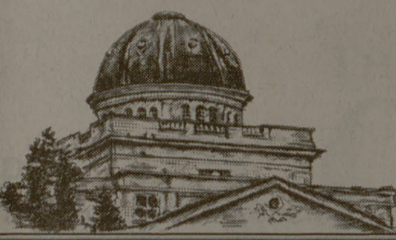


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## Unidentified stalker harasses student

BY LAURA OLIVEIRA  
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Texas Department of Public Safety's forensic artist Karen Taylor has composed the physical likeness of an unidentified man suspected of terroristic threats and harassment.

Taylor drew the composite after a Texas A&M University student described the man's facial features. The Texas A&M University Police Department said the student first came into contact with the man on Oct. 23, 1996, after receiving a message from an unidentified caller threatened to kill her if certain demands were not met.

Major Josie Hoelscher of UPD said the case is unusual because the victim does not know the stalker.

"It is very unusual that we have a stalker that is known to the victim," she said. "We cannot figure out the motive."

"Usually it is a boyfriend who will not accept a break-up because he is still in love with the girl."

UPD reports he was first seen by the victim, who lives on campus, on the evening of Oct. 28, 1996, in the bushes of her sorority house.

Later that evening, she returned to the sorority house and saw the man in the bushes again.

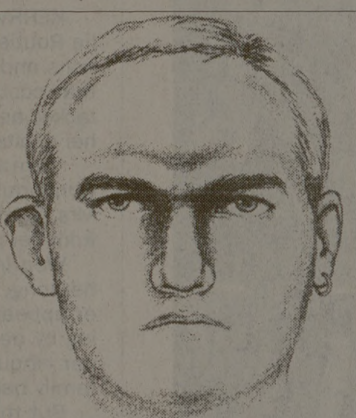
The victim spotted him once again on Oct. 31, 1996, in one of her classrooms, but no contact was made.

The man has made additional phone calls to the victim since the incident.

UPD reports the unidentified stalker was last seen by the victim on Nov. 26, 1996, at Bonfire.

The girl was separated from the group she went with and saw the man in the crowd. He grabbed her arm and threatened to kill her. She then ran back to her residence hall and reported the incident to the police.

The victim has reported one phone call from the man this semester. The case is still under investigation.



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### Anti-Stalking Law Details

AUSTIN (AP) — Some details of an anti-stalking law signed by Gov. George W. Bush Tuesday:

**LEGAL DEFINITION:**  
— Action on more than one occasion, and pursuant to the same course of conduct, that is directed specifically at another person and that the offender knows or should know the victim, the victim's family or members of the victim's household will regard as threatening; causes the victim or members of the victim's family or household to fear bodily injury, death or a property offense; and would cause a reasonable person to fear such injury.

**PENALTY:**  
— First offense, class A misdemeanor, up to a year in jail and a fine of up to \$4,000.  
— Subsequent convictions, third-degree felony, two to 10 years in jail and an optional fine of up to \$10,000.

**OTHER PROVISIONS INCLUDE:**  
— Law enforcement agencies would have to notify the victim before releasing a person arrested for stalking.

## Former students look back on leadership roles, positions

BY MARISSA ALANIS  
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The common adage, "There's a first time for everything," was the case for two former A&M student leaders who broke new ground for leadership positions on campus.

Brooke Leslie, the first female Student Body President, and Ronnie McDonald, the first African-American yell leader, held leadership roles never carried out before by anyone of their gender or race.

Leslie, Class of '95, feels lucky to have had the opportunity to be the 1994-1995 Student Body President at the age of 21.

"The whole year really reaffirmed my belief that there is no greater blessing than having the chance to work for something

you believe in," Leslie said.

Leslie, who is currently attending the University of Texas Law School at Austin, said her presidential tenure was an invaluable experience, especially because of the hard hours and sacrifice she made.

"I wouldn't trade that year for anything because of the professional skills that I will forever use in the business world as well as social [skills] in my community," Leslie said.

She said when she ran for office some of her friends told her she would not win because she was a female and it was not the appropriate time for A&M to have a female president.

"I never felt it (being a woman) was a limitation for me at all," Leslie said.

Leslie said the thought of being A&M's first female student body president did

hang over her head, but she never felt any discrimination or intimidation.

McDonald, Class of '93 and a former yell leader, said during his campaign for yell leader, he wanted students to vote for him as Ronnie McDonald, the person, and did not want his race to be a factor since the Aggie Spirit can take many forms.

McDonald said seeing a diverse audience in the Academic Plaza the night he was elected was an indication to him he had achieved his goal of motivating the masses.

"When you see a rainbow, you just don't see one color," McDonald said. "You see an accumulation of colors coming together to enhance the beauty of that rainbow."

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## Town Hall aims for musical diversity

BY JACKIE VRATIL  
THE BATTALION

Bringing quality entertainment to Texas A&M and the surrounding community is the purpose of MSC Town Hall.

A cooperative effort by each of five Town Hall branches helps reach the public by bringing everything from comedy shows to big-name artists like Sponge, Tori Amos and Harry Connick Jr. to the A&M campus.

Town Hall programs include concerts, small clubs, comedies, special events and "Coffee House."

Rob Lewicki, chair of Town Hall and a senior psychology major, said Town Hall is concentrating on bringing new and up-and-coming artists to A&M.

"I see our goal as developing a diverse local music scene on campus and in the College Station area," he said.

Town Hall's main focus is the campus.



However, they bring artists which appeal to the community as a whole as well.

Lewicki said when Town Hall booked the Harlem Globe Trotters two years ago, the community and students benefited.

"Our first goal is the students," he said. "Then we try to bring shows that the community will like as well."

Jennifer Schmidt, vice chair of concerts and a junior political science and bio-envi-

ronmental science major, said working on increasing programming within the community has become a major goal of Town Hall.

"We have programmed artists to play in Rudder and G. Rollie White," she said. "But we also got Sponge last year to come to Wolf Pen and we would like to work with the Third Floor or the Dixie Theater to bring somebody in there, too."

Town Hall puts on "Say Anything, Play Anything," which involves setting up a stage and bringing out instruments and microphones for students to sing, play, or just speak their minds. "Say Anything, Play Anything" lasts one hour and is held every other week at the MSC. The next one will be held Feb. 5.

Liz Conejo, Town Hall's vice chair of club shows and a senior biomedical science major, said "Say Anything, Play Anything" is a fun break for students.

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**Green Thumb** Erin Walker, a landscape maintenance employee, cultivates the grounds around Albritton Tower Wednesday afternoon.

## Regent Wisenbaker ends term

**BOARD OF REGENTS CHANGING OF THE GUARD**

BY JOE JEANETTE SCHLUETER  
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Board of Regents member Royce E. Wisenbaker's service to the Texas A&M University System comes to an end this year after three six-year terms.

Wisenbaker's term expires Feb. 1, 1997.

Wisenbaker was appointed to the Board by Gov. Dolph Briscoe in 1979. He was reappointed by Gov. Mark White in 1981. In 1991, he was appointed to a third term by Gov. Ann Richards.

Wisenbaker, an oil and gas producer from Tyler, Texas, got his bachelor's degree in engineering from A&M in 1939. He completed his master's degree in engineering in 1940.

He has endowed a chair in engineering and established two permanently endowed graduate fellowships for the College of Engineering.

In January 1987, the Board of Regents renamed an engineering building the Royce E. Wisenbaker Engineering Research Center. Wisenbaker reflects on this as a great honor.

"That is a great day for me and one which I will forever remember," Wisenbaker said. Wisenbaker insisted on including the names of those who were killed in World War II from his class of 1939 with the naming of the building. He had 62 classmates die in the war.

In March 1942, Wisenbaker entered the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant and served five years of active duty. He reached his highest rank of lieutenant colonel at the time of his discharge. He married and began a practice of consulting engineering, a successful business which lasted 38 years.

Wisenbaker also was interested in land development companies, waterworks systems and construction and farming.

He and his wife, Clorinda (Petey), have been married for 47 years and live in Tyler, Texas. They have four

children and 11 grandchildren.

In 1973, Wisenbaker received the University's Distinguished Alumnus Award, one of A&M's highest honors. Other awards he has received include Outstanding Service Award from the National Association of Mental Health in 1974, Outstanding Humanitarian award from the citizens of Rusk, Texas, in 1975, and Engineer of the Year Award in 1981.

He is the only Aggie to serve as both president of the Texas A&M Association of Former Students and president of the 12th Man Foundation.

In addition to his many accomplishments, Wisenbaker also originated the President's Scholarship program and has endowed five \$25,000 scholarships himself. The first was named in honor of Earl Rudder.

He endowed a sixth President Scholarship of \$40,000 in 1992. Today, more than 600 scholarships exist in the program. The program has been duplicated by many other colleges and universities.

Wisenbaker's son, Royce E. Wisenbaker Jr., said he is very proud of his father's accomplishments.

"The proudest day for me was when I received my diploma, but as far as my father, all of the many accomplishments, hard work and love for his university, what impresses me most was in November 1987 when the Royce E. Wisenbaker Engineering Research Center was named in his honor," Wisenbaker, Jr. said.

With his term on the Board of Regents ending, Wisenbaker said he will continue to support A&M and remain active in many organizations.



Wisenbaker

## SCS offers group, personal counseling

BY ERICA ROY  
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Students who need to talk about subjects ranging from personal relationships to learning skills can find someone to listen at Student Counseling Services.

Personal and group counseling services are available to A&M students along with HelpLine, a phone service taking calls 24 hours a day.

Dr. Wade Birch, director of Student Counseling Services, said counseling benefits students by speeding up the problem-solving process.

"Most of the time in life, people tend to figure out solutions to their problems," he said. "What counseling does, is you can reach a solution ... more quickly... and the quality level of the decision is a higher one."

Birch said more than 50 percent of students who come to the service need help with their academic life, such as learning skills or choosing a major. The service does not help students find specific jobs, but does help them focus on their career choices.

"We're the initial process for a student that's undecided," Birch said. "We're at the front end of the process."

The service offers help on reading textbooks, taking tests, math anxiety and time management.

Birch said career counseling coincides with personal counseling when students are in a major they do not like, but feel pressure from family

members to stay in that major.

Personal relationship counseling focuses on issues concerning different students relationships. This includes roommate conflicts, boyfriend-girlfriend problems, professor-student relationships and the parent-child relationship. Pre-marital and marriage counseling are also available.

Birch said these are typical problems encountered by all people.

"That's all the normal Mom, apple pie stuff we go through," he said.

Counseling on human sexuality concentrates on male and female gender roles in society rather than birth control and reproduction.

The workshops and group counseling sessions provide students with an opportunity to share their experiences with other group members.

Dr. Laura Bettor, a Student Counseling Service psychologist, said group counseling can validate a student's feelings about a problem. They can talk with a group of students, who have the same feelings they have, rather than one professional.

"Group counseling overall is really effective," Bettor said, "because you have connections and get support from your peers."

Dr. Nick Dobrovolsky, a Student Counseling Service psychologist, said group counseling can improve a student's academic performance and improve their relationships with other students and professors.

"The way that it (group counseling) can help A&M students is that

it will allow them to more effectively deal with the stresses of academic life," he said.

Help is available for students after business hours through the HelpLine, which has received over 1,000 calls since it began two years ago.

The HelpLine is staffed by 48 undergraduate and graduate students who have been through 40 to 50 hours of training. They answer students' calls at night and during the weekend.

"[There is] virtually never a time when you can't get a hold of a person," Birch said.

Students can listen to self-help tapes through the CounselLine, which are three to four minutes long and offer advice on a problem students may have.

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