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## 'We need to move forward'

### Anderson: A&M shouldn't be afraid of change

By Lauren Smith  
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and move forward as it needs to. We need people who don't patronize, but are able to empathize."

Anderson was the keynote speaker for the 2003 Higher Education Diversity Conference. The theme for this year's conference is "A Culture of Excellence: Leadership and Diversity in Higher Education."

Anderson moved into A&M's new position on Wednesday. He comes to the University from North Carolina State University, where he served as vice provost for undergraduate affairs and professor of counselor education.

Anderson said he foresees the future covers of any magazine to featuring student leaders from a universi-

ty who were formerly combative but came together.

"Unfortunately, a lot of people think this office will change diversity ... that is impossible because it is a shared effort," Anderson said.

Anderson referred to the University of Michigan several times throughout his speech as a place that "took a stand," but said he did not want this University to be a University of Michigan. Earlier this year, the Supreme Court ruled that the University of Michigan could use race as a factor in admission.

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### Panel opens diversity dialogue

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As diversity consultant Frances E. Kendall said Thursday that "no one wants to be tolerated, but only treated honestly," the audience gathered in Rudder Theater for the Third Annual Texas A&M Diversity Symposium broke into applause.

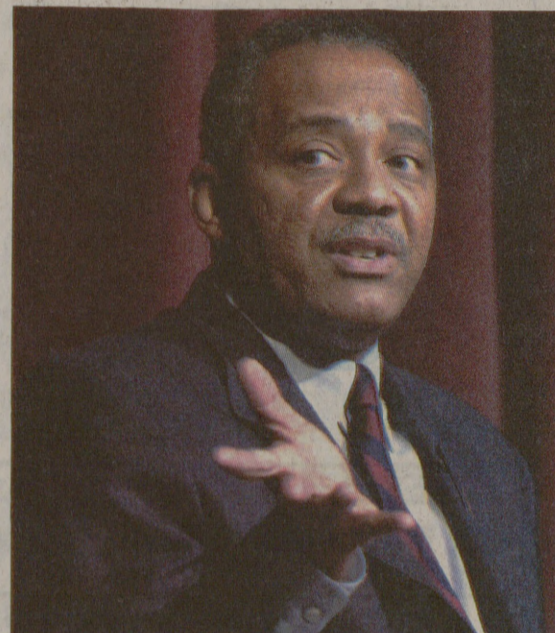
"To say 'I am going to tolerate you' is saying I am better than you," Kendall said.

Kendall was on the panel for the symposium along with James Anderson, who recently assumed the position of vice president and associate provost for institutional assessment and diversity for the University; Hector Gutierrez, A&M's first Hispanic Corps of Cadets Commander and businessman and Cynthia Rodriguez-Rocha, director of diversity for H-E-B. The moderator for the panel was Karan Watson, dean of faculties and associate provost.

Each panelist made a few introductory statements before the floor was opened up for audience questions. Although some questions were directed to the panel as a whole, most people were interested in talking to Anderson about his plans.

When Watson pointed out that Anderson "hasn't even been here (A&M) for 48 hours and has already been accused of many things," Anderson laughed in agreement.

"As a new change agent in an institution, one of the things I look for is how that organization has prepared the community for the change," Anderson said. "It is important to have a real sense of what you



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James Anderson addressed a full Rudder Auditorium Thursday night at the Third Annual Texas A&M Diversity Symposium: An Evening of Dialogue.

are going into."

When the question of why diversity is important on college campuses arose, each panelist was eager to answer it from their perspectives.

Gutierrez said Texas is rapidly changing and experiencing an explosion of minority populations.

"Texas A&M does not reflect the state, to the extent of the growing Hispanic and African-American populations," he said. "A&M can be a leader in educating this population, and it is not about quotas but developing programs to help."

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### Putting out the fire



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After putting out a fire at Sausalito Apartments on Harvey Road Thursday afternoon, firefighters begin their investigation into what started the fire. The fire damaged almost eight apartments, four of which were totaled. Two of

the apartments were unoccupied and the rest of the residents escaped unharmed. The Citizens Assist Response Team has made arrangements for the residents to receive shelter until they are relocated or can move back in.

## Suicide bomber kills 27 in Istanbul

By Louis Meixler  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Suspected al-Qaida suicide bombers blew up trucks packed with explosives at the British consulate and a London-based bank Thursday, killing at least 27 people and wounding nearly 450. The twin attacks coincided with President Bush's state visit to Britain.

The blasts, just minutes apart, were the worst terrorist bombings in this Muslim nation's history, and marked the second attacks in Turkey to be blamed on al-Qaida this week. On Saturday, bombers struck two Istanbul synagogues, killing 23 people.

Turkey's security forces were put on highest alert, and the army briefly deployed soldiers in the streets. Arab and other world leaders were swift to condemn the bombings in Turkey, NATO's only Muslim member and a close ally of the United States and Israel.

British Consul-General Roger Short and his personal assistant, Lisa Hallworth, were among the dead.

British Foreign Minister Jack Straw, who rushed to Istanbul, said he was aware of 13 deaths at the consulate, including one other Briton. Istanbul Gov. Muammer Guler put the total at 16.

"Once again we are reminded of the evil these terrorists

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## Student Senate amends senator recall process

By Sarah Walch  
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The Student Senate Wednesday amended the Student Government Association constitution so that any student wishing to recall a senator would have to be a member of that senator's constituency and provide a reason that the senator was not upholding his office.

Lindsey Shanklin, senator and senior marketing major, said her concerns about the recall process were addressed by the amendment. Shanklin said she was concerned that the student body could abuse its power.

"We could potentially face takeovers," she said.

Chief Justice of the Judicial Court and sophomore business major Daniel Jones said the amendment was intended to ensure that political ploys would not be able to shut the Senate down in the future.

Sen. Jared Janacek, a sophomore general studies major, who had previously questioned the intent of the bill, said he now supported the bill. Janacek said it would protect the privacy of senators and prevent baseless recall attempts.

Student Services Chair and junior management major John Mathews said the recall was the one method guaranteed to the student body to assure that senators satisfied their expectations.

"The process is already made to filter out baseless claims. Mr. (Mark) McCaig's recall failed," Mathews said, referring to an attempt to recall a senator made by a student earlier this semester.

Speaker of the Student Senate and junior

philosophy major Matthew Wilkins announced the formation of the Speaker's Task Force for Preserving Aggie Traditions. Students interested in adding their comments about the campus master plan, Texas A&M's 50-year plan to improve the layout of the campus, can add their comments at the Senate's Web site.

Wilkins said he encouraged students to come to the task force's Nov. 23 meeting at 5:30 p.m. in 205 MSC.

Student senators had already voiced some concerns to Associate Vice President for Administration Mary Miller at the Nov. 5 meeting. Senators questioned the absence in the master plan of a location for a bonfire and the addition of trees around Simpson Drill Field, where 51 currently stand to represent those Aggies who lost their lives in World War I.

Rodney Weis, Transportation Services director, spoke about trying to make departmental improvements. Weis said lot-specific parking is a key part of his future parking plan. Weis also said he plans to reduce the roughly 6,000 reserved spots on campus to allow more people access to half-empty lots closer to classes.

Weis said he will make all permits identical except for the lot number.

Weis said the appeals process will remain in place. He said the Appeals Board for citations is entirely composed of students at this time, who attempt to review each situation from the viewpoint of the student and the officer.

In conjunction with his visit, seven senators introduced a bill to endorse TS's

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**Student Bonfire 2003**  
 Begins Saturday, Nov. 22 at 8 p.m.  
 Tickets cost \$5 and include the cost of a bus ride to the site  
 Located at 5234 Dilly Shaw Tap Road in Bryan  
 See www.studentbonfire.com for more information.

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## Corps freshmen forbidden to leave residence halls

By C.E. Walters  
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Corps of Cadets Commander Will McAdams issued a call to quarters for Corps Brass Weekend, an event that is symbolic of freshmen students' full acceptance into the Corps, said Justin Woods, public relations officer for the Corps of Cadets and senior speech communications and English major.

The call to quarters coincides with Student Bonfire's scheduled burning of an off-campus bonfire on Saturday. The call prevents any freshmen from

leaving their residence halls from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday unless they have a University-approved excuse.

"Fish may sign out of Call to Quarters only for academic endeavors and events held by official student organizations," Woods said in a statement released Thursday.

Woods said the call to quarters was not intended to interfere with the off-campus bonfire and that the Corps of Cadets held last year's Brass Weekend at the same time.

"These events for the coming weekend were planned one year ago," Woods said in his statement.

"We agree that what students do on their own time is their own business."

Woods said the event is the culmination of a six-week process but is also representative of a semester's worth of work.

"All Corps events for the evening would have to be canceled in order for freshman cadets to have the opportunity to attend bonfire," Woods said in his statement.

Woods later said these events included eating

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