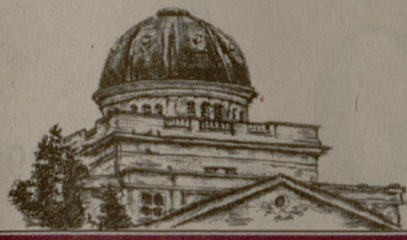


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## PTTS suspends permit sales

By WES SWIFT  
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Texas A&M students trying to purchase commuter and resident parking passes should start getting friendly with the bus system.

On Wednesday, the Department of Parking, Transit and Transportation Services put a two-week moratorium

on the sale of three types of parking passes to ensure that the department does not oversell the permits.

Students cannot buy commuter, resident or park-and-ride passes until Sept. 16. Those students who purchased permits prior to Wednesday will still be allowed to pick them up.

Tom Williams, PTTS director, said the moratorium will allow PTTS officials to study the parking situation and make sure there are enough parking spaces for students.

Parking lots are already filling up, Williams said, and the two-week break will allow the parking situation to "settle down" and allow officials to determine how many parking permits should be sold.

"We aren't going to oversell the system," Williams said. "We will continue to push our bus system as a way for students to get to campus."

Historically, PTTS has sold 46,000 commuter per-

mits, 225 park-and-ride permits and 4,700 resident parking permits.

Using the bus system, Williams said, will help ease campus traffic, which is already congested because of construction.

Also, students will not be allowed to exchange bus

News of the moratorium, however, did not sit well with students ready to purchase permits.

One student waiting to buy a permit in Rudder Lobby grumbled that the move was part of a conspiracy to give him more parking tickets.

Another student, when told about the moratorium, quipped: "So are y'all going to pay for all the tickets I'm going to get?"

Later Wednesday afternoon, a long line stretched out of the PTTS office in the John J. Koldus Student Services Building. Many students in the line waiting to buy permits were dismayed to hear of the moratorium.

James Stokes, a senior recreation, parks and tourism sciences major, said the moratorium is unnecessary.

"They haven't ever done this before, have they?" he said. "They have all these (commuter) lots, and now they say they're not going to sell anymore?"

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Tom Williams  
PTTS director

passes for any of the three types of passes.

But Williams emphasized that students who have already purchased a permit will still have one.

"We're going to honor our commitments," he said.



## Tuition to increase over next four years

Revenue will be used to improve academic environment

By BRANDON HAUSENFLUCK  
THE BATTALION

In an attempt to soothe the sore shoulders of the state Legislature from the burden of supporting public universities, the green light has been given for Texas A&M administrators to increase fees.

Effective this fall, the cost of tuition for resident undergraduates at A&M will increase by \$2 per semester credit hour each year until the year 2000.

This semester, tuition jumped from \$30 to \$32 dollars per semester credit hour. By the turn of the century, tuition will be \$40 per semester credit hour.

Administrators say this increase will not boost the University's wealth, but it will pick up the slack left from a funding cut by the state.

Dr. Ray Bowen, A&M president, said the minimal in-

crease will not cause a major change in the University's budget.

"It (the increase) will only increase our budget by around 1 percent," Bowen said. "But it is valuable money, and it will help cover the inflation in the cost of running the University."

The revenue from the increase, Bowen said, will not fund a pay raise for faculty, but hopefully, it will be used to improve the academic environment on campus.

A&M is one of several universities nationwide to raise tuition costs.

Steve Oberhelman, speaker of the Faculty Senate, said students should not feel they have been taken advantage of.

"It's (the tuition increase) part of a trend nationally to have the users of the universities pay their fair share of the cost," Oberhelman said. "The cost increases are because of

inflation and infrastructure decay, and legislators have made it clear that students need to pay their part."

Tuition at A&M is one of the least expensive in the country.

Barry Thompson, Texas A&M University System chancellor, said the increase should not have a long-term impact on students and their families.

"We are trying to preserve the quality of the University's system," Thompson said. "Students and their families are having to take up more and more slack as the state decreases its funding, but I think there will be a rest period after this increase has been made."

Dan Parker, associate provost for finance, said that in Fiscal Year 1996, A&M's budget was about \$624 million. The tuition increase will only add about \$3 million in fiscal year 1997.

## Playboy models hold autograph session

WESLEY POSTON  
THE BATTALION

It was not exactly the Playboy mansion, but an enormous crowd got a glimpse of the famous men's magazine when two models autographed copies at a College Station music store.

The line at Hastings Books, Music and Video formed well before the 4 p.m. starting time and soon wound its way through the shelves of computer games.

Those in line were waiting to meet A&M students and Playboy models Hillary Schatz and Nikki Willis and have their copies autographed.

Schatz and Willis were models for the magazine's "Women of the Big 12" issue, which was released Aug. 26.

Pearl Jam's new album, *No Code*,

wafted from the speakers as the two women sat between displays of *Star Trek* merchandise and Halloween greeting cards, signing three issues a minute.

Don Donovan, newsstand marketing director for Playboy Enterprises Inc., said 300 to 400 customers were expected to attend the two-hour promotion.

Donovan said the Playboy area wholesaler for Bryan-College Station typically orders 1,800 copies each month for distribution. But 6,000 to 6,500 copies were sent this month.

Jamison Hulslander, the College Station Hastings video manager, said customers bought 450 copies of the \$4.95 magazine from the store since it went on sale two weeks ago.

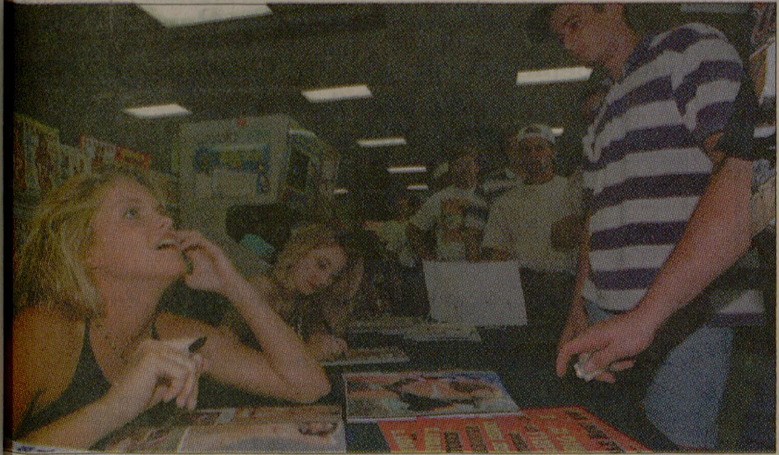
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**Beatles for Sale**

**Darrah Daniel**, who tours the Southwest selling posters, will be set up in front of the MSC until Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Dave House, THE BATTALION

ans wait in line at Hastings to meet Playboy models and A&M students Hillary Schatz and Nikki Willis.

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## Williams strives for campus unity

By COURTNEY WALKER  
THE BATTALION

When he's not fulfilling his duties as MSC president, Chris Williams might be found at the Wal-Mart SuperCenter toy section at 3 a.m. playing Barney Ball or waking up Fish Camp leaders to milk cows at the Texas A&M dairy farm.

Williams, a senior political science and speech communications major, said he came to A&M as a shy freshman who did not know a soul and spent the first month of classes in his room.

But, his involvement in student life soon brought him out of his shell.

Jane Bailey, assistant to the MSC director, said Williams has a wonderful sense of humor and he always has a witty remark.

"He can walk in, catch the end of a conversation and think of something funny to

say," Bailey said.

Now that Williams has emerged from his shell and into the role of a student leader, he has not lost his sense of humor and enjoys his adventures and spontaneity.

But, as MSC president, Williams says helping A&M students is his first priority.

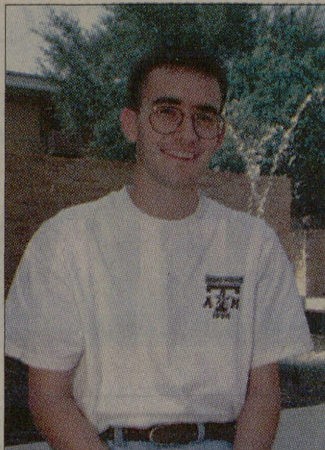
"I can relate to students because I have been where they have been," Williams said. "I was scared and nervous as a freshman, saw the possibilities as a sophomore, tried it all as a junior and focused as a senior."

While at A&M, Williams has been involved in numerous activities including Fish Camp, Student Government and MSC Political Forum.

"Fish Camp has been a real big part of my life because I remember my sophomore year, my first

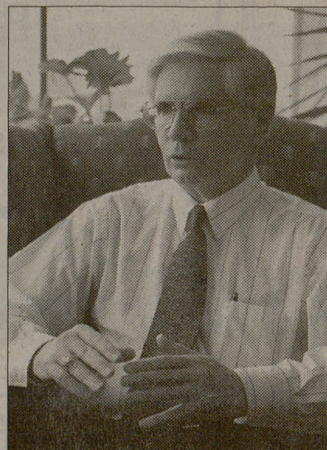
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Tim Moog, THE BATTALION

**Chris Williams**, MSC president, uses personal experiences to relate to student concerns.



Gwendolyn Struve, THE BATTALION

**Dr. J. Malon Southerland**, vice president for Student Affairs, considers himself a student advocate.

## Southerland looks for student input

By BRANDON HAUSENFLUCK  
THE BATTALION

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs at Texas A&M, is known as a hardworking administrator and dedicated mentor for the student body.

In the 60s, Southerland was an A&M student in the Corps of Cadets. He later served as a counselor for the University while earning his master's and doctorate degrees. He also served in the U.S. Army for two years in West Germany.

Before becoming vice president for student affairs in September 1993, Southerland held several administrative positions including counselor, assistant to the vice president for student services, assistant to the president, interim commandant and head of the School of Military Sciences.

In 1988, the Ross Volun-

teer Company named Southerland an "Honorary Ross Volunteer," only the third person to receive this designation.

Southerland said he wants students to know he is at A&M to serve them, and he encourages and welcomes input from the student body.

"One of my roles here is a student advocate," Southerland said. "My door is always open, and I will make sure accessibility won't be a problem. It's useful for administrators to help out if students will let us know what to do."

Southerland's job is time-consuming and does not end at 5 p.m.

Carl Baggett, student body president and a senior accounting major, said Southerland works hard and is dedicated to students.

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