

Freshman charged with manslaughter

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Heath Keagan Davis, a freshman electrical engineering major, has been charged with intoxicated manslaughter following the fatal accident that occurred in the 400 block of Marion Pugh Drive in the early morning hours of Sept. 3.

Davis had a blood alcohol content of .16. The legal level in Texas is .08. If convicted, Davis could face a sentence of two to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

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sophomore general studies major, as Barrow pulled out of the Treehouse II apartment complex. Barrow fled the scene on foot and was charged on Sept. 8 with two counts of failure to stop and render aid, said Sgt. Dan Jones of the College Station Police Department (CSPD).

Hatfield was pronounced dead at the College Station Medical Center at 2:32 that morning. Davis was held at the hospital and treated for his injuries until he was released Monday.

"A warrant was put out for Davis' arrest when the test results were returned and they showed that he had a blood alcohol level twice the legal limit at the time of the accident," Jones said. Davis was still in the hospital at the time.

Davis turned himself over to College Station police at the Brazos County Courthouse Monday afternoon.

Davis was charged and released on a \$100,000 personal recognizance bond. This type of bond allows him to be released from jail, but he is required to attend all designated court hearings.

"This type of bond is not actually paid and is usually used when the possibility of the convicted felon fleeing is unlikely," Jones said. "Mr. Davis is still recovering from his injuries."

Jones said it is not likely more arrests will be made.

"The investigation is done. This basically clears the case," he said.

He added that he did not know whether a trial would occur or when a court hearing will be held.

War games



John Rozier, a senior economics major and Army ROTC cadet, takes aim at the enemy from behind a tree at Spence Park on Monday. Rozier and other cadets were participating in an infantry movement drill teaching them to advance and attack the enemy. The cadets are trained in Army maneuvers and are eligible to become commissioned officers after graduation.

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Gore, Bush prepare for last debate, showdown

Candidates question what to do with stools

ST. LOUIS (AP) — That darned stool flummoxed them both as George W. Bush and Al Gore rehearsed for Tuesday's unpredictable Q-and-A with undecided voters — a final showdown accompanied by what the Gore camp said was "a lot of stress and anxiety."

Texas Gov. Bush projected an air of confidence with the town-hall-style encounter he had long resisted.

"I've felt comfortable about it," the Republican said Monday. "I know what I believe."

Democrat Gore, after an uncharacteristically restrained demeanor in last week's debate, was looking to do better this time.

He said that Tuesday night on the Washington University stage — informally set with two stools and surrounded by 100 questioners and an additional 500 onlookers — "I'm going to do what I've done a lot of times in Tennessee, and that is, just have an open meeting."

History suggests it might not be so easy for either man. Real people can be wild cards as Bush's father, former President Bush, found out when a woman asked him in the 1992 campaign's town-hall debate to explain how the national debt affected him personally. He fumbled, "I'm not sure I get it."

On Monday, the biggest question seemed to be what to do with the stools.

Gore edged around his, then finally pushed it out of the way in his debate practice. Bush, said spokeswoman Karen Hughes, "practiced perching."

"He had a chance to practice sitting on the stool, getting off the stool, getting up and walking, relating to the questioner," she said.

On Tuesday night, said Gore's campaign chairman, William Daley, "I don't think you play it safe. I think you try to be very natural and lay out in a forward way the compelling reasons for the election to go your way."

Political analysts said that was a tall order in a race that has seen one candidate and then the other ahead by a nose. With three weeks to go, national polls said it was Bush with the edge.

"I just can't imagine, barring a gaffe

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A&M active in race, ethnicity discussions

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Texas A&M students, faculty and staff responded to President Clinton's call for an initiative to discuss race during a Campus Dialogue Monday.

"In order for people to learn to accept each other despite our differences, we have to begin with education, and that has to start with dialogue," said Megan Palsa, as-

sistant director of the Multicultural Services Department. "So, hopefully we're at the beginning of a very important process."

Last year, more than 500 universities participated in campus forums to break down the barriers between race and ethnicity, and this year A&M will number among those striving to continue Clinton's call to confront bigotry, said Felicia Scott, director of the Multicultural Services Department.

University President Dr. Ray M. Bowen, Vice President of Government Affairs Ellyn Perrone, Vice President of Administration Charles Sippial, Vice President of Finance William Krumm and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Bill Kibbler attended the event alongside graduate and undergraduate students and faculty.

"Race is an important thing to talk about," Bowen said. "We're

here to gain understanding, and find out what people are thinking. We're discussing a very important issue."

A group cannot begin to have dialogue until the members begin to understand one another, Palsa said.

"People are interested now in talking about race relations and working on issues that maybe in the past have not been spoken about," Palsa said. "This conversation is happening all over America

today. I'm just not sure it's taken place to any great degree here on the campus of A&M."

The round-table participants answered questions explaining when they were first aware of their racial identity, when they first witnessed someone being treated differently because of race, what they felt could improve race relations at A&M, and what it means to be colorblind.

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MSC celebrates 50th anniversary '60s style

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As part of the Memorial Student Center's (MSC) celebration of its 50th anniversary, the '60s will come alive at the MSC today.

Each month, the MSC highlights a decade in its history and sponsors activities and events to commemorate it.

The day's activities, which will take place outside near Rudder Fountain, include music from the '60s and food for those in attendance, said Ben Moffitt, vice president of marketing for the MSC and a sophomore political science major.

"The activities will go from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and will include different activities, such as a 1960s fashion show and prize drawings," said Moffitt, adding that all students are encouraged to come to the MSC and participate in the activities. "We want students to come, enjoy themselves and have some free food and drinks."

Erin Williams, public relations director for MSC Hospitality and a senior biology major, said members of the Hospitality Committee searched for authentic clothes from the '60s to model.

"Members of the committee bought clothes from the Goodwill, got clothes from their parents or found them in other places," said Williams.

The show is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. on the steps of the J. Wayne Stark Gallery near Rudder Fountain.

A number of prizes have been donated by local businesses.

"We have lots of prizes to give away, like dinner for two at Johnny Carino's, dinner at Kona Ranch or Rudy's Barbecue and other prizes," said Blake Vacek, vice president of development in the MSC and a junior construction science major.

There will be drawings every 15 minutes outside the MSC. Anyone wearing '60s clothes is eligible to participate in the drawings.

Southerland reminisces about MSC's impact, role in student life at A&M during the 1960s

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Thirty years ago the campus that more than 40,000 Aggies attend on today was going through social and physical changes. It was seeing a time of rapid growth as record numbers of students began enrolling and the Memorial Student Center (MSC) became their living room.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, Class of '65 and vice president of student affairs, said he remembers the MSC as the heart of A&M in the '60s.

"It was a home away from home; everything outside the dorm happened in the MSC," said Southerland, adding that the MSC was used for recreation and also for more formal A&M events.

"Muster used to be held outside the MSC. It was the only time people were allowed to stand on the grass," he said.

With the student body breaking record enrollment numbers from about 3,000 students in 1965 to about 12,000 in 1969, the town that surrounded A&M was still growing to provide increased weekend activities.

"We visited other colleges [on the weekends]," Southerland said. "If we stayed here, we studied and slept. There was not great night life in College Station."

Since its opening in 1950, the MSC had become central in the lives of A&M students.

Southerland said students had a variety of activities to choose from in the MSC.

"We could go there to drink coffee, go bowling or to study," said Southerland, recalling that through those years, A&M saw little turmoil compared to other college campuses.

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NOW fights for women's rights



COURTESY OF LINDSAY BALLEW

Aggie NOW members joined the first World March for Women calling for an end to violence against women. Refer to page 4 for related article.

U.S. History	Texas A&M History
1960: The Kennedy and Nixon debate appears as the first presidential debate on television.	1960s: Faculty members register their cars for on-campus parking at a rate of \$7.50 a year.
1961: A Russian becomes the first man in space, igniting the space race between the Soviet Union and United States.	1961: Women are allowed to enroll in and graduate from Texas A&M.
1962: The Cuban Missile Crisis occurs, perhaps the closest the United States has come to nuclear war.	1962: Bonfire is left unfinished in the wake of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.
1963: Civil Rights leaders, including Martin Luther King Jr., march on Washington, D.C.	1963: Nancy Fitzhugh becomes the first female to hold a student government office, breaking an 88-year tradition.
1964: President John F. Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas by Lee Harvey Oswald.	1964: A&M students send a petition with 2,148 signatures supporting U.S. involvement in Vietnam to President Lyndon B. Johnson.
1964: Congress ratifies the Civil Rights Act, giving rights to oppressed minorities.	1965: A flag carried by Aggies in Vietnam is presented to the Corps of Cadets.
1965: Congress passes the Voting Rights Act.	1965: Riots break out at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.
1965: African-American leader Malcolm X is assassinated in New York.	1966: Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. are assassinated.
1966: A court ruling establishes the Miranda rights.	1966: Student Senate proposes to the University new visiting hours for women in the men's dorms.
1966: The National Organization for Women is founded, sparking the women's rights movement.	
1967: Riots break out at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.	
1968: Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. are assassinated.	
1969: The United States becomes the first nation to put astronauts on the moon.	

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