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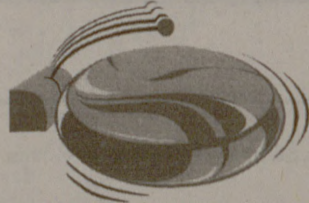
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Master Plan

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Gates called the O&M Building "one of the last vestiges of neo-Stalinist architecture," and said if it were up to him, the building would be one of the first to go.

Residence halls Clements Hall and the Fowler-Hughes-Keathley complex, the Pavilion and the Reed McDonald building are designated to be considered for demolition within the next 10 years.

College of Liberal Arts Dean Charles Johnson will also be speaking at the meeting. Leann South, director of college relations, said Johnson will present an overview of the college to senators.

Liberal Arts has recently been grappling with budget cuts due to loss of funding from the state legislature due to a large budget deficit for Texas.

In July, Johnson announced his recommendation for the Department of Journalism to be shut down after allowing current journalism students to complete their degree. According to a 2001 journalism committee report, the department has been in decline for several years and needs to be merged with the Department of Communications, cut, or completely rehabilitated.

After Johnson announced his recommendation, the Former Journalism Students Association and A&M students organized a petition and letter-writing campaign in protest.

Since then, a committee has been set up to seek "alternative pathways" for future A&M students interested in journalism. That report has not yet been finalized and sent to the provost, South said.

South said the college is also in the process of splitting the Department of Modern Languages

into two departments: Hispanic Studies and European Languages and Culture.

In other business, senators will consider a bill that proposes to change the requirements for recall of a student senator, in response to the first recall in SGA's history by SGA Watch President and junior marketing major Mark McCaig.

Sophomore communications major Emily Burden appealed McCaig's recall of junior political science major Dustin Teems on the grounds that Teems had done nothing wrong but her appeal was denied by the Judicial Council on Oct. 30.

Chief Justice and sophomore business major Daniel Jones found no constitutional law that supported her appeal, but he also wrote a concurring opinion that six of the nine justices agreed with, stating that "the basis for this recall election has no reasonable justification" and calling for the Student Senate to reserve the recall for extreme circumstances in the future.

The three dissenting justices found in favor of the plaintiff, citing as their reason that "it is irresponsible and counterproductive to allow frivolous recalls of senators, simply because they fail to satisfy the wishes of every constituent."

Despite his win, McCaig has since withdrawn the recall petition to focus his efforts elsewhere.

"It has become obvious that I need to work on the SGA as a whole, and I don't want to focus another month on one guy when there are bigger fish to fry," he said.

The democratic governance bill, designed to ensure that legislation passed by the Senate is enacted by the student body president and the executive council, will be debated at the meeting Wednesday on its second reading.

Compound

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On Tuesday, Foreign Minister Ana Palacio said Spain will withdraw 25 of the 29-member Spanish diplomatic staff from Baghdad. Most will be relocated to Amman, Jordan. Spain has about 1,300 soldiers in Iraq and was one of the strongest supporters of the U.S.-

led invasion.

"We have taken staff out of Baghdad temporarily given that it is a very complicated moment," Palacio said in Berlin. Spaniards working for the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority will stay, the Spanish Defense Ministry said without giving their number.

Spain became the third coalition member to withdraw diplomats from Iraq because of

stepped-up insurgent attacks. Last month, Bulgaria and the Netherlands moved their diplomats to Jordan, also citing worsening security.

Those fears increased after a dramatic escalation in attacks starting with the Oct. 26 missile barrage against the Al-Rasheed Hotel, where many coalition and U.S. military officials lived. One U.S. colonel was killed and 10 people were wounded.

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