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## Faculty Senate approves review policy

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The Faculty Senate approved the post-tenure review policy Monday night, answering a mandate the Board of Regents put forth a year ago to improve the review and dismissal process for professors.

Wayne Wylie, an associate professor of health and physiology and chair of the Personnel and Welfare committee that crafted the policy, said the commit-

tee's recommendation would benefit tenured faculty members by defining how and when they would be reviewed and, if necessary, dismissed.

Charles Wiggins, a political science professor, said the policy was unnecessary and could even be detrimental to Texas A&M. He proposed amending the policy to state faculty disapproval of post-tenure review. The amendment would have also deleted the proposed procedures for review.

"I thought the committee crafted a good policy," he said. "[This amendment] reflects the view that this policy isn't desired or needed in the first place."

Wiggins said the review policy was "logically inconsistent" because faculty would be reviewed for competency after seven years of rigid review to gain tenure.

"It's almost an oxymoron," he said.

Wiggins said the policy may also be illegal. Any post-tenure policy could be

subject to court-edge research could also be hindered, he said, with professors "sticking to mainstream research procedures," instead of innovating.

"It amounts to our throwing in the towel in our strive to become a world-class university," he said.

Donald Deere, an associate professor of economics, said senators have taken two basic positions on post-tenure review.

On one side are the supporters of Wiggins' amend-

ment, who intended to "stand up and just say no" to crafting a policy for post-tenure review, he said.

The rest were determined to produce a policy they did not want in order to avoid having one made for them, Deere said.

"Some of us want to do it to ourselves before someone does it to us," he said.

Stan Carpenter, a professor of educational administration, said it would be better for the Faculty Senate to accept a policy from the

Board of Regents than to craft one of their own.

"We don't need to participate in our own execution," Carpenter said.

Donald Smith, an associate professor of industrial engineering, said the stance taken by the Faculty Senate may not matter, because its policy would still need to be adopted by University officials.

"The Board of Regents is going to trash it anyway," Smith said.

The Wiggins amendment failed and other amend-

ments took its place on the Faculty Senate floor.

Murl Bailey, a professor of veterinary medicine, said he has undergone departmental review since working at the University and he sees the policy "as an additional protection."

"I can live with it," Bailey said. "Those worried about academic freedom are actually worried about the quality of work they're doing here at Texas A&M."

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## Gramm explains sex offender law

By BRANDON HAUSENFLUCK  
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Sen. Phil Gramm announced the Sexual Offender Tracking and Identification Law at the College Station Police Department Monday.

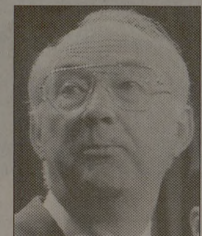
Gramm said the law is vitally important because it will help eliminate two-time sex offenders.

"The probability that a sexual offender will repeat the offense is 10 times higher than that of an armed robber," Gramm said. "What I'm trying to do is enhance our ability to protect our citizens from sex offenders."

State and local law enforcement agencies are currently unable to identify convicted sex offenders from other states.

The law will create a nationwide database that will include each convicted sex offender's Social Security number, fingerprints and photograph.

Gramm said the only opposition to the bill came from the American Civil Liberties Union, who said the law denies sex offenders' rights to privacy.



Gramm

"You don't get on this list by accident," Gramm said. "If they do get on the list, then they have lost their right to privacy."

School districts and child-oriented civic organizations may access the information by contacting their local police

departments.

Gramm said elementary schools can use this as a tool to screen visitors for any previous conviction of a sexual offense.

Bob Wiatt, University Police Department director, said the law will help prevent sex offenses.

"[The law] is a tremendous resource for local communities and their law enforcement to identify these pedophiles," Wiatt said. "This removes the cloak of anonymity for people who prey on kids."

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## Businesses recognized for endowments to A&M

By JOANNE WHITTEMORE  
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Students passing through the Wehner building may notice that Room 118 is labeled the "NationsBank Lecture Hall."

These same students may also pass by the EDS Information Technology Laboratory and not even know it, and even fewer students know about the Neiman Marcus Conference Room located in the Center of Retailing Studies' office suite.

Pamela Wiley, information representative for the College of Business, said although it appears as if these companies have bought into the University, that is not the case.

"People cannot buy a classroom and people cannot buy a college," she said.

Wiley said the three businesses have been recognized because of the endowments they provided for the University.

In 1995, NationsBank and Neiman

Marcus made \$50,000 donations and EDS donated \$150,000 worth of laboratory equipment.

Wiley said the endowments help keep the University up and running.

"Universities do not get enough funding from the state or students," she said. "The struggle for funding has been going on for a long time."

Wiley said the University does not actually profit from the endowments, but rather the interest collected on the endowments.

The interest is "unrestricted," meaning it may be used for a variety of University-related purposes. However, the donor can specify in the agreement where to direct the money.

Rooms and buildings are named after donors because of their generous contributions, Wiley said.

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**Stacking Knowledge** | Cassandra Roberson, a senior industrial engineering major, reshelves books on the fourth floor of the Sterling C. Evans Library Monday.

## College Station wins logo award

By JOANNE WHITTEMORE  
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The city of College Station received the Clean Cities 2000 Award for Program Excellence from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission earlier this month.

College Station was chosen from more than 60 cities for "the best use and promotion of the Clean Cities 2000 logo."

Jim Smith, sanitation superintendent, said promoting the logo is a top priority.

"It's everywhere," Smith said. "We try to make that the focus point of our environmental campaign."

The Clean Cities 2000 logo labels city vehicles, utility buildings, billboards, brochures, the College Station homepage, promotional items and television spots.

Clean Cities 2000, a divi-

sion of Clean Texas 2000, is a voluntary pollution prevention and recycling program which aims to reduce landfill waste 50 percent by the year 2000.

College Station has been a member of Clean Cities 2000 since 1994.

The program in College Station is divided into three categories: recycling, waste reduction and diversion, water and air quality.

A few of the recycling services provided by the city include Curbside Recycling, Clean Green, and hazardous waste collection.

Clean Cities 2000 educates the public on clean water and water conservation by distributing brochures and holding workshops for citizens.

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## University donations reach high

By BRANDON HAUSENFLUCK  
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Donations for the "Capturing the Spirit" fund-raising campaign have reached \$637 million for Texas A&M University.

Dennis Prescott, director of major gifts and deputy campaign director, said the campaign was to raise money for the University as a whole.

"This was the first time A&M has done a campaign this big," Prescott said. "Every aspect of campus would benefit from the campaign."

The campaign was initiated by the University because of dwindling financial support from the state. In 1986, 40 percent of the University's budget was supplied by the state. By 1995, it had decreased to 33 percent.

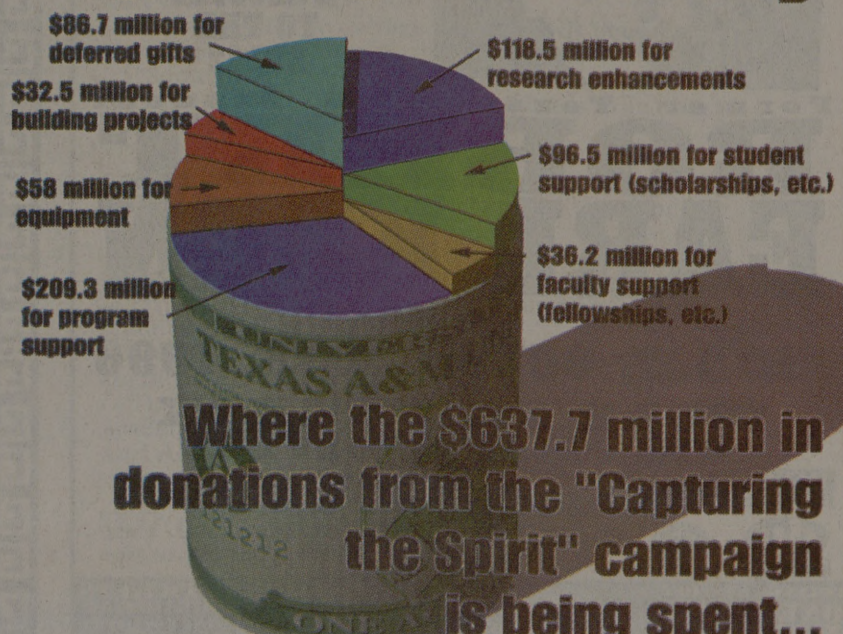
When A&M announced the \$500 million campaign, it was the largest fund-raising goal of any public university in the nation.

Prescott said financial stability is crucial to the success of a university.

"If we want to be over and above other universities, we've got to produce the income," Prescott said. "Private gift support provides (the University) with a margin of excellence."

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