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# Worship Directory

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Seventh Day Adventist  
1218 Ertle St., Bryan (corner of Coulter)  
775-4362  
Pastor Bill Davis  
Friday 7:30pm-Adventist Christian Fellowship  
Saturday 8:15am- Spanish Worship  
English - 11:00 am  
Sabbath School - 9:45 am

**Assembly of God**

Bethel Temple Assembly of God  
2608 Villa Maria, Bryan  
775-4835  
Sunday Worship 10:15  
Sunday School 9:00  
www.betheltemplebcs.com

**Baptist**

Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church  
College & Career Class  
You are invited to a Bible Study especially for students.  
Sunday mornings at 9:45  
Wednesday night supper at 5:30, followed by Bible Study at 6:30  
1228 W. Villa Maria  
779-2297  
For more information contact  
Marcus Brewer: 731-1890  
m-brewer@tamu.edu  
http://www.fellowshipfbw.org

**Fellowship of Christian University Students**

First Baptist Church  
2300 Welsh Avenue  
College Station  
696-7000  
Sunday Schedule  
Worship Services: 8:30 & 10:55 a.m.  
College Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.  
Evening Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.  
FOCUS  
Weekend Shuttle Route: CS West  
http://fbc-cs.tcu.net/university

**Catholic**

St. Mary's Catholic Center  
603 Church Avenue in Northgate  
(979) 846-5717  
www.aggiecatholic.org  
Pastoral Team  
Rev. Michael J. Sis, Pastor  
Rev. Keith Koehl, Associate Pastor  
Campus Ministers  
Deacon Bill Scott, Deacon David Reed,  
Martha Tonn, Maureen Murray,  
Dawn Rouen, Roel Garza  
Daily Masses  
Mon.-Fri.: 5:30 p.m. in the Church  
Tues.-Thurs.: 12:05 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel  
Weekend Masses  
Sat: 2:00 p.m. (Korean),  
5:30 p.m. (English), 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
Sun: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,  
5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Confessions  
Wed. 8:30-9:30 p.m., Sat. 4:00-5:15 p.m.  
or by appointment.

**Church of Christ**

A&M Church of Christ  
1901 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy.  
(979) 693-0400  
Sunday Assemblies:  
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,  
College Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Night: 5:45 p.m.  
Mid-Week 7:00 p.m.  
Aggies for Christ  
Call for on-campus pick-up info  
www.aggiesforchrist.org

**Episcopal**

St. Thomas Episcopal  
906 George Bush Dr., College Station, TX  
696-1726  
Services - 8:00 (Rite 1), 9:00 (Family Service Rite II)  
& 11:15 (Rite II-for late sleeping Ags)  
7:30 p.m. Evensong  
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**Non-Denominational**

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Brazos Center  
Call for information  
979-807-4673 (HOPE) [egles@aglifw.com](mailto:egles@aglifw.com)

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260-1163

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**Cornerstone Church**

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485-8744

**Presbyterian**

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
220 Rock Prairie Road (979) 694-7700  
Rev. Sam W. Steele - Pastor  
Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
UCM Prayer and Praise: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
www.covenantpresbyterian.org

**First Presbyterian Church**

Hours  
Worship 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
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979.823.8073 • www.fpcbryan.org

**United Methodist**

A&M United Methodist  
417 University Dr. (in Northgate) • 846-8731  
Sunday Worship: 8:30, 9:45, 10:50  
College Sunday School: 9:30, 10:45  
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## Researchers find earliest evidence of Americas writing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Symbols carved on stones 2,600 years ago in Mexico suggest that the Olmecs, an early North American people, invented the first writing system in the Americas and that the symbols were adopted by later native cultures such as the Mayas.

The symbols were found on chips from a stone plaque and on a cylinder stone used for printing that were unearthed in an archaeological dig at the site of an ancient Olmec city near La Venta on the Gulf of Mexico coast of southern Mexico.

"These symbols have a very close resemblance to symbols that were found from a later era among Mayan artifacts," said Kevin O. Pope, a co-author of the study. "We think the writing was developed by the Olmecs and then adopted later by the Mayans."

Age dating of the artifacts suggests they were deposited on the site in about 650 B.C., about 350 years before the date of specimens previously thought to be the earliest examples of meso-american writing.

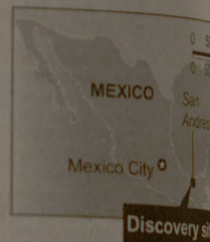
The Olmecs are thought to have established a large and complex culture starting in about 1300 B.C.

They build massive pyramids, carved intricate and detailed sculpture and built large cities with thousands of people. The Olmecs are credited with creating a political state, with rulers and royalty, and a formal government.

Pope, a scientist with the Maryland group called Geo

**Ancient writing uncovered**

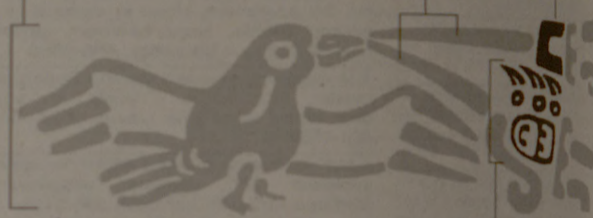
Researchers believe that a carved cylinder dating to 650 B.C. found in Mexico reveals the originators of the writing systems used by later cultures in the region.



**Deciphering the message**

By comparing the carvings to later meso-american writings, researchers partially translated what they believe is a royal seal.

Birds commonly represented deities and royalty. Two shapes coming from the birds' mouth point to the two textual concepts of the glyph. 1. This 'U' shape found in many glyphs means 'royalty'.



2. The three dots indicate the third day in the "Ajaw" period of the 260-day "sacred calendar." "Ajaw" is represented by the symbol below. People were often named by their birthday thus making this the seal of "King 3 Ajaw."

The cylinder would have been inked and rolled along a surface to print the glyph.

SOURCE: Department of Anthropology, Florida State University; drawing by Ayax Moreno

Eco Arc Research, said the Olmec culture collapsed by about 400 B.C., not long after the Mayan culture began to rise farther south.

Mary E. D. Pohl, first author of the study and a researcher at Florida State University in Tallahassee, said it was known that the Olmec originated many of the cultural traditions later

adopted by other cultures in the Americas. But evidence of writing was missing until first to put together a picture state, and writing is connected with rulers and publicizing their power. "It makes sense that the first to use a system of writing," said Pohl.

## Senate

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Center, Aggie Nights allows students that are not involved in extracurricular activities to meet people and have a good time while being responsible, Oroza said.

Aggie Nights will be held almost every Friday night next year, allowing students to bowl, make crafts, play pool and watch movies. The idea of Aggie Nights was borrowed from a similar program at the University of Virginia (UVA). While UVA and A&M have a comparative number of students, Aggie Nights has proved to be much more popular than the program at UVA, Oroza said.

"This legislation will now go to a referendum, which the students will vote on," said Daniel Pearson, Student Services committee chair.

If the students do not pass the referendum, the Board of Regents usually will not act without the consent of the student body, Pearson, a senior political science major said.

Senators also discussed the possibility of tax free textbooks.

Students at A&M may be able to purchase their textbooks without paying taxes as soon as

next year. The Texas State Legislature has the Tax Free Textbook Bill that will allow an exemption to college students when purchasing required college course text books.

"Similar ideas have been discussed before the Legislature," said Brooks Landgraf, spokesman of the Senate. "But this bill is completely new."

The bill will allow each student to receive \$40-60 to scholarship each semester that help pay for the tax exemption on textbooks. The Student Senate introduced a bill that would strongly encourage the Texas Legislature to pursue and pass the bill into law in the upcoming 2003 legislative session. The bill will also pledge the support and assistance of the A&M Student Government Association that the bill is passed.

"It's something that we really wanted to happen this year," said Kyle Carlton, Executive Affairs committee chair. "It just makes sense. The Legislature wants to help students go to college."

The senate also unanimously approved a bill that requested University President Dr. Robert M. Gates raise funds to renovate and restore the Academic Building. The Academic Building, Pearson said, is one of the oldest and most prominent buildings at A&M and is currently in need of major restoration.

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