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Old Glory



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Texas A&M security supervisor **Bobby Richardson**, Class of '95, takes down an American flag on campus Monday afternoon. A&M security will assume the responsibilities campus flags until the Corps of Cadets returns this fall.

Bowen celebrates fifth year in office

BY CARRIE BENNETT
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Texas A&M University President Dr. Ray M. Bowen celebrated his fifth anniversary yesterday.

Walter Wendler, executive assistant to Bowen, began the celebration by thanking Bowen for all he has accomplished and he discussed the "quiet and deliberate style" with which he leads the University.

"Dr. Bowen faced challenging situations upon his arrival at Texas A&M," Wendler said.

Wendler said among the improvements and programs Bowen has given A&M, he has stabilized working conditions for faculty and staff.

He contributed resources to the construction of the George Bush Presidential Library Complex and helped obtain new resources for the Sterling C. Evans Library.

Wendler said Bowen has been working to affiliate Texas A&M with the South Texas College of Law and also has worked to outline goals and events for Vision 2020.

Wendler said the most important thing Bowen gives to the University is character.

"Character energizes an organization when it's there and it petrifies the organization when it's not," Wendler said.

Bowen was presented with a number of certificates and presents. Parking Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS) presented Bowen with a proclamation making him an honorary A&M bus driver.

Bob Wiatt, director of the University Police Department (UPD), made Bowen an honorary junior chief of the UPD.



TERRY ROBERSON/THE BATTALION

Charles Sippial Sr. (left), assistant vice president for Physical Plant, presents Texas A&M President **Ray M. Bowen** and his wife **Sally** with an animated picture of their dog, Lucy, eating an aluminum can.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, presented Bowen with Bowen's Corps of Cadets conduct record from 1954 to 1958 when Bowen was a student at A&M. Southerland also presented Bowen with three engraved diamond-shaped emblems signifying the Deputy Corps Commander position which Bowen held in 1958.

Kevin Graham, mascot corporal and a sophomore general studies major, presented Sally Bowen with a framed picture of Reveille VI with

her paw print on behalf of the student body.

Bowen closed the celebration by saying he has had an enjoyable time and many interesting experiences in the last five years at A&M.

"I don't know how you describe the campus at Texas A&M," Bowen said. "It's a culture."

"A&M is the kind of university that takes care of itself and being a part of its community has been such a treat for Sally and me," Bowen said.

Forum to target youth violence

BY VERONICA SERRANO
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Residents of Brazos County and surrounding counties areas are invited to participate in a town-hall meeting on youth violence tonight from 6 to 8 at the First Baptist church in Bryan.

Larry Johnson, president of the College Station School Board, said though recent events has caused the spotlight to shift to violence in school, community focus should be broader.

"It's [violence] not just confined to school," Johnson said, "I see it as more of a societal aspect."

The forum will also be broadcast live on KBTX-TV.

Jane Conoley, dean of the College of Education and Collie W. Conoley, a professor of educational psychology, are two of the 10 panelists scheduled for the discussion.

Mr. Conoley said he and his wife host "Family Talk," a radio show on KAMU-FM 90.9 and that is one reason why they had been ap-

proached to join the panel.

Mr. Conoley said he hopes people will walk away with ideas about how they can make lifestyle changes to better the community.

"[The program will help people figure] out what I need to do and what you need to do to make the world a better place," Mr. Conoley said.

Mrs. Conoley said her research has focused on school violence and safety in schools, and her husband

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Foundation readies for new home

BY RYAN WEST
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Jesse Corrigan, project director for the construction of the Jon L. Hagler Center, which will be the new home for the Texas A&M Foundation, said different Aggie traditions and symbolism have been incorporated into the centers' architectural design.

The Texas A&M Foundation is a private organization which provides scholarships to A&M students.

"The building is set up to where the front entrance has a narrow, individual focus that widens as one walks through the building," Corrigan said. "This illustrates the larger focus that grows from individuals. It takes more than one person to make this university work."

Corrigan said the building also plays a great deal on light, which can be seen from the windows and aluminum roof making up its' exterior.

"The building will look like a sparkling gem from the second or third deck of Kyle Field," he said.

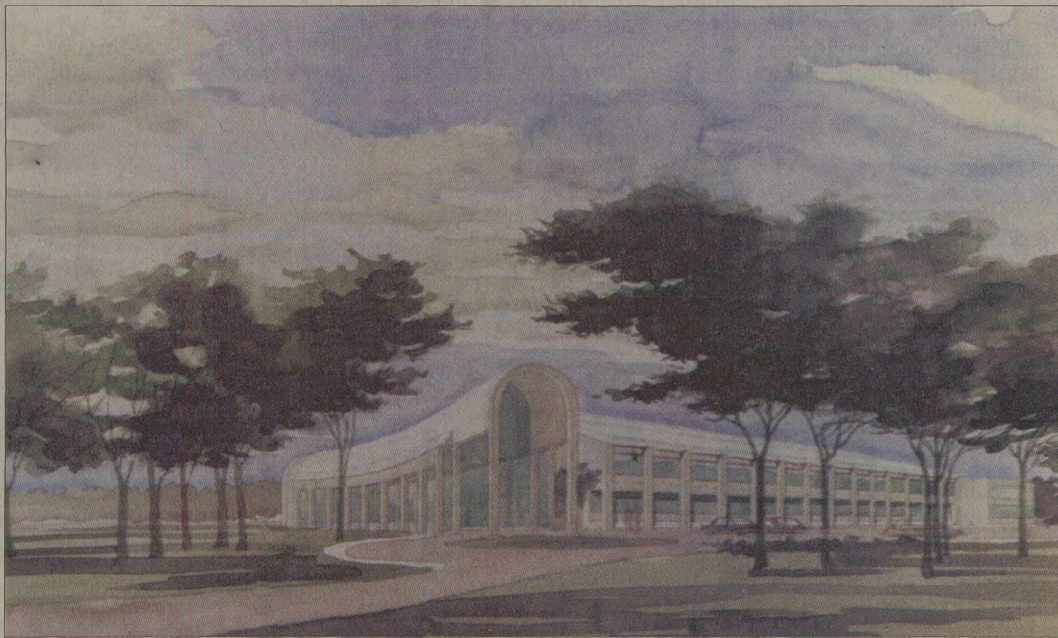
Corrigan said the Hagler Center will not take away from its neighbor, the Clayton Williams Alumni Center.

"We use complementary architecture so the new building would fit in but not mirror its neighbor," Corrigan said. "The highest point of the Hagler Center is the same height as the Clayton Williams [Alumni] Center."

The Hagler Center is located across from the Clayton Williams Alumni Center on the corner of Houston Street and George Bush Drive.

As an incoming freshman, Marcelle Mallory, senior biomedical science major, was awarded a \$12,000 Presidents' Endowed Scholarship by the Texas A&M Foundation.

"The Texas A&M Foundation has been like



SPECIAL TO THE BATTALION

The Jon L. Hagler Center, shown here in an artist's rendition, will house the Texas A&M Foundation. The center will be located across from the Clayton Williams Alumni Center on George Bush Drive.

a family," Mallory said. "As a freshman, it was an opportunity for me to meet other scholarship winners, just like me."

The Foundation matches each of its scholarship winners with a donor. In Mallory's case the donor was Texas A&M University President Dr. Ray M. Bowen and his family.

"The Bowens have always made themselves available to me and any questions I might have," Mallory said. "President Bowen and the A&M Foundation have gone out of their way to

see to it that if I ever need any help I can come to them."

"The greatest single asset to the new building is the increased focus on the role of philanthropy," Rose Anne McFadden, manager of communications for the A&M Foundation and Class of '90, said.

She said the Hagler Center will help raise the number of private donations from alumni and corporations.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Officials say higher interest rates help

The Federal Reserve Board recently announced it is considering raising interest rates to slow rapid growth of the nation's economy. Officials at A&M's Real Estate Center said contrary to what people may think, this could be good news for potential home buyers.

In a press release, Mark Dotzour, chief economist and director of research for the Real Estate Center said if the Federal Reserve raises rates, this might keep mortgage interest rates from increasing.

"The Fed raises interest to keep the economy from overheating because that causes inflation," he said. "Any efforts to keep inflation at low levels is going to be a positive thing for the mortgage market."

Dotzour said he expects first-time homebuyers to have a more difficult time purchasing a home if the mortgage-rate increases.

"[An increase] makes entry-level homes less affordable, so the lowest income segments of the home-buying market become priced out of the market," he said.

Bowman appointed engineering chair

Dr. Charles H. Bowman, head of the Department of Petroleum Engineering has been appointed to a five-year term as the inaugural holder of the Robert Whiting Chair. The \$1 million endowed chair was es-

tablished in December of 1997 in honor of Professor Emeritus Whiting who was the longest serving petroleum engineering department head.

Bowman received master's and Ph.D degrees in petroleum engineering from A&M. He returned to A&M after retiring as chairman and chief executive officer of British Petroleum America Inc.

Bowman is an advisory board member and senior advisor on energy for the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C., and an honorary director of the American Petroleum Institute.

Texas A&M to host leadership seminar

A leadership conference offering information from nationally known leadership educators will be hosted by Texas A&M June 10 and 11.

The conference is intended to mark the formation of the Texas Association of Leadership Educators.

The director of the Center for Public Leadership Studies (CPLS) at the Bush School of Government and Public Service Arnold Vedlitz said the creation of the association will make Texas one of only six states to have such a state organization devoted to leadership education.

For more information or to register for the conference, contact Tammi Caskey at 862-3857 or register online at <http://www.bush-school-tamu.edu>.