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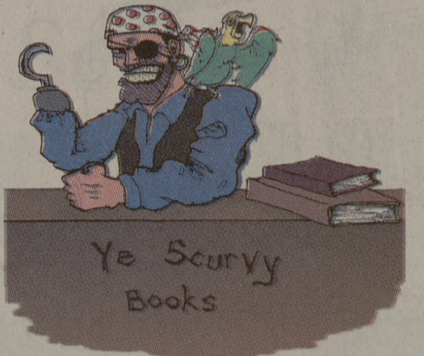
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# Bush to skydive today

BY NONI SRIDHARA  
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Though former president George Bush's first jump occurred during World War II as he was ordered to jump from a Grumman amphibious biplane during an emergency ejection, this brush with death was not enough to scare him away from "diving the friendly skies."



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After the wartime jump, Bush vowed to jump again during a time of peace. Bush will fulfill another promise he made — to parachute jump on his 75th birthday — this morning as he leaps onto the grounds surrounding the George Bush School of Government and Public Service.

Dany Brooks, director of communications for the United States Parachute Association, said Bush asked the U.S. Parachute Association if he could do a jump in 1997 since "he didn't do it

right the first time."

At the age of 72, surrounded by eight veteran skydivers, Bush leaped out of a plane for a successful jump in March 1997 in Yuma, Ariz., fulfilling his vow to jump in a time of peace.

Brooks said the plane Bush will be jumping out of today is called a short sky band, which is the same type he jumped out of in Arizona.

"It was wonderful," Bush was quoted as saying after the 1997 jump. "I'm a new man — and I go home exhilarated."

"There's a lot of things about my previous incarnation that I do not miss, but I do miss the military."

Brooks said both Bush and the planes arrived yesterday. He attended a four-hour refresher training course yesterday in preparation for the jump.

She said Bush will be performing the accelerated skydive jump, which requires the completion of the most advanced training program. The advanced jumpers are assisted by two jump masters, and the jumpers fall from 12,500 feet. Brooks said the jump was originally planned for Kennebunkport, Maine, where the Bush family is

spending its summer, but they were not able to acquire the correct type of plane to make the jump.

"The planes just couldn't make it up there [Maine]," she said. "[And] we have 500,000 square feet of fields out here [the Bush School] for him to jump."

Following the jump, a team of professional skydivers will salute his birthday by creating a formation in the shape of his initials, GB, and the number 75.

Brooks said Bush's wife will be on hand, but she does not know if Gov. George W. Bush will be in attendance because he is campaigning.

Tomorrow the birthday celebration will continue in Houston. The University of Texas' M.D. Anderson Cancer Center will honor the former first couple at "Milestones & Miracles," one of the largest charitable fund raising events in U.S. history.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the George and Barbara Bush Endowment for Innovative Cancer Research, which has raised \$7.8 million.



TERRY ROBERSON/THE BATTALION

Construction progresses on The Callaway House student community. The new apartments will open to tenants Aug. 20.

# New student community nears finish

BY CARRIE BENNETT  
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The Callaway House, a new student community, is scheduled to open Aug. 20, in time for students to move in for the fall semester, creating another housing option for Texas A&M University and Blinn College students.

Bob Callaway, an owner and managing partner of The Callaway House and Class of '52, said he bought 40 acres of land in College Station in 1971 with the idea A&M would expand west. Callaway used part of the land to develop Treehouse Apartments.

Callaway said he decided to use the remaining four acres of land to carry out his idea for creating a new student community similar to The Dobie Center in Austin. The Dobie Center is a student community with its own mall and other amenities. Callaway joined with American Campus Communities (ACC), which built The Dobie Center, to create and develop what will be known as The Callaway House.

"The Callaway House has been a work in progress for eight to 10 years," Callaway said. "We waited to get serious about the project until the real estate market recovered from the crash in the mid- to late-'80s and early '90s."

Callaway said the response for the future appears positive.

"I expect this will become a great tradition for A&M and the community," Callaway said.

Kelly Arnold, leasing director for The Callaway House and Class of '98, said the new student community will offer a combination of apartment and dorm living.

"With 438 students living at The Callaway House, it is a small community with a quaint and intimate atmosphere," Arnold said. "The Callaway House is a good place for all students, including transfer students, to meet other people."

Arnold said students with quarters facing the interior of the complex will have a view of the landscaped courtyard and pool area. Students with quarters facing campus will see Kyle Field and Olsen Field.

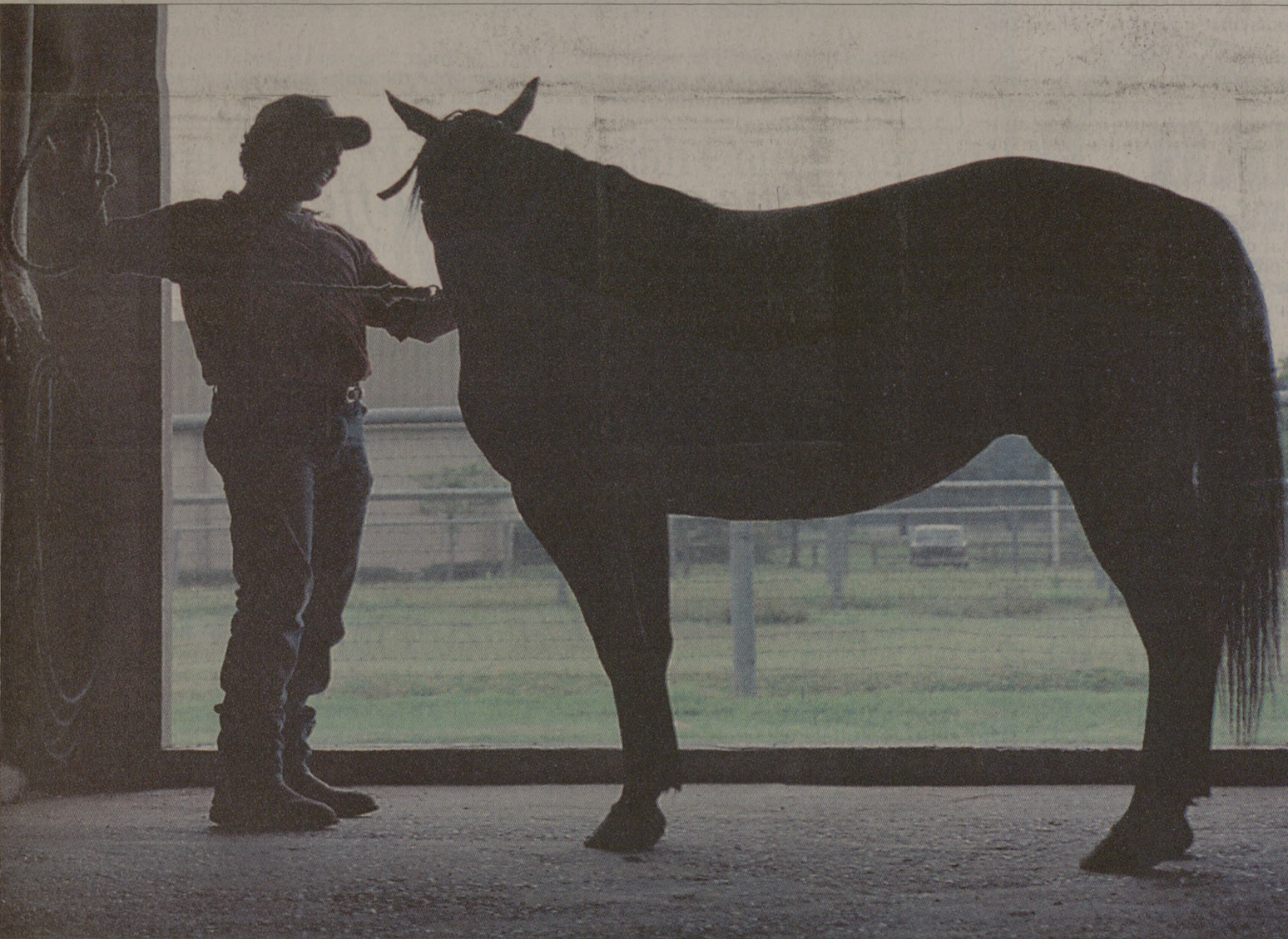
Private bedrooms will offer students the luxury of privacy at The Callaway House, as opposed to sharing a room in the on-campus dorms, Arnold said. She said a traffic light will be built on George Bush Drive in front of The Callaway House to allow students to walk to West Campus.

The prices range from \$7,890 per year for a four bedroom, two bath suite, to \$11,770 per year for a one bedroom, one bath suite. Both prices include unlimited meals in the full-service dining facility and utilities, excluding basic phone charges and Internet options. Presently only semester leases are available, but next year summer leases may be an option for students.

Amenities include a mini-theatre which holds 40 students, a swimming pool, a recreation room, a covered parking garage, a 24-hour computer lab with Internet access, laundry facilities, two conference rooms with multi-media capabilities and a fitness center.

Arnold said The Callaway House will also cater to non-residents by offering meal plans and pay-per-meal plans.

## Horsing around



SALLIE TURNER/THE BATTALION

Assistant manager Will Golden grooms Lucky at the Texas A&M Horse Center Tuesday evening. The horse center is maintained by a resident staff who cares for and trains the horses.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Business federation to honor Bryan pair

The National Federation of Independent Business will honor Jim and Charlotte Gray of Sport & Classic Motor Cars in Bryan in recognition of Small Business Appreciation Week in a ceremony today at 3 p.m.

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm has sent the Grays a personal letter of congratulations, which will be read by Gramm's Southeast Texas regional director, Court Koenning.

"They [small businessmen] are the people involved in trying to make a community a better place to work, live and raise a family," Gramm said in a press release. "It is very fitting for our nation to ded-

icate this time in recognition of the small business owner."

### Professor awarded foundation grant

Jeffrey Cohen, a professor of anthropology, is one of the first cultural anthropologists in the nation to receive a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant in the Faculty Early Career Development Program.

This program is one of the NSF's most prestigious awards and is awarded to scholars to develop research and educational projects.

Cohen will conduct a 4-year project studying "transnational" migration between southern Mexico and the United States.

# Experts warn of risks with andro

BY STUART HUTSON  
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Medical officials said there may be serious side effects from usage of the increasingly popular muscle supplement androstenedione (andro).

The Journal of the American Medical Association printed the results of a study conducted on 20 men between the ages of 19 to 29 years who used the supplement for eight weeks combined with a weight training program. The study reported the supplement did not increase testosterone levels or enhance the effects of weight training, but did significantly increase estrogen levels and could lead to liver disease, cancer, and heart problems.

Williams Barnes, a professor for the health

and kinesiology department at A&M, said one of the effects of increased estrogen in men could be increased breast size which is only correctable by surgery.

Chris Yendrey, manager of General Nutrition Center in Post Oak Mall, said news of this study has done little to slow sales of the supplement.

"After Mark McGwire announced that he was using it, everyone and their mother have come in asking for it," he said. "Sales of the supplement have been rising steadily for the last couple of months ... I have never had any complaints about it."

Dr. Jane Cohen, health educator and nutrition specialist at A. P. Beutel Health Center, said she has seen many students recently who are interested in taking andro and attributes this rise to people's willingness to try anything new to en-

hance performance, but said these students should use caution.

"You should check that information you read about supplements is actual scientific research and not just a personal testimonial," she said.

Barnes said andro is a steroid and is sold over the counter because of a law that recognizes it as a supplement because it is extracted from a plant.

"If it were taken from an animal instead of a plant, it would probably be heavily regulated by the Food and Drug Administration," he said.

Barnes and Cohen said further research is important to accurately determine the effects of androstenedione.

"You really have to weigh the temporary positive effects against the possible side-effects," he said. "With andro, I would advise waiting to see just how bad the side effects are."