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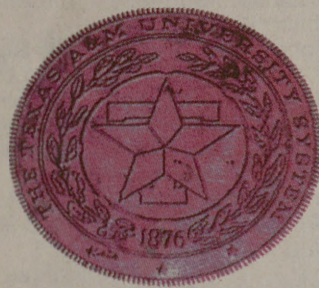
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## Two students arrested on marijuana charges

### Growing system, 6 live plants seized by narcotics task force.

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Two Texas A&M students and a resident were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana Friday after investigators from the Brazos Valley Narcotics

Task Force seized a total of 46 live marijuana plants estimated at a value of more than \$74,000.

Conrad Clark Gibbons and Micah Don Wheeler, both 22-year-old students at Texas A&M University, were arrested with James Michael Godfrey, a 22-year-old resident of Bryan.

Investigators from the Brazos Valley Narcotics Task Force also seized three ounces of dried marijuana, valued at \$260, an air-conditioning unit, nitrogen and carbon dioxide cylinders, grow lights and a water purification/circulation system for growing the marijuana plants at 2302 Franklin Street in Bryan.

According to a press release, Gibbons and Godfrey both lived at the Bryan residence.

The Brazos Valley Narcotics Task Force seized weighing, packaging and smoking paraphernalia items from the residence.

Commander Don Jones of the Brazos Valley Narcotics Task Force was not available for comment Monday on the investigation.

In the initial investigation at the Bryan residence, the Bryan Police Department had discovered some live marijuana plants while looking for weapons that had been used in a recent assault.

The Bryan detectives found a pellet gun believed to have been used in an aggravated assault in July, Bryan Police Detective Daniel Rutledge said.

Rutledge said a neighbor across the street from Gibbons and Godfrey was shot with a pellet gun by a man suspected to be living in the residence.

The Brazos Valley Narcotics Task Force obtained a second search warrant for the Bryan residence to search for marijuana and drug paraphernalia. In conducting the search with the assistance of the Bryan Police Criminal Investigations Division, investigators discovered a hidden room containing the operation.

## Hardeman may receive additional eligibility

BY AMANDA SMITH  
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D'Andre Hardeman may be granted an extra season of eligibility for competition at the request of Texas A&M University, according to an NCAA bylaw which stipulates an athlete may be granted an additional season of eligible competition "as a result of good faith, erroneous formal declaration of eligibility by the institution's appropriate certifying authority."

Tedi Ellison, director of Athletic Compliance, said the discovery of a clerical error in the posting of grades at the registrar's office made Hardeman ineligible for the 1998 football season, but the error was not intentional.

Ellison said the Hardeman incident did not involve wrongdoing by any faculty members.

"There have been no problems with faculty or staff," Ellison said. Jim Ashlock, executive director of University Relations, said the incident was the result of an administrative error and not the fault of any teaching faculty.

"It was an honest mistake," Ashlock said. "A lot of the faculty are very sensitive to favoritism issues. They don't want to see any-

thing that is unfair happen."

According to a report from the Texas A&M Sports Information Department, the error "was made outside the athletic department" and no other "violations of NCAA and Big 12 rules was found."

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University Relations

## Historical library set for rededication

BY NONI SRIDHARA  
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The rededication of the Cushing Memorial Library is being held today at 2:30 p.m. The original dedication took place in 1930 when the library opened its doors. The library started as a collection of engineering texts bequeathed to Texas A&M by Col. Edward Cushing, Class of 1876. Col. Cushing had a desire to leave a legacy at Texas A&M, and the texts came into the possession of the University following his death in 1907. In 1927, the Board of Regents named the newly constructed building in honor of Cushing because they considered him to be one of the school's most important factors.

Cushing was the first building on campus constructed for the sole purpose of housing a library. After the C. Evans Library was completed, Cushing served a

variety of purposes, including housing offices of the dean of education, before it was converted into a library facility again.

Over the years Cushing has endured a leaky roof, cracking walls and an unreliable air-conditioning system. The air conditioning is necessary to preserve rare materials.

During the past four years, Cushing has undergone a \$7 million renovation project.

Steve Smith, an associate professor in library science, said the renovations were necessary to help preserve materials in the library.

"The Cushing Memorial Library is one of the most historical buildings on campus, so the purpose of these renovations was to restore the building as well as giving a home for historical archives and some of the more rare collections," Smith said.

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## Promoting unity



Elizabeth McCormick, a junior psychology major, hands out invitations to a discussion regarding racial unity scheduled for Tuesday at 7 p.m. in 212 MSC.



Hans Thomas, an architecture graduate student, researches in the Cushing Library reading room.

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## Accidents prompt UPD bicycle crackdown NOW addresses women, religion

BY MEGAN WRIGHT  
The Battalion

During the '97-'98 academic year there were six reported accidents involving bicyclists and driving vehicles. This September, there have been seven accidents reported.

According to Lieutenant Bert Kretzschmar of the University Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, the biggest problem with bicyclists is failure to yield and obey stop signs.

Running stop signs is our greatest concern right now," Kretzschmar said. "When they don't yield, they wind up hurting themselves and are sometimes hit by driving vehicles."

Kretzschmar said bicyclists are held accountable to the same Texas traffic codes. Laws are held responsible for in-adequate yielding to pedestrians at crosswalks, remaining in designated bicycle lanes and observing

traffic signs. "On campus there are three groups of people: pedestrians, bicyclists and those driving cars," Kretzschmar said. "All three of these groups are vying for the same space and are all trying to get to class. These groups are everywhere. There are laws that



govern all of these people, and they need to be aware of that, and even though there are these laws, it boils down to common courtesy, common sense and good judgment. The bicyclists especially need to slow down and remember to keep off the sidewalks."

UPD utilizes a bike patrol unit consisting of officers that are located on different parts of campus

throughout the day. Tickets issued by these officers are referred to Justice of the Peace Judge Boyett, and each ticket costs the offender \$55.

Safety also is a concern of UPD. "If a person operates a bicycle at night, it is a state law that it be equipped with a head lamp that emits a white light and can be seen from 500 feet away," Kretzschmar said. "It is a ticketable offense."

Bicycle helmets are encouraged because of the number of accidents that have occurred this year.

"While helmets are a great idea, they aren't enforced," Kretzschmar said. "When Texas adopts a helmet law, A&M will enforce one also, but now they aren't required by the campus or any city ordinances."

"The reason we want to educate people of these laws is for their own safety," Kretzschmar said. "We don't want to upset bicyclists by singling them out, but we also don't want any more people getting hurt through carelessness."

BY AMY CURTIS  
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The Texas A&M chapter of the National Organization for Women hosted an open discussion last night on "Christianity and Feminism."

Participants talked about society's role in creating myths and stereotypes.

Sarah Suniga, president of NOW and a senior psychology and English major, said she wanted to discuss feminism and Christianity to see what people thought about the relationship between the two subjects.

"We wanted to see what people think about femininity," Suniga said.

The group discussed the meaning of feminism, the theory that men and women are physically, mentally, economically and socially equal.

Suniga said it was difficult to

equate some of the writings in the Bible to women and men today because some parts of the Bible were written for different times.

"It is hard to compare women in the Bible with women now," Suniga said.

Suniga said it is important to discuss these issues, and people should talk to their friends and classmates about important religious and feminist issues.

"If you discuss and question other people, at least you're talking about it," Suniga said.

Kim Ngo, treasurer of NOW and a senior biomedical engineering major, said NOW is here to discuss women's roles in society.

"This is a women's issues organization," Ngo said. "We seek to heighten awareness about women's issues on campus."

Ngo said people are raised differently according to their religions, and that plays a major role in how they view things.

## Bowens host BBQ

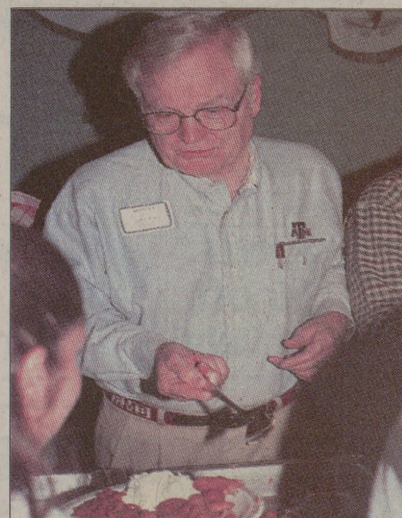
• One hundred students receive the opportunity to dine, win prizes.

BY MEGAN WRIGHT  
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Approximately 150 people attended a barbecue hosted by Texas A&M University President Dr. Ray M. Bowen and his wife, Sally, last night in the MSC.

The barbecue, originally scheduled to be held at the president's home was moved indoors due to rain. It was held in appreciation of students and offered them a chance to meet campus administrators. A similar event was held last spring.

One hundred A&M students won tickets to the event by registering during the MSC Open House, at a box set up in Bizzell hall or via the Internet. Faculty members, University vice presidents and repre-



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President Ray M. Bowen serves students at a barbecue dinner at the MSC Monday evening. The 100 students in attendance were chosen after entering a drawing.

sentatives from the Athletic Department were in attendance.

Bobby Kleinecke, Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team head coach, said he thinks the event was a good chance to unite the campus.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Kale takes on role of vice chancellor

Texas A&M University System Chancellor Barry B. Thompson yesterday issued the following statement: "Effective immediately, Mr. Tom D. Kale, Vice Chancellor for Business Services, will assume the duties of Mr. Richard Lindsey, who has resigned. Mr. Kale has served in numerous financial capacities in higher education during his long and distinguished career. I expect total support of Mr. Kale as he assumes his new responsibilities."

Richard Lindsay, former vice chancellor, resigned from the position Thursday amid suspicions raised from a University phone audit. The Sept. 24 audit report said Lindsay and Melissa Ricard, counsel and administrative director in Corpus Christi, amassed \$7,182 in calls.

A letter from Lindsay's attorney, Gregg Rosenberg, asserts all calls related to System business.