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## Bush grave sites reach completion

Construction is expected to finish by spring.

BY MELISSA JORDAN  
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The George Bush Library Foundation will oversee the completion, this spring, of the final resting places of President and Mrs.

George Bush. The site is located in the wooded area behind the George Bush Library, beyond the pond to the rear of the library. It will consist of a fabricated steel bridge crossing the creek next to the pond and a grave site surrounded by a fence bearing the presidential seal. Jordan Commercial L.P. construction company of College Station is constructing the site. Dr. Don Wilson, former executive director of the Bush Library Foundation, said the construction of the site began in November 1998

and should be finalized this spring. "Hopefully it won't be used for 20 years," Wilson said. Wilson said the foundation wanted to construct the site during the completion of the final library details. Chuck Hermann, director of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, said the Bushes decided to have their grave sites constructed near the library after becoming familiar with the area.

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CARINO CASAS/THE BATTALION

Bartolo Delgadillo (left) and Bob Macey welded together fencing, estimated to cost \$800 a foot, for the Bushes' graves that will be located behind the George Bush Presidential Library.

## P-2 sophomore considers possible future legal action

BY MEREDITH HIGHT  
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The sophomore Corps of Cadets outfit P-2 member accused of propositioning a freshman in his outfit to perform oral sex on him said he was falsely accused and is evaluating his legal options.

In November 1998, a freshman Corps member filed a complaint with University Police Department against the sophomore. Once the freshman signed a non-prosecutive affidavit, the complaint was withdrawn from UPD and no criminal charges could be pursued.

Student Conflict Resolution Services (SCRS) handled the matter from that point, but Shawn Travers, coordinator of student judicial services for SCRS, said all cases handled by SCRS are confidential, and no one from the office could comment on the case.

The sophomore said he did not see the freshman the Saturday night the alleged incident took place.

"Three people, including my roommate, saw me asleep in my bed at the time the sophomore said it occurred," he said. "I didn't see him until Sunday night at an outfit activity, and I saw him throughout the week at Bonfire stack and other outfit activities."

Another freshman in the outfit, who did not want to be named, said the freshman told him that week that he had been raped over the weekend.

"He [the freshman] said, and I quote, because this was burned in my mind, 'I got raped this

weekend, and I couldn't get him off of me.'"

The freshman said P-2 commander Bryan Hager held a meeting to inform the cadets about the alleged incident, and he was told a different story from the one the freshman told him.

The sophomore said he does not know the content of the freshman's statement to UPD. The sophomore said he is evaluating his legal options, but he is not planning to take action against the University or the Corps of Cadets.

The freshman has left the Corps, but the sophomore is still a member.

"I will finish it out until my senior year," he said. "I will wear my senior boots."

The sophomore said P-2 has not been affected by the incident. "I don't feel it has hurt the outfit," he said. "It hasn't hurt recruiting."

The sophomore said one exception was verbal harassment the unit endured during Bonfire from non-Corps members.

"There was serious taunting and not in the normal Bonfire way," he said.

"They said things like, 'Hey P-2, why don't you suck my d—k? I heard you're good at it.'"

The freshman and sophomore lived at opposite ends of the hallway on the same floor, but the sophomore said he did not know the first name or any other personal information of the freshman at the time the accusations were made.

Attempts were made to contact the freshman, but they were unsuccessful.

## Llama Love



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Rebecca Grey, a freshman wildlife and fisheries major, feeds Jethro, a llama, a late afternoon snack. Jethro was born at the Wildlife and Exotic Animal Center five years ago.

## Ceremony kicks off International Week

BY MELISSA JORDAN  
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The International Student Association (ISA) officially began International Week 1999 yesterday with an opening ceremony in the ISC Flagroom explaining the history and purpose of International Week.

Lily Zhang, director of the ceremony and a junior biochemistry major, Zhang said everyone who participates in this week's activities should be prepared for a memorable experience.

"It will be a week's experience worth a life time's remembrance," Zhang said.

Students representing various nations throughout the world marched in after Zhang's welcome, displayed their nations' flags and introduced themselves with traditional greetings.

Tatsuki Ohashi, president of ISA and a senior international studies major, said the purpose of International Week is to promote international awareness at Texas A&M and within the Bryan-College Station community.

"We want everyone to symbol-

ically hold hands in friendship," Ohashi said.

Ohashi said mutual efforts made by the community and international students to reach out to each other are the first steps toward obtaining harmony in the community.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, was the guest speaker at the ceremony and encouraged students to become acquainted with people of different cultures.

Southerland emphasized the importance of being familiar with other cultures as society globalizes.

"Your life is going to be dramatically affected by events all over the world," Southerland said.

Southerland encouraged attendees to visit booths in the MSC today and to participate in other International Week activities.

"It does give you a quick glimpse of what the world looks like," Southerland said.

Tina Watkins, director of special projects for International Programs, gave a brief history of the origins and development of International Week and said the week is an ISA contribution to the Uni-



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Bunmi Ogunleye, a sophomore chemical engineering major from Nigeria, posts the Nigerian flags for International Week 1999.

versity and the community.

"It's a great gift from the students to the rest of us, but it's also a great leadership-training program," Watkins said.

After students performed traditional dances, Lonnie Stabler, mayor of Bryan, and Lynn McIlhaney, mayor of College Station, declared March 1-5 International Week.

## College of Architecture presents service award

BY MEGAN E. WRIGHT  
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The College of Architecture will present the International Activities and Service Award today at 3:30 p.m. in the Langford Architecture Center.

The college is promoting international artwork and photographs that will be on display throughout this week, as a part of International Student Week.

Dr. Vivian Paul, associate dean for international programs of the College of Architecture, said the events help illustrate the importance the college gives to international students.

"This underscores the importance that the College of Architecture has consistently placed on international activities and on the ability of our

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Silver Taps will be held tonight at 10:30 in front of the Academic Building. Tonight's ceremony will honor the memory of:

- **Barry Joseph Vail II**, a freshman ocean engineering major
- **Allyson Marie Hollman**, a junior psychology major

All lights on campus should be turned off from 10:20 to 10:50 p.m. After marching across campus to the Academic Building plaza, the Ross Volunteer Honor Corps will fire a volley salute and buglers from the Aggie Band will play a special arrangement of "Taps."

The Albritton Tower Bells will toll at the end of the ceremony. Vail's and Hollman's names will be called during Muster, on April 21.

