

## Jury finds McVeigh guilty on all counts

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh was convicted Monday in the deadliest act of terror on U.S. soil, a verdict that brought jubilation and bitter tears to relatives of the 168 people killed in the Oklahoma City bombing. The jury will now decide whether he should live with his life.

McVeigh sat at the defense table with his hands in a white-knuckled grip and an impassive expression as U.S. District Judge Richard S. Posner announced the verdict of guilty on all 11 counts of murder and conspiracy.

The audience, tears welled in the eyes of the more than two thousand bombing survivors and victims' relatives. After the court session they broke into sobs and embraced each other. One man thrust his arms into the air.

"We were holding hands and praying and crying," said Katherine Welch, whose father, Claude Medearis, died in the bombing. "My heart reached into her purse and handed me his wedding ring and, of course, I just lost it. ... I started crying. It was wonderful."

The momentary joy was tempered by memories of the losses in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, which shattered America's sense of security and belief that this kind of terror could never have come from within.

Welch stood in downtown Oklahoma City near the site of the bombing, where cheers erupted from more than 500 people who got the verdict on televisions set up on the sidewalk.

"You heard most all of them clap. I couldn't do that because McVeigh has put us through so much and now," Welch said. "I might as well be happy, but it isn't. A very dull victory. The bottom of my little girl isn't coming back and I have the rest of my life to live with that."

The same jury that took 23 1/2 hours over four days to convict McVeigh returns Wednesday to hear evidence on whether he should receive a death sentence.

The trial will be a mini-trial featuring what likely will be the most wrenching testimony of the case: survivors and relatives describing the up-

### The people vs Timothy McVeigh

#### Federal charges against McVeigh

Count 1: Conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction  NOT GUILTY  GUILTY

Count 2: Use of a weapon of mass destruction  NOT GUILTY  GUILTY

Count 3: Destruction by explosive  NOT GUILTY  GUILTY

Count 4-11: First degree murder  
Killing a federal agent while in the line of duty is covered by the 1994 death penalty act. The following victims fall in this category:

Cynthia Campbell Brown, 26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mickey Maroney, 50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul G. Broxterman, 43	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kenneth McCullough, 36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul D. Ice, 42	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Claude Medearis, 41	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Donald R. Leonard, 50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alan G. Whicher, 40	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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heaval in their lives. McVeigh will probably call family members to plead for mercy, and offer testimony about the disastrous FBI siege at Waco, Texas.

Jurors remained under a gag order preventing them from discussing the reasons for their verdict.

Prosecutors contended McVeigh drove a Ryder truck loaded with a 4,000-pound fuel-and-fertilizer bomb to the Murrah building and set the fuse in a twisted plot to avenge the disaster at Waco exactly two years earlier and spark a second American revolution.

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## Majority of students agree with verdict

By JOE JEANETTE SCHLUETER  
THE BATTALION

As the "guilty" verdict was read by the jury in the trial of Timothy McVeigh, the faces of students at Texas A&M University reflected their agreement and lack of surprise with the ruling.

"I can put confidence back into the system now," Marcy Payne, a sophomore chemical engineering major, said after she learned McVeigh was found guilty on 11 counts of murder and conspiracy. "I am glad he was found guilty."

Students at Sterling C. Evans Library, the Reed McDonald Building and the Wehner Building were selected at random for an informal survey about the McVeigh trial. Students were asked to answer the following "yes-or-no" questions regarding their personal opinions concerning the trial:

• Do you feel McVeigh should receive the death penalty?

The results of the survey are as follows:

• 70 out of 78 surveyed said they agree McVeigh is guilty.

• 62 out of 78 surveyed said they do not believe McVeigh should receive the death penalty, many citing their opposition to capital punishment.

• 6 out of 78 surveyed were not familiar with McVeigh or the trial.

Some students said McVeigh's trial was more fair than the trial of O.J. Simpson because it was less publicized.

Pauline Tran, a senior computer science major who participated in the survey, said she followed the trial closely and felt it was conducted fairly.

"I think it is good he [was found] guilty," Tran said. "It's fair for the relatives and victims. It's fair the way the prosecution presented the facts."

### No Pass, No Play

## Rec Center passes no longer available to A&M students

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Students who were enrolled for the spring semester but not this summer semester can no longer use the Student Recreation Center during the summer term.

Dennis Corrington, director of the Department of Recreational Sports, said that for the past 10 years students could buy a "continuing pass" to use recreational sports facilities between semesters students were enrolled in classes.

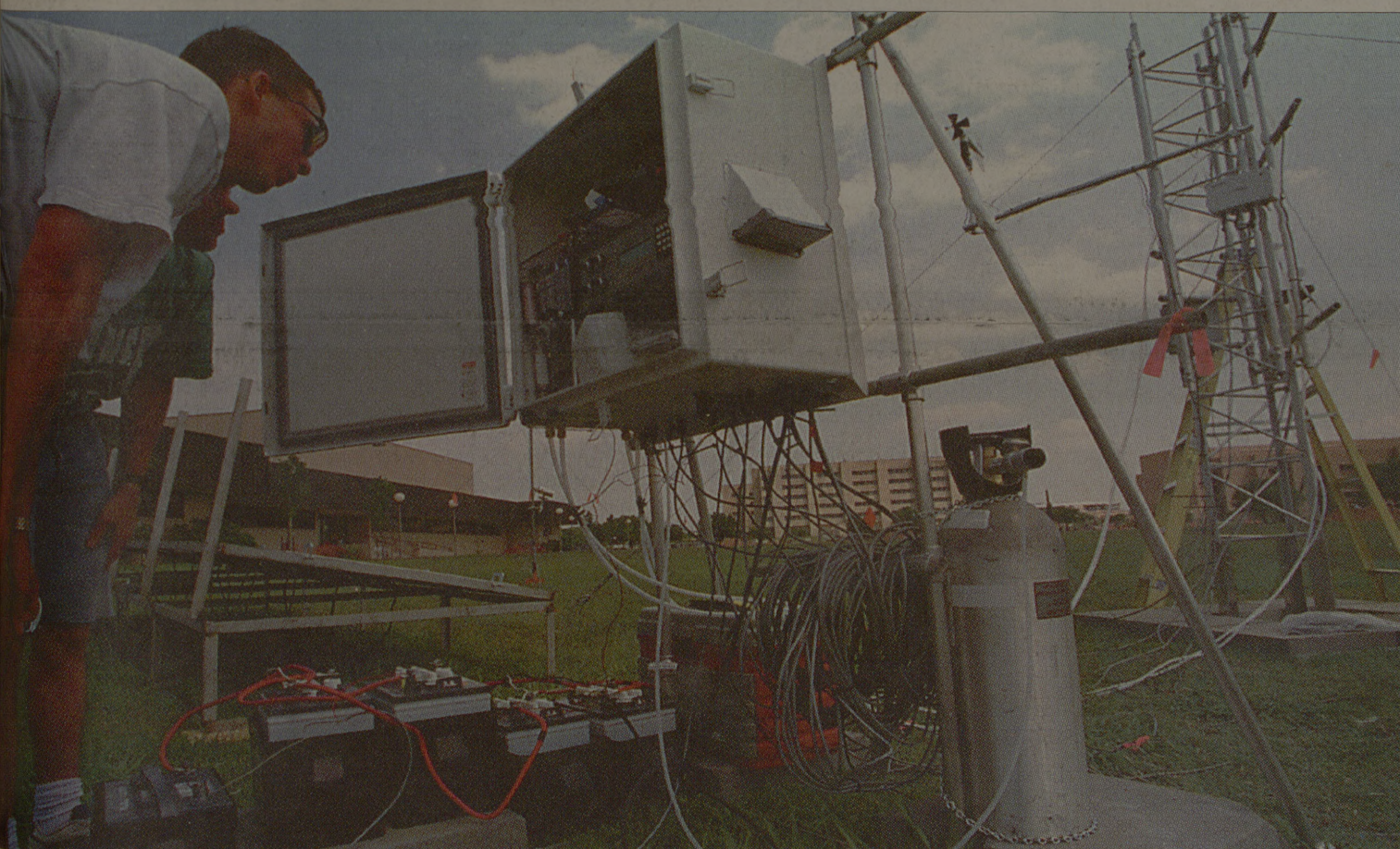
But due to a recent decision by Corrington, these passes no longer are available to students.

Corrington said local gyms have questioned the eligibility of these students to use recreation services.

"That's why we've never offered memberships to former students and the general public," Corrington said. "These summer-pass students looked like former students or the general public."

Summer was the most popular time for a continuing pass, Corrington said. Approximately 500 to 600 students bought passes each of the past summer terms. This summer the pass costs \$70.

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PHOTOGRAPH: Tim Moog

### High-tech testing

Doug Cobos and Colin Cambell, soil science graduate students, prepare a system for carbon dioxide flow analysis of vegetation to be used in Corpus Christi later this month.

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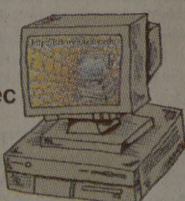
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#### ONLINE

http://bat-web.tamu.edu  
The web page updates on the Student Rec Center story.



## Northgate parking garage will increase access to businesses

The revitalization board wants to renovate without sacrificing the area's unique character

By JOE JEANETTE SCHLUETER  
THE BATTALION

Businesses in the Northgate area will get a boost in available parking thanks to approval by the College Station City Council to build a parking garage behind the historic business strip.

The three-story garage will include approximately 700 spaces, providing more convenient parking for Northgate stores and restaurant patrons. Although a location has not yet been finalized, the Northgate Revitalization Board and City Council hope to have it stand near the intersection of Patricia Street and College Main.

The garage will provide access to all businesses in Northgate. College Station Mayor pro tempore Hub Kennedy said at last Thursday's city council meeting.

This past spring, Kennedy said the proposed garage would increase business and provide a convenient place for people to park their cars while visiting the Northgate area.

Northgate patrons say a lack of parking is the No. 1 problem in the area, making it difficult and inconvenient to get to the area businesses.

In addition to the garage, an open parking lot is scheduled for construction at Boyett Street and Patricia Street, replacing the shopping strip containing Burger Boy restaurant. All businesses affected by the parking lot project will be relocated to the Northgate area.

The Northgate Revitalization Board, whose purpose is to renovate and improve the Northgate area for the city of College Station, is made up of 15



PHOTOGRAPH: Robert McKay

City leaders hope the proposed parking garage will help alleviate parking congestion behind Northgate.

landowners, ministers and merchants.

Cheryl Anz, a member of the revitalization board and owner of Cafe Eccell, said the goal of the Board is to renovate Northgate without sacrificing the area's unique character.

"As part of the revitalization board and business owner, my husband and I support the renovation in Northgate," Anz said.

Anz said the garage, which is scheduled for completion within the next two years, will alleviate some traffic problems.

"We think it is a positive thing and very good for Northgate," Anz said. "It can do nothing but help."

Construction of the open parking lot and a promenade on Patricia Street is expected to be completed by August.



PHOTOGRAPH: Tim Moog

Students not enrolled in classes can no longer purchase a "continuing pass" to use the recreational sports facilities.

## Summer weather woes include heat, hurricanes

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Summer weather in Texas seems to be standard: hot, hot, hot.

Dr. John W. Nielsen-Gammon, an associate professor of meteorology at Texas A&M, says summer highs average in the mid-90s, while lows average in the mid-70s.

"Summer weather is the easiest to predict," Gammon said, "because the temperature only changes a few degrees from day to day."

Dr. Gerald R. North, head of Texas A&M's Department of Meteorology, said it is possible the unusually cool spring may carry over into the summer, but Texans should expect another stifling summer.



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