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## SGA examines student opinion

BY ERICA ROY  
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The Student Government Association is conducting a survey to help determine what students think of the Texas A&M Student Government.

The association began calling students on Monday night and will finish contacting students tonight. A random sample of 440 undergraduate students, 1 percent of the student body population, was drawn by Measurement and Research Services.

On Monday night, 180 surveys were completed. Texas Aggies Making Changes, a Student Government Association committee, is providing volunteers to make the phone calls.

Carl Baggett, student body president and a senior accounting major, said the survey will help student leaders to better represent their constituents.

"One of the biggest jobs of student government is to be a resource," Baggett said. "[We] have to know what students like and dislike and what they feel strongly about."

Will Hurd, the executive assistant to the student body president and a sophomore computer science and international studies major, said this is a test run to solve any future problems with the survey procedure. If all goes well, the process can be used in the future to get students' opinions on issues confronting the Student Government Association, Hurd said.

"This is another avenue to get their (the student body's) opinion heard," he said.

The students called are asked six questions about various aspects of Student Government. The survey asks the participant whether the Student Government represents student opinion and if they think Student

Government is effective on campus. The survey also allows the students to give any additional comments about Student Government they wish to make.

Hurd said future surveys can help the Student Government Association know all sides of an issue before making a decision.

James Rogers, survey coordinator and a junior marketing major, said the students contacted so far have been enthusiastic and willing to take the survey.

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"Overall, I've been really impressed with the low number of people who say 'I don't want to do this,'" he said.

Although the results of the survey have not yet been calculated, Rogers said many students have said they are not familiar with the role of Student Government.

Lastly, the survey asks if the student knows the name of the student body president. Rogers said a surprising number of students either could not identify Carl Baggett as student body president or give the name of a previous president, such as Toby Boenig or Brooke Leslie.

Sarah Lewis, TAMC chair and a junior journalism and economics major, said the survey provides a wider outlook on student opinions and is representative of the student body.

"They are very specific questions and they deal directly with problems," Lewis said.

The results should be calculated by next week.

Baggett said Student Government Association is not the first student group to conduct a survey. "This is a scientific, empirical survey to find out what a cross section of the student body thinks of how we represent them," Baggett said. "It's a step forward in the whole survey process."

## Corps Dorm Recycling Program

# Cadets support recycling

BY SHIKONYA CURETON  
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A new recycling program has made its home in Corps of Cadets Dorms 4 and 8 on the Quadrangle.

Adam Malota, a Corps member and a senior industrial distribution major, is the founder of the Corps Dorm Recycling Program. He said his involvement with the Environmental Issues Committee and high school programs sparked his interest in recycling.

"In high school, we had environmental programs that I was involved in," he said, "and with that knowledge and information available in EIC from Cassandra DeLarios and Nicole Patschke, I was able to avoid obstacles that would have come along."

The recycling program Malota founded includes aluminum can, white

paper and glass recycle bins in the two Corps dorms. Twin City Missions, a nonprofit organization, collects bins from dining halls around campus and has agreed to make additional stops at the dorms.

Malota presented his program to a group of Corps members and sent letters to the Corps commandant asking for funds to start the program.

Maj. Gen. M.T. "Ted" Hopgood Jr., Corps commandant, said he was glad to support the recycling program.

"I gave an enthusiastic green light to it several months ago and have heard it's going well," Hopgood said. "I'm proud to have it going in the Corps."

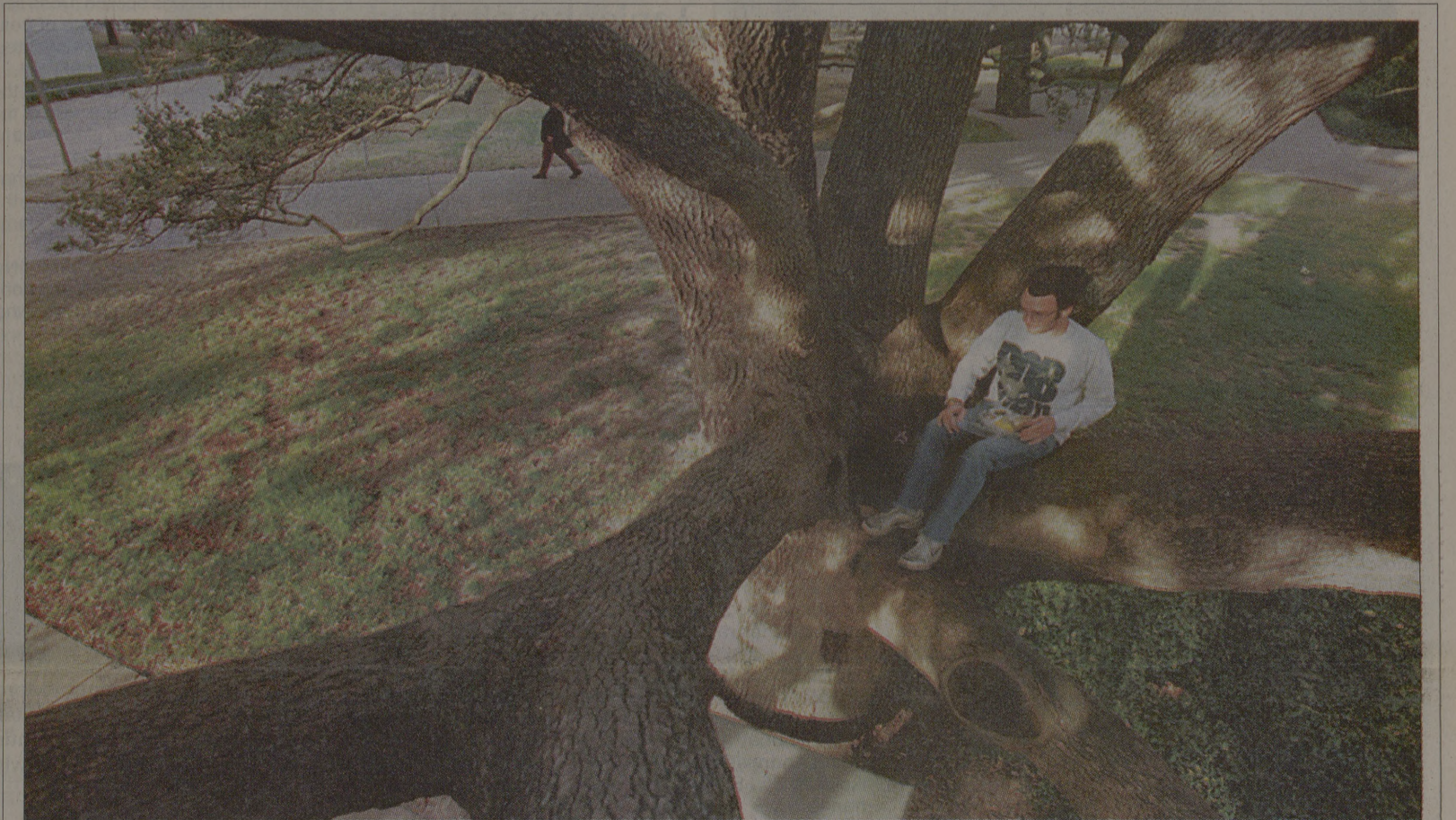
Aggie Moms' Clubs donated about \$2,000 to the program. The Corps gave between \$300 and \$500.



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Adam Malota, a senior industrial distribution major and founder of the Corps Dorm Recycling Program, keeps aluminum cans, white paper and glass in recycling containers which are collected by Twin City Missions.

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**Natural Hideout** Brian Fields, a senior English and philosophy major, enjoys his dinner in the branches of the Century tree Tuesday evening.

## World leaders bank on A&M professor's book

BY REBECCA TORRELLAS  
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Russian, Chinese and Eastern European leaders are using a book on banking written by a Texas A&M finance professor to help their economies become more market-oriented.

Dr. Peter Rose's book, *Commercial Bank Management*, is being translated for use as a textbook and an economic resource.

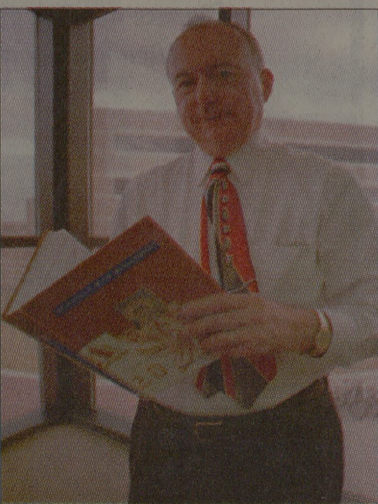
Rose said these countries are opening up their economies and using his book to help ease transitions while trying to race against time to maintain their political stability.

"The quicker we can get them technical information, the quicker they can translate it into new businesses, products and services [and] the better the chances that the race will be won," Rose said. "Unemployment will decline and living standards will rise."

He said governments that refer to his book do not fully understand what it takes to regulate and supervise a private banking system, such as the United States. They need the knowledge to compete and survive, he said.

Since the book's publication in 1991, it has been translated into several languages, including Russian and Polish. It will soon be released in Chinese.

Czechoslovakia and Poland have made the biggest strides in overhauling their economy and have turned the corner toward rising liv-



Ryan Rogers, THE BATTALION

Dr. Peter Rose, an A&M finance professor, holds his book *Commercial Bank Management*, which is being translated for use as a textbook and an economic resource.

ing standards and falling unemployment, Rose said, while Russia has a longer way to go.

He said financial institutions like the book because it is easy to read and comprehend. It takes readers step by step from the basic to the complex issues of banking.

"It starts out very direct and straightforward," Rose said.

Michelle Jones, a student in Rose's class and a senior finance major, said the book is easy to follow.

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## Archive provides outlet for Shakespeare lovers

### World Shakespeare Bibliography offers collection of works, reviews

BY LAURA OLIVEIRA  
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A soft-core porno of William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, Shakespeare cigar wrappers and over 10,000 volumes of his work can be found in the World Shakespeare Bibliography at Texas A&M University.

Dr. James L. Harner, editor of the World Shakespeare Bibliography and an English professor, said the archive is the only one in the world that serves as a research and bibliography outlet for Shakespeare lovers.

"If you want to find out what has been done on Shakespeare, this is where you go," he said. "We are the bibliography record of Shakespeare."

Harner and his three research assistants seek and receive material ranging from articles about Shake-

spere to coffee mugs portraying his likeness. The written materials are translated into 87 languages and are accessible worldwide.

Harner and his research team are transporting works and reviews on Shakespeare onto a collection of CD-Roms. The set will include works about Shakespeare spanning the 20th century. The expected completion date for the set is 2025.

Julie Campbell, research assistant for the World Shakespeare Bibliography and an English graduate student, said the CD-Roms will

make information more accessible to scholars and anyone interested in Shakespeare.

"If they can use our tool, they are that much more ahead in their research," she said.

Contemporary film adaptations are also on file in the bibliography.

Harner said the current Shakespearean films prove Shakespeare's stories are timeless.

"It is perfectly within the tradition of Shakespeare that each age rewrites it in its own particular image," he said.

Boz Luhrman's *Romeo and Juliet*

was a top-grossing film at the time of its release. Harner, who saw the film twice, said it was embraced by several Shakespearean fans.

"There have been discussions, perhaps surprising to outsiders, that Shakespeare die-harders enjoyed the film," he said.

Campbell said Shakespeare continues to entice audiences because of the variety of characters in his writings.

"He was not an elitist," she said. "He wrote about characters from the lowest classes up to nobility and royalty. In doing that he still manages to appeal to the masses today."

Harner said he has never lost an appreciation for the collection.

"I never grow tired of teaching a play," he said. "There is always something new there."

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## Controversial gun bill goes to subcommittee

### Critics say bill would roll back protections by limiting the number of places where guns are banned.

AUSTIN (AP) — Eileen McCarron brought a pair of tennis shoes with her when she argued against lifting a statewide ban on carrying concealed handguns into churches.

The teen-ager who wore them was a church usher, dreamed of becoming an engineer and died when he was shot by a robber in a fast-food restaurant.

For Thomas Reilly's memory, McCarron urged the Senate Criminal Justice Committee Tuesday not to pass a bill that could make guns more widespread.

The panel sent the bill she opposes, which critics say would remove many important protections in the 1995 concealed handgun law, to a subcommittee for more work.

"For Thomas' sake, we do not need to increase the reach of guns by extending its domain to the very

place that he considered and treasured as a sacred and safe haven," said McCarron, a member of the First Congregational Church in Houston.

But for Sen. Jerry Patterson, author of the 1995 law and of the bill considered Tuesday, her argument is an example of the emotion he says has skewed press reports and debates on the concealed handgun issue.

The teen-ager's death, which McCarron said wasn't caused by a licensed concealed handgun holder, "had nothing to do with the concealed handgun law," Patterson said.

"She feels very strongly, and I understand it, but that kid was killed by a robber... That's emotion, and we need to take the emotion out of this," said Patterson, R-Pasadena.

Under the bill — which also drew opposition from Texans Against Gun Violence, the Texas Municipal League and police chiefs — local governments and state agencies could not prohibit licensed concealed handguns from their premises, except for any guns carried by their employees.

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## Key Provisions

- Local governments and state agencies could not prohibit licensed concealed handguns, except those carried by their employees. Patterson says this follows the Texas Constitution.

- The ban in state law on concealed handguns in churches, nursing homes, amusement parks and in most areas of hospitals would be lifted. Private entities still could pass their own bans.

- People convicted of nonviolent felonies, but whose records have been wiped clean through deferred adjudication and who have had their other rights restored, would be eligible for permits.

- Concealed-carry licenses from other states would be recognized in Texas. Concealed-carry licensees from other states would have to apply for a Texas concealed-carry license if they were to become Texas residents.

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