *Hopwood*.

Deryle Richmond, associate director of the Memorial Student Center, said he wanted to discuss the decision with A&M students as soon as possible.

"We thought the student body would want to know the ramifications of the decision now," Richmond said.

Perry chaired the Admissions Advisory Committee, which recently recommended changes to A&M's admissions policies in light of *Hopwood*. Richmond said Perry "is considered the authority on this campus on this issue."

Perry will elaborate on the recommendations the Admissions Advisory

Committee made to the administration and will discuss ways A&M might try to comply with the *Hopwood* verdict. He will also take questions from the audience.

Erin Mozola, a senior mathematics major and member of the Admissions Advisory Committee, said the committee "recommended some pretty drastic changes." The committee looked at ways to increase diversity and examined issues such as the use of legacy in admissions decisions. After meeting several times from May to July, the committee issued its recommendations last week.