

## BRIEFS

### Bush Library route widened to 4 lanes

George Bush Drive, from Wellborn Road to FM 2818, has been widened to a four lanes with raised medians.

Texas Department of Transportation officials said motorists should be able to travel on two lanes in each direction today.

Construction will continue on the outside of the road and on the medians and also on Marion Pugh Drive.

The Bush Drive widening project is expected to be completed this fall.

Work began October 1995 under a \$4.5 million contract with Young Contractors, Inc.

### Red tide leaves scientists baffled

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Scientists seeking to unlock the mystery of red tide now say the deadly algae may sit dormant beneath the Gulf floor, waiting for the right conditions to reproduce.

But the greatest part of the mystery remains unsolved: What triggers the microscopic population explosion?

Thousands of manhours and millions of research dollars have been spent to answer that question and to define what constitutes the right conditions for growth.

Scientists chase the blooms, fly over the blooms and measure their concentration, but say they know little more than they knew a decade ago.

### Charges to be filed against Gonzalez

DALLAS (AP) — Suspended superintendent Yvonne Gonzalez has been informed by federal prosecutors criminal charges will be filed against her as early as this week, according to documents and a source familiar with the investigation.

The preliminary charge is embezzlement, but Gonzalez also could face charges of witness tampering and obstruction of justice, the source, who requested to remain unidentified, told The Dallas Morning News in a copyright story published Monday.

The embezzlement allegation involves a \$16,000 purchase of home and office furniture in January, three weeks after Gonzalez assumed her duties as superintendent.

### Silver Taps

The Silver Taps ceremony will be tonight at 10:30 in front of the Academic Building in honor of Juan David Zapata, a senior environmental design major. Zapata also will be remembered at the Muster Ceremony April 21, 1998.

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# NOW stresses equal roles in family

By ROBERT SMITH  
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Karen Dorris of the National Organization for Women (NOW) said Monday night the Promise Keepers, a male religious group, teaches women to be submissive to men.

"We would like them to promise respect for women's equality," Dorris said.

Dorris, editor of the newsletter The Texas NOW Times, said the Promise Keepers do not believe men and women have equal roles in the family.

"The Promise Keepers have por-

trayed women's equality as a source of society's ills," she said.

John Harring, Class of '93 and a member of the Promise Keepers, said the purpose of the group is to improve men and their roles in families.

"The whole deal is about men being responsible, sexually and morally pure, paying attention to responsibilities to their family, being faithful to their church and striving to overcome racial barriers," he said.

Dorris spoke to about 20 people, mostly women, at the MSC and showed a video containing clips from Promise Keepers assemblies.

The video also showed part of an interview with Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney.

Dorris said the Promise Keepers are building a "political army."

John Harring, the college minister at First Baptist Church in Bryan, said the group is not politically motivated.

"It has nothing to do with politics and has everything to do with man and God and his wife and family," he said. "I would defy you to find a political agenda."

Harring attended the Promise Keepers "sacred assembly" in Washington, D.C. last weekend.

"It was an unbelievable experience," he said. "There were men there from every country and every racial background."

Dorris said a television forum she participated in last week was an example of the Promise Keepers using the media to distort minority representation.

She appeared on a Houston television forum with an African-American Baptist preacher who is a Promise Keeper.

Dorris said the group's multi-million dollar public relations budget allows the Promise Keepers to promote itself in a positive way.



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Karen Dorris, a member of NOW, speaks at the MSC Monday night.

## Be our guest



Clarisse Ngono, a Blinn student, dresses tables for a buffet banquet Monday afternoon.

# Conference reaches A&M via satellite

Campus, industry leaders discuss global warming

By RACHEL DAWLEY  
Staff writer

Texas A&M was one of 30 sites across the nation to receive a live-satellite broadcast of a White House conference on global warming yesterday.

The conference at Georgetown University presented problems and possible solutions of global warming. Scientists and industry leaders addressed different aspects of the global warming issue.

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Judy Canales, moderator and representative from the rural development sector of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, said the conference is part of the Clinton administration's effort to educate American people about climate change. The conference was designed to help form U.S. policy on this issue.

"We are not trying to force issues on the American public, just to provide information so that universities, businesses, and industrial groups can come together for solutions," Canales said. "People must become aware of what climate changes mean and the human effect on our nation and the world. More research and development will allow for industry to become more environmentally focused."

Participants included scientists, economists, corporate executives, environmental, civic and labor leaders, small-business owners, members of Congress and representatives of state and local governments.

The agenda included remarks from President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and First Lady Hillary Clinton. Panel discussions led by Clinton featured Secretary of Energy Federico Pena, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Deputy Secretary of Treasury Lawrence Summers.

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# UT presidential search focuses on 9 candidates

AUSTIN (AP) — A committee seeking a president for the University of Texas has narrowed the field of candidates to nine, committee chair Lowell Lebermann says. But their identities aren't being disclosed.

In an interview published Monday by the Austin American-Statesman, Lebermann, who also is a UT regent, said the committee hopes a new Austin campus chief can be named by late November.

"I'm extremely excited about the caliber of the candidates," he said.

Lebermann, an Austin businessman, said the 17-member search committee will interview the nine candidates this month. They include nationally known educators and nominees who already work in the UT System, he said.

He declined to be more specific. "We have probably looked at 70 to 80 people, and we got serious with about 30

or 35," Lebermann said. "Then we winnowed it down to the nine."

After the interviews, the panel hopes to recommend three to five candidates to the board of regents.

A recent change in the regents' rules allows fewer than five to be recommended, which could permit the panel to suggest just one.

# Work study program educates children with low reading scores

By KARIE FEHLER  
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A federal work study program with reading tutor and bilingual tutor positions is available to students who qualify.

The America Reads Challenge: The Initiative is a work study program that places tutors in local elementary schools, where they work with children with low reading scores. The program is endorsed by President Bill Clinton.

Nora Cargo, a graduate assistant in the financial aid department, said the program is a unique opportunity for students who qualify to reduce loan debt and participate in community service.

"The Initiative allows some students to take out less loan money and actually earn real money — this is money that doesn't have to be repaid," she said. "This program is also different than regular campus work study in that it is a community effort to help children learn to read."

Cargo, a student affairs and administration in higher education graduate student, said students must qualify for federal work study before they can apply for The Initiative.

"The first step to applying for this job is to complete the Federal Application for Free Student Aid — the FAFSA," Cargo said. "Once a person is awarded federal work study, they can fill out an actual application for the job."

The applications are sent to the educational psychology department, where Patricia Lynch,

the campus coordinator of The Initiative, reviews applications and coordinates interviews.

Cargo said steps are taken to ensure a good student-to-school match is made.

"Patricia Lynch, the director of the program, works very hard to match a candidate with a school, and then the student interviews there," she said.

The student is hired after a match is agreed upon by Lynch, the student and the school. Lynch said students give back to the community by participating in the America Reads Challenge.

"This program really helps the work study student give back to the Bryan-College Station area," she said. "These students are receiving federal assistance to go to school and in turn, they are getting a chance to pay it back by helping others to get a good education."

Joanna Bounds, an educational psychology graduate student, coordinates the America Reads Challenge at Jones Elementary in Bryan. Bounds said the tutors at Jones Elementary work with small groups of children to help them improve reading skills.

"It has been a really good experience to work with kids at all levels," she said. "Some kids don't get help at home or are behind their grade level — different kids need different help, and this gives me a broad experience in improving their education."

Tanja Hamman, the coordinator of The Initiative at Rock Prairie Elementary and a professional student in educational psychology, said the program helps fix children's reading problems early in their education.

"The Initiative program really does make a difference," she said.

Hamman said she would recommend the program to students who want to work with children and who qualify for federal work study.

"The kids are all so great you just fall in love with them," she said. "I haven't had any complaints, and the pay is really good."

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NORA CARGO  
GRADUATE STUDENT,  
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# Hispanic groups aim for fraternity status

By COLLEEN KAVANAGH  
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Two Hispanic men's organizations, Lambda Theta Phi and the United Gentlemen's Council, and a Hispanic women's organization, Sisters For Cultural Awareness, are working to become chapters of national fraternities.

The Texas A&M colony of Lambda Theta Phi became a registered colony July 27 and hopes to become a chapter in December. Gilbert Saldivar Jr., a junior sociology major, is one of five founding brothers of the colony.

"We brought Lambda Theta Phi into Texas," he said. "It is primarily a Northeast fraternity, so crossing into Texas is a big step."

Saldivar said Lambda Theta Phi members speak to high-school students about ways to afford college. Members also volunteer at Elder-Aid to help elderly residents in the Bryan-College Station area.

Mito Espinosa, a founding brother of Lambda Theta Phi and a senior history major, said only one Hispanic fraternity was at A&M before Lambda Theta Phi.

"Lambda Theta Phi provides a new avenue for people to pursue," he said. "I feel like I am adding something to A&M."

United Gentlemen's Council wants to become a colony of Sigma Lambda Beta, a social Latino fraternity.

Rene Sorola, a member of United Gentlemen's Council and a junior business administration major, said the purpose of the fraternity is to promote cul-

tural awareness through education and community service.

"We target unfortunate teenagers and try to get them off the streets," Sorola said.

"We encourage teens to become educated and get involved in their community, like the Boy's Clubs of America."

Mark Ramos, a founder of the organization, said there is a bond among the students working to make the organization a registered colony.

"It is neat to think that in 10 years, pledges and actives will remember our names as the founding fathers of Sigma Lambda Beta," he said.

A Hispanic women's service organization, Sisters For Cultural Awareness, is a registered colony of Sigma Lambda Gamma, a national Latina sorority.

Jessica Hickey, a founder of the colony, said the women of Sisters For Cultural Awareness began looking for a sorority last April.

"Sigma Lambda Gamma was the sorority we really liked," she said. "We want to keep Sigma Lambda Gamma a service organization, and Sisters For Cultural Awareness will remain a campus organization."

Hickey said Sigma Lambda Gamma is a Hispanic sorority, but the group hopes to branch out to other A&M students.

"I think an international organization like this will be good for Texas A&M," she said. "Starting Sigma Lambda Gamma will always be a part of us."

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