

NEWS BRIEFS

## Doctoral degrees to minorities increase

### A&M ranks No. 9 among U.S. universities

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Texas A&M ranked ninth in the nation in the number of doctoral degrees awarded to minority students during 1994-95, according to the July 24 issue of Black Issues in Higher Education.

A&M tied with Stanford University for ninth overall and placed seventh in the number of doctoral degrees awarded to Asian Americans, eighth in the number to Hispanics and was tied for 26th in the number awarded to African American students.

A&M awarded 81 doctoral degrees to minorities in 1994-95, improving from last year's 20th place ranking.

A&M President Ray Bowen said the University takes pride in this year's No. 9 ranking. "It's something we like to brag about," Bowen said. "[The ranking] represents a significant improvement over last year's ranking of 20."

Bowen said the quality of the University's gradu-

ate program is the reason for A&M's improvement.

"If you have a good doctoral program like we do," Bowen said, "students are going to want to be a part of it, regardless of race."

Dan Robertson, director of graduate studies, said the ranking reflects positively on A&M and the state of Texas.

"We've worked really hard at recruiting and retaining our students," Robertson said. "I believe what we are doing is really healthy for a state where the minority will soon be the majority."

Robertson said A&M's ranking is significant because the study only includes those who graduate.

Robertson estimates that one third of graduate students in the United States do not complete graduate school.

"We have a problem with people who start but never finish," Robertson said. "I believe we are doing a good job of retaining our students."

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### TOP MINORITY DOCTORAL DEGREE PRODUCERS

RANK	INSTITUTE	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
1	Univ. of California - Los Angeles	82	63	145
2	Univ. of California - Berkeley	78	64	132
3	Univ. of Southern California	45	59	104
4	Nova Southeastern University	31	69	100
5	Columbia University	47	48	95
6	Univ. of Michigan - Ann Arbor	46	39	85
7	The University of Texas - Austin	51	33	84
8	Univ. of Maryland - College Park	41	42	83
9	Texas A&M University	58	23	81
9	Stanford University	51	30	81

SOURCE: Black Issues in Higher Education, analysis of U.S. Department of Education data

GRAPHIC: Stew Milne

### '20/20' show to feature archaeology program

Shipwrecked artifacts recovered divers from the Texas A&M-based Institute of Nautical Archaeology will be featured on Friday's episode of ABC's "20/20."

"20/20" anchor Hugh Downs and production crew filmed parts of the show at INA's Mediterranean headquarters in Bodrum, Turkey, in July.

They interviewed the INA President George F. Bass and went to the Museum of Underwater Archaeology, where the artifacts are displayed.

Downs and the crew took "20/20" cameras 100 feet underwater to film a century A.D. wreck being excavated by 20 A&M graduate students, faculty and volunteers from A&M's Nautical Archaeology Program.

INA is a non-profit scientific and educational organization that has conducted more than 20 archaeological projects around the world. It has been headquartered at A&M since 1976.

### Two still missing in helicopter crash

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — Rescue crews Monday searched for two aviators after their attack helicopter crashed in the Atlantic.

The two-person AH-1W Cobra went down Sunday night seven miles southeast of New River Inlet during a training exercise.

The Marines, the Navy and the Coast Guard searched by air and sea. Capt. Clark A. Cox of Iowa City, Iowa, and Capt. Jerrell H. Boggan of Muskogee, Okla. The cause of the crash was under investigation.

### Doctor: Addiction is psychological

AUSTIN (AP) — Forget the egg in the frying pan. Dr. Don Vereen says he has pictures of real addicts on drugs — pictures he says should change the way addicts are treated.

Vereen is a special assistant to the director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, a federal agency. He said drug addiction is not simply a result of a bad environment or only a psychological problem.

"Addiction is a chronic, relapsing brain disease," Vereen said Monday before addressing a conference sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

People experimenting with illegal drugs should not take so much in the fact that the amount of drugs varies before addiction sets in, Vereen said. He said addiction can happen with one puff of a cigarette, depending on people's genes, their environment and many other factors.

## UPD readies for move across campus

By JOHN LE BAS  
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Carpenter Larry Elman and Sgt. Vicki Jarrott look at the construction site of the new UPD headquarters at Research Park. The move is scheduled to begin Aug. 18.

The University Police Department, the Department of Environmental Health and Safety and the Human Resources Department are moving during the next few months to a building under renovation at Research Park.

The UPD will begin moving equipment and staff on Aug. 18 to the unnamed building at 1111 Research Parkway. The building, purchased by the University in 1996 for \$800,000, was formerly known as "One Research Park."

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety, which shares a 58-year-old wooden building at Houston Street and George Bush Drive with UPD, will begin its move the last week of August. The Human Resources offices in the YMCA Building will move in December.

The UPD building will be torn down in September, and a \$10 million home for the Texas A&M Foundation will be built.

Elmer Schneider, associate director of UPD, said the new facilities will be bigger and make more efficient use of space than those the department is leaving behind.

"[UPD's space] has been designed with a police agency in mind," Schneider said. "On the first floor, where there was no structure, we could design as we saw fit."

The building is just south of the north gate of Research Park on University Drive. Dr. Jerry Gaston, vice president for administration, said renovations will cost \$1.3 million. Each department was given instructions to remodel using as much of the existing facilities as possible.

But this criteria still left the UPD with efficient design options, Schneider said.

The UPD will occupy about one half of each the first and second floors, about 16,000-17,000 square feet, of the two-story building, Schneider said. The station will house all police and security operations and feature training facilities and a communications office that could operate independently should a severe campus emergency arise.

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## A&M-Galveston gains new status as branch school

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The Texas A&M Board of Regents declared A&M-Galveston an official branch campus of the Texas A&M University System last Friday. Before Friday, A&M-Galveston was only considered a member of the system.

As a branch school, A&M-Galveston will be able to become more involved in the A&M system and will receive more funding and recognition of its programs.

A&M-Galveston was an independent maritime academy in the '60s and was not affiliated with A&M. After becoming a college of A&M and regaining independence, the school became A&M-Galveston in the '90s.

The institution's purpose is to instruct undergraduates in marine and maritime studies. A&M-Galveston had an enrollment of 1,128 undergraduate students for the 1996-1997 academic year.

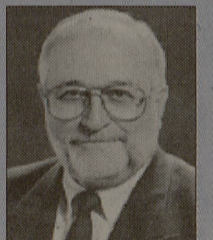
Other changes at the branch include the appointment of a new chief executive officer and vice president.

Michael Kemp, associate dean of Texas A&M's College of Science and a professor of biology, was named the new vice president and chief executive officer of A&M-Galveston, the highest position at the campus.

Kemp said he will focus on the continued improvement of the Galveston campus and will enjoy working with the main campus.

"I'm delighted to have been appointed to this position," Kemp said. "The Galveston campus offers Texas A&M a unique opportunity to continue to expand and extend its expertise and intellectual resources in maritime and marine education, research and service."

Kemp came to A&M in 1975 as an assistant professor of biology. His research in College Station has fo-



Kemp

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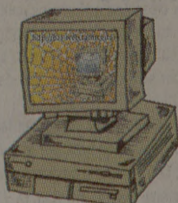
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## Bullock may donate remaining campaign funds to universities

FORT WORTH (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock likely will donate the rest of his multimillion-dollar campaign war chest to Texas universities when he leaves office in January 1999, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Monday.

Bullock, 68, announced last month that he will not seek a third term in the state's second-highest elective office. The lifelong Democrat still had at least \$2.85 million in his campaign coffers at the time, according to records on file at the Texas Ethics Commission.

According to state law, officeholders may not keep unspent campaign donations. They may return the money to donors, give it to other candidates or give it to charities or schools.

In an interview last week, Bullock told the newspaper he was reluctant to discuss his plans for the money, but he conceded that he has deep affection for Texas Tech and Baylor universities, both of which he attended.

Whoever ends up with the money, there will be no strings attached, Bullock said.

"I don't want it given to be called the Bob Bullock Fund or the Bob Bullock Chair, or all of that," Bullock said.

"I want to make sure that they can use it as they want to use it. ... I don't want to sound

corny, but this state has provided me with so much, and I have had every honor you can give an individual."

Bullock's campaign finance disclosure reports show that his political organization has raised about \$14.4 million and spent just over \$11.5 million since Bullock took office in 1991.

State law requires candidates and officeholders to dispose of unspent campaign contributions six years after either leaving office or filing a final disclosure report with the ethics commission.

Saralee Tiede, an aide to Bullock's predecessor, Bill Hobby, said that after her boss left office in 1991 he gave his unspent campaign money to political allies and charitable causes.

Last year, Hobby closed his account by turning over more than \$700,000 toward the effort to rebuild Houston's performing arts center.

Like Bullock, Hobby was a successful fund-raiser and generally had an easy time winning elections. Therefore, he left office with a well-stocked war chest.

Bryan Eppstein, a Fort Worth political consultant who has done work for Bullock, predicted that the lieutenant governor will take his time disposing of the funds.

"The law gives him six years to parcel it out, and I suspect he'll take the full six years," Eppstein said. "He's got a number of interests — charitable causes as well as political causes — that will probably benefit from his benevolence."



Bullock

## Charges against priest dismissed

SINTON (AP) — Sexual assault charges were dismissed Monday against a South Texas priest accused of sodomizing an altar boy, after prosecutors said they could not corroborate the accuser's story.

The move came as jury selection was set to begin in the trial of the Rev. Jesus Garcia, who still faces a civil lawsuit brought by the alleged victim and four other men.

In the criminal case, Garcia, 39, was accused of assaulting a 15-year-old boy in 1992 during an overnight stay at the rectory of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mathis, 30 miles northwest of Corpus Christi.

The teen, who came forward two years later, alleged Garcia slipped drugs into a glass of milk, then sodomized him when he was sleeping.

At the time of the alleged incident, state law held that prosecutors could use the uncorroborated testimony of sex crime victims 14 and older only if they came forward within six months of the alleged crime.

Because Garcia's accuser came forward two years later, and there was no other evidence to prove the teen's story, the case was dismissed, said prosecutor Grant Jones.

"Corroboration means evidence that tends to connect the defendant to the crime that is independent of the victim's testimony. I had no corroboration and therefore had to dismiss," Jones said.

In 1993, the law was changed so that the six-month reporting requirement applied only to alleged victims 18 and older. However, the judge in Garcia's case ruled the law could not be applied retroactively.

Garcia, who maintains he was out of the

country at the time of the alleged assault, said he was gratified by the last-minute turn of events.

"It's a great relief," said Garcia, who has been residing at a Corpus Christi parish since being released on bond last December. "I am so thankful to God and so many good people ... because they always believed in my innocence."

It was not known whether Garcia would be able to return to the Mathis church. A spokesperson for the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi did not return a telephone message.

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Garcia's attorney, Tony Canales, said he would now turn his efforts to the civil case. "We're chomping at the bit to go at that," he said. "His (Garcia's) position is going to be the same. It didn't happen."

Plaintiffs' attorney David Berg vowed a more vigorous pursuit of the civil lawsuit in light of the outcome of the criminal case.

"We are not going away. We are encouraged by what happened in Dallas," he said, referring to last week's record-setting \$120 million civil judgment against the Catholic Diocese of Dallas and a suspended priest accused of molesting 11 men.