

Eppright searched for clues in death

STAFF AND WIRE

The Department of Residence Life held a meeting with the residents of fourth-floor Eppright on Sunday night to discuss the recent murder of Texas A&M sophomore mechanical engineering major Kerry Jason Kujawa. "I was concerned that some students had not seen the newspaper," Sue Foster, associate director of Residence Life, said. "The purpose was to share that information with them and provide them with counseling and help-line numbers for students." The 20-year-old's body was discovered on a ranch near Dripping Springs, 20 miles west of Austin, last Wednesday. He had been shot in the back of the head and left without shoes or socks. Foster said a police officer was present on the fourth floor of Eppright Residence Hall, and Kujawa's room was sealed off shortly after his body was discovered. However, the police presence has since been removed. "They concluded their investigation as far as the room went," Foster said. Officials said they believe Kujawa may have been dead since shortly after he left

College Station on Friday, April 7. He told friends and family he was going to San Antonio to visit a girl he had met on the Internet and communicated with by email. His car was found later at Easterwood Airport in College Station where it had been in long-term parking since Monday, April 10 — the day he was scheduled to return to A&M. Texas A&M University Police Director Bob Wiatt said a review of airport records indicates that Kujawa did not take a flight from the airport during the weekend of April 7-10. Wiatt said Department of Public Safety (DPS) crime lab officials examined Kujawa's car and dorm room Monday. A Texas Department of Public Safety mobile crime laboratory was stationed in Mosher Circle Monday night. "We had announced [to the fourth floor of Eppright] on Sunday night that they [DPS] would be there sometime Monday or Tuesday," Foster said. The truck was parked in Mosher Circle for several hours. At approximately 2:20 a.m., the DPS investigators returned to their vehicle with several paper bags and left. UPD officers were with the DPS officials.

Wiatt declined to comment on what was done in Kujawa's room or what was in the bags. He said the investigation and analysis is still underway. "The UPD is working with the Texas Rangers and DPS that had the crime laboratory and the Hays County Sheriff's Office," Wiatt said. "We are working diligently on the case — all the agencies are." "We're assembling the investigators' notes and trying to get things in a tidy package to figure out where to go from here," Wiatt told the Bryan-College Station Eagle. Foster said events like this make students more receptive to warnings about safety. "When we have something that has happened to a student in our community, it is important to remind students of security concerns," Foster said. "I am going to utilize any opportunity I have to remind students of security." "People in our communities tend not to think of those things happening to any of us," Foster said. "It is quite a surprise when something like that happens to one of us." Kujawa's mother had a warning to anyone who uses the Internet to meet people. "You have to be very, very aware that you don't know who you are talking to on the Internet," she said. Days after Kujawa failed to return from a weekend trip to San Antonio, his parents received email messages claiming to be from him, telling them not to worry because he was still helping a woman named Kelly whom he had met over the Internet. The Hays County Sheriff's Department said the reassuring email messages to Kujawa's parents apparently were sent after he was killed, from "Kelly's" email account. "It's a bizarre and unusual case — very bizarre," Department of Public Safety spokesperson Tom Vinger told the *Houston Chronicle*. Wiatt said one of the emails ended with: "I'll be back in a few days. Everything is okay. Don't worry, I'm still taking care of Kelly." Funeral services are pending in Rosenberg, where Kujawa graduated sixth in his class of more than 500 students at Fort Bend Austin High School in 1998. Rosenberg is 25 miles southwest of Houston.

Fade to black



BRIAN SMITH/THE BATTALION

Virginia Smith, a senior biology major, leads Fade to Black during practice at the Student Recreation Center Monday night for their upcoming show. Fade to Black is a small dance group that promotes the African-American culture. Their spring show will be held on Sunday at 6 p.m. in Rudder Theatre.



BRADY CREELE/THE BATTALION

Department of Public Safety (DPS) investigators and UPD officers return to the mobile crime laboratory just before 2:20 a.m. Tuesday morning after investigating Kerry Kujawa's room. The vehicle was parked in front of Wells Hall in Mosher Circle for several hours and was guarded by a Texas A&M security guard

Class Web use may lead to printing costs hike

BY BROOKE HODGES
The Battalion

Dr. Katherine E. Kelly's, an associate English professor, feels her use of the Internet to post essays and class information instead of using printouts makes students' work easier, but according to University officials, students may end up paying for the convenience in the long run. Dr. Pierce Cantrell, associate provost for Information Technology, said the Computing and Information System (CIS) has noticed an increase

in the number of print-outs, and he believes it is connected to more professors using the Internet to distribute information. "As more and more [professors] put class notes on the Web, it will translate to an increased number of prints," Cantrell said. He said this increase has led to a lack of funding for the printouts which must be corrected. Cantrell estimated that for the 1999 - 2000 school year, computer labs across campus will use 20 million sheets of paper. Labs include Open-Access Labs in the Blocker building, the Reed

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building, the Wisenbaker building and the West Campus Library. Tom Putnam, Director of CIS, said students who are usually pay for printouts at professional copy facilities may consider the lab printouts "free," but students are paying for them through their Computer Access Fee. "The estimated cost for September 1999 through August 2000 is close to one million dollars," Cantrell said. "Currently \$382,000 per year comes from the Computer Access Fees." Cantrell said CIS has proposed a cost recov-

ery plan which consists of two options currently being discussed by the Student Senate. One option is to give every student a quota, or a set number of pages they can print out. Once that quota is reached, a charge will be placed on the student's fee statement at the end of the school year. The quota has been proposed to be somewhere near the range of \$8.50 to \$10.00 per semester, equivalent to 150 to 200 pages. After the quota is

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On-campus students to get new TV additions

BY CYRA GATLING
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The Texas A&M Resident Hall Association (RHA) passed the College Television Network (CTN) bill, which will provide on-campus students with new television channels, Feb. 23, 2001. CTN will offer students a new medium for receiving current events and information on Texas A&M programs and meetings.

"We hope to provide a new service for students," said Cameron Cushman, RHA director of public relations and a sophomore political science major. Students will be able to view these channels in their dorm rooms and at other locations on campus. Cushman said CTN will be an educational and informational tool that will expose many students to news and upcoming events at Texas A&M. "I think the No. 1 benefit of CTN is that it's educational," Cushman said.

"This is an interesting way to learn so I think students will enjoy it." Student organizations will have the opportunity to post information about their events on CTN. There is a small chance that



CTN will be implemented during the fall semester, Cushman said. "We hope to install it over the winter and have it ready for Spring 2001 so we can introduce it at the beginning of the semester," Cushman said. CTN will consist of three channels. The channels will be headline news, which will be geared to students, and two music video channels. One of the music video channels will provide rap and hip hop

music and the other will offer Top 40 alternative and pop music. This new television service will be free to students. The RHA plans to work with AGY-TV, the Memorial Student Center and Dean Enderler in the Department of Contract Administration to develop a contract with CTN. KAMU will run CTN and will provide the equipment. KAMU will also install satellite dishes, run wires and install television sets. The RHA would like to see a professional from CTN, a professional from Texas A&M and student representatives work together to decide on the future on-campus locations for CTN. The RHA is dedicated to providing for the needs of on-campus residents by enhancing the on-campus residential learning community. "We want to provide this service to students," Cushman said. "We hope to broadcast [supplemental instruction sessions] for students who

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African-American family to be topic of lecture series

BY MAUREEN KANE
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On Wednesday night, Dr. Albert Broussard, a Texas A&M history professor and the holder of the Elton P. Lewis Faculty Fellowship, will discuss the hardships of the Stewarts, an African-American family who struggled to lead their community during the period of American westward expansion. "It's a three-generational history of a black family based on a book that I published in 1988, involving the principles of leadership in a black family," Broussard said. Broussard said he will trace the legacy of the Stewart family through letters and correspondence that occurred from generation to generation. "They were an elite black family, but every member of the family was seen as a natural leader of the community," Broussard said. Broussard intends to focus on the final generation of Stewarts who lived out West, as well as the types of activism the family was involved in. "That was the generation that I interviewed, and that got me interested in the Stewarts' story," Broussard said. Both Broussard and Dr. John Weese, the chairperson of Texas A&M University Distinguished Lecture Series, said they believe Wednesday's lecture will be a success. The University Distinguished Lecture Series consists of faculty members from each

college, an undergraduate student, a graduate student, representatives from the Memorial Student Center, and Library representatives. Their goal is to bring in distinguished speakers to the University to speak on topics that interest the University and community and that are of broad interest to people. Weese said that in the past, the Distinguished Lecture Series has asked Dr. Sheila Widnall, the first woman to serve as the secretary of the United States Air Force, to speak, as well as Dr. Sherwood Rowland, who spoke on ozone depletion and global warming. Broussard said that he has never attended one of these lectures but looks forward to presenting his own lecture, and he expects several hundred people to attend — including students, faculty and people from the community. He said he would gladly participate again and considers the invitation to speak for the Distinguished Lecture Series an honor. "I think I'm the first African American professor to give a lecture for the Distinguished Lecture Series at this University, which is also something I'm really proud of," Broussard said. Tickets for "The Stewarts: The Triumph of an African-American Family" are required to attend the lecture. They are free and are available at the MSC Box Office from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The lecture will take place in the auditorium of the Bush Presidential School at 7:30 p.m.

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