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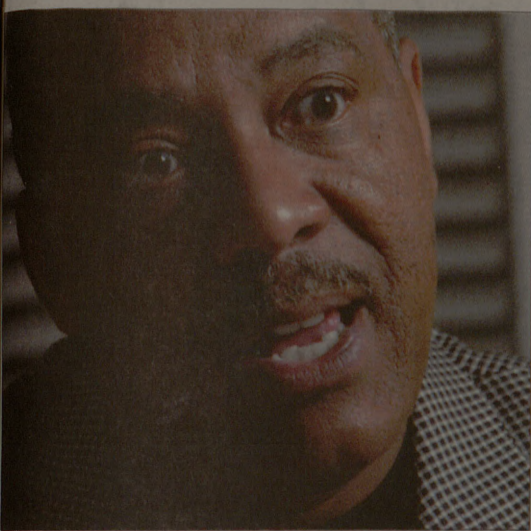
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Vice President of Diversity and Institutional Assessment, David Anderson will focus on diversity, globalism and internationalism. Anderson will take office Nov. 12.

VP of diversity ready to fill role

By Esther Robards-Forbes
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Until this fall, Texas A&M was one of the only large research universities lacking a diversity plan, a major hurdle standing in the way of the University reaching top-10 status.

Enter the newest member of the Texas A&M administration, David Anderson, who will take office Nov. 12 as vice president of diversity and institutional assessment.

Anderson has a long history with the University, having served as a consultant under former President William Mobley, and has agreed to return to fill the new post. Having worked with 357 different institutions of higher learning over the past 16 years, Anderson is considered an expert in the areas of institution-

al assessment and helping schools develop diversity plans.

The new office will focus primarily on three areas: diversity, globalism and internationalism.

"A&M really wants to be seen as a national leader in the area of diversity, especially in the area of student learning," Anderson said. "Our job is making sure that our curriculum here reflects the kind of things that our students need to know as they move into the 21st century."

Students are moving into a global work force, Anderson said, and will have to work with teams of people who are different than themselves.

"For an institution not to address that is to shortchange the students who come here," he said.

Anderson said it will be difficult to break into the top 10 public universities, but to do so, an institution must direct all its energies toward that purpose.

"That's what the assessment part is about.

It's going to be my responsibility to work with different areas of campus and look at how well they set up their assessment models and plans and to look at how well they are doing in terms of Vision 2020," Anderson said.

To do this Anderson said he will work with faculty, administration and student leaders to determine what the faculty and students need and what challenges they face.

"We have to consider what kind of things we want to put into the curriculum to make sure that students get exposed to globalism and what kind of things we want to do in terms of faculty training," Anderson said. "That's where the real benefit to students is, because they spend the bulk of their time in class."

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University develops new master plan

By Eric Ambroso
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The Texas A&M administration has developed a new master plan for the University that will dictate how the campus will look in the future.

The plan, which is on display in Rudder until December, shows where campus growth can occur and gives a practical way of expanding for the next 30 to 40 years.

The plan will result in a more beautiful campus, but the effect is to make the campus more logical," said Mary Miller, associate vice president for administration and chair of the Master Plan Steering Committee. "We anticipate that it is a guide of what we should do when we expand."

Guidelines laid out in the master plan will determine which buildings to construct, where to build them and other factors that are important in construction. The master plan strives to turn the campus into more of a community. It also

CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

Texas A&M's administration has developed a plan to create a more beautiful and efficient campus. It proposes the following:

Building two additional underpasses and developing buildings closer to Wellborn Road to unify the campus

Protecting buildings that are symbolic to the University, such as the Academic building

Identifying which buildings to build and where to build them



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encourages the integration of academic disciplines rather than isolation.

"The quality of our campus is very positive, but we need the coordination of our academic corridor," said Thomas Regan,

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Wave your hands



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Natalie Zachary, age 10, and her sister Rachel, age 8, wave their foam hands from the bleachers in the south end of Kyle Field as the Texas A&M football team enters to play the Baylor Bears on Saturday. The Aggies won 73-10. See related story on page 5.

Salesmen swindle A&M students

By Eric Ambroso
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Two students at Texas A&M were speaking out in an attempt to catch two men who swindled them out of \$400 in a speaker-selling scam.

The men approached Lacey Gann, a sophomore biomedical science major, at a stoplight at the intersection of Longmire and Deacon drives and asked her if she needed any speakers. Knowing that her roommate needed speakers, she allowed them to follow her home.

The men, who were driving a blue Ford pickup, told Gann and her roommate that they had just finished a job and had some extra speakers to sell. While she didn't

like the idea of buying speakers off the street, Gann said everything seemed legitimate and the men even provided instructions and a warranty card. The men also showed the women their Web site and said they could e-mail the manufacturer with any problems.

"They had everything set up perfectly," Gann said. "We were so excited that she was getting such a great deal that we didn't really think it through."

The speakers and the sub woofer were packaged in new boxes with plastic still covering them, Gann said. After they hooked the speakers up, one of the men gave the women his number and told them to call if there were any problems. Then they took the \$400 and left.

Five minutes later, the roommates turned

on the speakers and realized none worked. They tried to contact the men, but received no answer from any of the numbers they tried. Gann said she called an audio dealer in town who informed her the manufacturer name on the speakers, Dahilton, did not even exist.

"I called the College Station Police, but they said we would have to take it to civil court," Gann said. "There was nothing we could do."

The Web site the men showed Gann was also fake. It listed details about speakers and other products, but gave no address or phone number. The manner in which the men carried out their con led Gann to believe they had scammed others.

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Texas Senate OKs redistricting plan, passes it to Perry

By April Castro
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A six-month battle in the Texas Legislature ended Sunday when the Senate passed a congressional redistricting plan in a third special legislative session and then adjourned.

The bill approved by a 17-14 vote now goes to Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who is expected to sign it into law.

The new map likely will give Republicans the majority in the Texas Congressional delegation that is now ruled 17-15 by Democrats.

Democrats have opposed every attempt by Republicans to pass a new plan, saying the current congressional boundaries drawn by a court in 2001 should remain in place. Republicans say current voting trends show Texas should have more GOP representation in Washington.

Republicans have said they could pick up as many as six additional seats in the delegation. Democrats said the map would add seven Republicans.

The bill's passage ends six months of bizarre events, including two walkouts by Democrats, three special sessions and harsh GOP infighting.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said the map would disenfranchise millions of minority voters.

"It's also a sad day because it was just a clear blatant abuse

of power intended to build the Republican party at the expense of Democrats, more specifically the white incumbent, the anglo incumbent, and the minorities whom they represent

While the legislative battle over congressional redistricting is over, the feud continues. Democrats have pledged to take their fight to court.

"We don't think these lines should be used for the 2004 election," said Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas. "We don't think (they) should be used at all."

Republicans were hoping to end the redistricting debate last week, as the House moved

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TS adds bike racks to buses on Fish Camp route

By Natalie Younts
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Transportation Services has added bicycle racks to buses on the Fish Camp route this year to determine if additional racks will be used on other routes next fall.

"So far, the bike carriers are working really well and are having little or no impact on the routes, but usage is still relatively low," said TS Director Rodney Weis.

The bike racks have been used 158 times in the six weeks since school has started, an average of five times per weekday, Weis said.

The major concern about the bike racks was that loading and unloading bikes would cause long delays for the rest of the passengers.

"We have discovered during the pilot program that this is not the case and the drivers tell us that it is working well," Weis said.

Fish Camp route bus driver Clay Caswell, a senior entomology major, said it takes a maximum of 15 seconds to load or unload a bicycle as long as it's not the person's first time to use the rack.

The carrier is on the exterior of the front of the bus and can hold two bicycles. The rack remains closed and in an upright position when empty. The user must pull down the rack before loading a bicycle, like lowering a tailgate. This means that the bus driver must be aware of the added length when operating the bus.

"I think they're really cool, but a lot of bus drivers hate

BIKE RACK QUICK FACTS

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES INSTALLED BICYCLE RACKS ON FISH CAMP ROUTE BUSES THIS FALL.

The racks have been used 158 times this semester

The carrier is on the exterior of the front of the bus and can hold two bicycles

Racks may be installed on additional off-campus routes next year

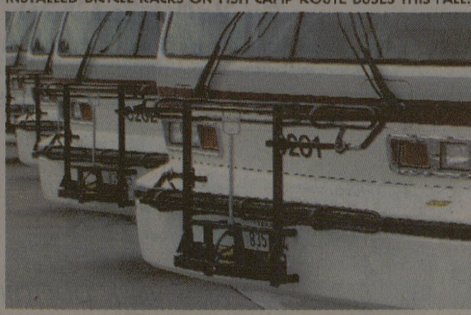


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them," Caswell said.

Sean Murphy, a graduate architecture and land development student, said he would take advantage of the bike racks if they were on

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