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Drug charges shock school

AUSTIN (AP) — As the new principal at Johnston High School, Al Mindiz-Melton was supposed to bring stability to a school reeling from neglect, high dropout rates and low student performance.

But teachers and students were shocked to learn he was arrested on drug charges after police found 3 1/2 ounces of marijuana at Mindiz-Melton's home.

"People are very distraught," journalism teacher Janet Elbom told the *Austin American Statesman*.

"The kids are going 'He's the best principal we ever had.' People just want him back. This is too much to take," she said.

Mindiz-Melton, 49, was jailed early Monday and released about six hours later on his own recognizance. The Austin school district placed him on paid leave while police investigate.

"A lot of people are saying, 'This can't be,'" said Associate Principal Bob Otey.

"That makes our school look worse," said sophomore Jose Esquivel. "We don't appreciate that."

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Just peachy



Matt Monroe, a senior bio-environmental science major, prunes and tends young peach trees that are being raised on West Campus. The trees will mature in the near future and will help future Aggies learn and appreciate horticulture.

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News in Brief

Bonfire victim expected to go home
DALLAS (AP) — The last Texas A&M University student hospitalized from last year's fatal bonfire collapse is expected to go home Friday. Officials at Zale Lipshy University Hospital told *The Dallas Morning News* for Wednesday's editions that they will announce John Comstock, 18, will return to his family in Richardson.

Comstock was among 27 students hurt in the Nov. 18 collapse that killed 12 others. After being pinned under a log for almost seven hours, he was the last to be rescued from the rubble.

Comstock suffered several crushing injuries when logs from the 59-foot bonfire stack fell as he and others were building it. The bonfire is a tradition before the annual Texas A&M-Texas football game.

He spent 83 days in intensive care and had his left leg amputated above the knee.

Service scheduled for former student
A memorial service will be held for former student Marine Clayton J. Kennedy, Jr. in Rudder Auditorium at 2 p.m. Kennedy, Class of '98, was one of 19 Marines who died in the crash of an MV-22 Osprey aircraft Saturday night near Tucson, Ariz. Kennedy was a member of the Corps of Cadets, the Aggie Band and the Ross Volunteers Honor Corps organization. During his senior year, Kennedy served as Band commander.

Kennedy was a political science major and received his commission through A&M's Naval ROTC program.

University officials said the service will allow the many people on campus who were Kennedy's friends and mentors an opportunity to honor his memory.

Campus Calendar

Thursday
Contact Angelique for details on times and events at 779-8498.

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship: Please join us for praise and worship, Bible study and fellowship at 7 p.m. in HECC 200. For more information, visit our Website at www.xa.tamu.org

Graduate Christian Fellowship of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (Grad IVCF): Grad students meet at 7:30 p.m. for Bible study, prayer, fellowship and snacks. Please see our Website at <http://stat.tamu.edu/~inlow/ivcf.html> for locations and more information, or call Jen or Mark at 764-1552.

Students For Peace: There will be a series on Iraq: From Desert Shield to Crippling Sanctions.

TAMU Buddhist Association guest lecture with Khempo Tsewang Gyatso, "The Path to Enlightenment." Contact Nathaniel at 696-0384 for more information.

Alpha Phi Omega: Will be hosting a blood drive at Rudder Fountain, the Rec Center, Zachry and the Commons.

Democratic Socialists of Texas A&M: There will be an organizational meeting open to all individuals interested in building an alternative political and social awareness group in Rudder 402 at 7 p.m. Contact socialists@stuorg.tamu.edu for details.

Correction
Tuesday's article "A&M pay increase" incorrectly stated that all members of customer services, food services and medical services will receive pay raises. Only employees whose present salary rate is below the Sept. 1, 2000 rate will receive pay raises including newly hired employees for positions due to replacement pay raises. Texas A&M groundskeepers and cooks will not be included in the Sept. 1 pay raise.

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