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Lockwood awaits trial date for Kujawa murder

Kerry Kujawa MURDER Timeline

- April 7: Kerry Kujawa leaves Texas A&M
- April 10: Kujawa's car found at Easterwood Airport
- April 16: The Kujawa family receives email from Kelley's address signed by Kerry Kujawa
- April 19: Kujawa's body found in a field west of Austin
- April 20: Kujawa reported missing by Eppright Resident Adviser
- April 22: Homicide investigation launched
- April 27: Kenny Wayne Lockwood is arrested, gives confession to Hays County Sheriff's Department
- July 5: Lockwood indicted for the murder of Kujawa

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BY BRIAN RUFF
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The date for the murder trial of Texas A&M student Kerry Kujawa is still pending after the July 5 indictment of Kenny Wayne Lockwood of San Antonio.

The trial is scheduled to take place at the Hays County Courthouse in San Marcos because the murder was committed in Hays County.

If convicted, Lockwood would face five to 99 years in prison.

The judge presiding over the case will decide when the trial will be held, said Officer Ortiz with the Hays County Sheriff's Department.

Kujawa, a junior mechanical engineering major, was killed between April 7 and April 10, after he left College Station to meet a female acquaintance called "Kelley." Kujawa had met Kelley over the Internet, and the two had been exchanging emails for several months.

Kujawa was reported missing when friends of the 20-year-old became concerned with his absence. Kujawa's car was discovered in the long-term parking lot at Easterwood Airport on April 10, the day Kujawa was expected to return to College Station.

Lockwood, 31, was charged with the murder of the 1998 Fort Bend Austin High School graduate after confessing to posing as Kelley, a female pre-law student, and killing Kujawa. Authorities said that tracing the emails from Lockwood was the key to his arrest.

"My husband and I just want the trials to end quickly and for swift justice to be served," said Lucille Kujawa, Kerry Kujawa's mother, in a May 29 *Battalion* article.

Get your motors runnin'



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J.B. Newcomb, a College Station police officer, takes on biker Janice Angst in an exhibition slow race at the Hotter Than Hell motorcycle show this weekend on University Drive. The goal of the slow race is to come in last by riding as slow as possible without falling over.

Bonfire committees research past, future

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On June 16, 2000, Texas A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen changed A&M's 90-year-old tradition when he stated that Bonfire would be put on hiatus until at least 2002 and significant changes would be made to the building process, including greater University supervision and a professionally engineered design.

"Bowen received thousands of emails and letters with opinions about what should happen to Bonfire," said Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president of Student Affairs. "We tried to respond to most of them."

Since then, three committees have been formed—one to honor those killed and in-

jured in the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse, one to plan an event for this year and one to suggest a permanent Bonfire structure.

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Prior to the release of Bowen's decision, a group of students circled a petition supporting the continuation of Bonfire and gathered 10,000 to 12,000 signatures. During the summer, Southerland said some members of the group met with him to discuss their efforts to create an off-campus bonfire. Southerland said he told the group that any off-campus bonfire would not be supported by the University, and students participating may face punishment if they proceed with plans for the off-campus bonfire.

The Bonfire planning committee, a committee of the Faculty Senate, stressed the need for reform of Bonfire at an open forum of last spring.

"It was the opinion of the planning

committee that Bonfire should not occur in 2000 and should not occur in its present form in the future," said Jonathan Smith, chair of the committee, in a May 20 *Battalion* article.

Thousands of people attend Bonfire each year; however, this year, in place of Bonfire, there will be a yell practice and a memorial for the 12 Aggies who died and the 27 who were injured in the collapse.

The first of the three committees is a memorial committee headed by Rusty Thompson, assistant director for the Memorial Student Center, and Forrest Lane, student body president and a senior political science major. This committee is

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Parking permits delayed 3 weeks

BY ARATI BHATTACHARYA
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A three-week delay on parking permits and bus passes has forced Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS) to implement several alternatives for the beginning of Fall 2000 to accommodate students' needs and maintain campus safety.

Various causes accounted for the permit delay, including the creation of a new design and the renewal of a five-year contract bid.

"Although the order was shipped out a little later than usual, a manufacturing delay has put us three weeks behind," said Sherry Wine, executive associate director for PTTS. "It's one of those times where everyone is just overextended."

Parking without permits will be allowed in blue and red parking lots until Sept. 11, when ticketing will begin.

The backup has caused PTTS staff to spend several extra evening hours reorganizing 20,000 letters and permits from ZIP code to alphabetical order. The letters originally would have been mailed to students and detailed where students can park and other general campus-parking instructions.

"We have the best group of people here who have been extremely cooperative with such a timely task," Wine said. PTTS could not carry out the first mailing of commuter passes.

"2,000 yellow professional student and staff permits have been delivered to corresponding departments, followed by 5,000 garage passes and 3,700 red resident permits, which could be picked up at residence halls last week," said Pam Horner, computer systems manager for PTTS. "We are doing everything possible to accommodate the students, while trying to function smoothly with move-in and a new year."

With a ceiling on red permits this year, approximately 1,700 University residents were issued blue commuter

parking permits; these were also sent to residence halls for pickup. Permits not picked up at residence halls will be sent to Reed Arena to be picked up this week. There is a waiting list for red permits, and Wine said she expects to see about 300 slots turned over.

Postcards were sent out to students explaining that commuter parking permits and bus passes can be picked up from today until Friday at Reed Arena from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Horner said the PTTS office will be open Saturday from 9 until noon to further facilitate students. Wine stressed the department's emphasis on safety and effective management, reminding students to park only in legal spaces. A&M buses can be ridden without passes until Sept. 11.

Students must present a driver's license or picture I.D., preferably something with a student I.D. number, at time of pickup.

Permits and passes can still be ordered at the PTTS office in the Koldus building or through the Website at www-ptts.tamu.edu.

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computer systems manager for PTTS

Parking lots around Kyle Field will change to red lots this fall to increase safety and reduce traffic. Several reminders will encourage students to move their cars during home games — notices will be printed on the permits, key chains are being distributed, and students may receive email reminders.

Lumber company relocates logs

BY ANNA BISHOP
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On Aug. 11, Texas A&M approved the removal of the 1999 Aggie Bonfire logs to an old A&M waste water treatment plant. The logs had remained unmoved, except for investigation purposes, since the collapse in November. Twelve of the logs have also been preserved for future memorials.

According to Cynthia Lawson, executive director of University Relations, the logs were moved by C&C Logging, the same company based in Jasper, Texas that aided the University in dismantling the fallen logs after the collapse.

Relocating the more than 2 million pounds of wood, which would regularly cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000, was done free of charge by C&C.

"Everyone knew the logs must be moved eventually," said Kenieca Koehn, a junior political science major. "Emotionally, removing the logs from the site will be hard for everyone affected by the collapse, but it is something that had to be done. The logs couldn't have realistically stayed at the site."

C&C Logging Co. President Bobby Cassidy said it took about 25 trips to the treatment plant, which is located two miles from campus near Easterwood Airport, to transport the logs. Cassidy said the job was difficult because the wood had become charred and decayed since November and easily broke when workers tried to move the logs.

Sophomore general studies major David Goddard said he thinks the absence of the logs will help the healing process for returning Aggies.

"Having the logs in plain sight was a constant reminder of the Bonfire tragedy last November," Goddard said. "We don't want to forget, but it's time to move on."

Sophomore biomedical science major Angela Krause agreed.

"Having the logs on campus for so long was a difficult reminder. Removing [the logs] will be a good way to continue healing and move on," she said.

Lawson would not comment on how she thinks the students would react to the empty Bonfire site.

Charles A. Sippial, vice president for administration, said the appropriate time arrived for the logs' removal.

"We have had our grieving period and will certainly never forget the 12 who died," Sippial said. "It was hard for everyone to see the logs being moved, but, hopefully, this will help many move on."



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A logging tractor trailer from Jasper, Texas, moves a full load of logs away from the Bonfire site Aug. 11.

KTFB proposes bonfire model

BY MARIANO CASTILLO & SUMMER BUNCE
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Keep the Fire Burning (KTFB) presented a model of the organization's proposed off-campus bonfire to a small group of supporters at the Texas Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Though members say they were threatened by the University's top administrators, a claim Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for Student Affairs, rejects, the KTFB board members presented plans and a bonfire model they say will stand the tests of safety, maintenance and tradition.

The bonfire model is the result of the group's collaboration with professional engineers — one of them a Texas A&M former student who participated in the cutting, stacking and lighting of the Aggie Bonfire for three years during his college career — and defines what the group considers adequate safety standards.

KTFB was formed in May and plans for a student-run, student-created and student-maintained off-campus bonfire evolved within the organization after A&M's announcement in early June that, pending proper research and restrictions, there would be no Bonfire until 2002.

Guidance from professional engineers, risk management and alumni support form the foundation for a successful off-campus bonfire, according to Joe Dyson and Gary Crenshaw, KTFB board members.

The proposed stack would have a single, unspliced 60-foot centerpole surrounded by logs that are not stacked but leaned against the central structure in three tiers and then wired. The imperfections of the logs would remain untrimmed

— unlike the traditional smooth logs of previous Bonfires — allowing each log to dig into the ground and maintain the structure. These modifications, Dyson said, would eliminate wedging and minimize hoop stress. According to the Special Commission on the 1999 Aggie Bonfire report, wedging and hoop stress were two major factors that led to the collapse.



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Trent Owens (bottom), Gary Crenshaw (left) and Joe Dyson (right), board members of Keep the Fire Burning, held an organizational meeting at the Texas Hall of Fame Saturday.

Steel cables would be used to maintain stability before and during burning. Once lit, the structure would not collapse on itself like traditional Bonfires, Dyson said. "This is not going to fall," he said. "We're going to have to put it out."

No student would climb the stack or stand on any part of the stack to bind or hoist logs. Instead, a pulley system would be utilized, leaving no students in the vicinity of the log-stacking process.

Such a system would allow students on one end to reposition the log on the other.

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