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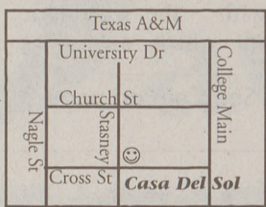
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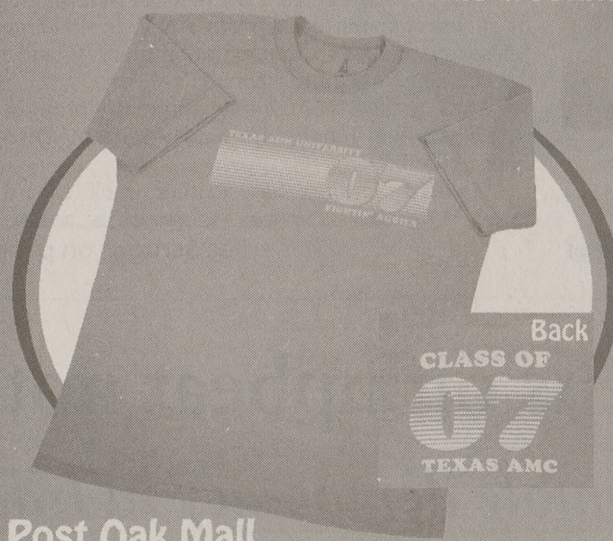
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## Scruggs

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success in starting and managing companies and taking them public," Huebner said. "His experience will be very valuable to the center. His drive and direction will take our strategic plan and move our mission forward."

Scruggs said it would be a challenge to build on Cannella's legacy.

"I think Bert did a really good job of getting the center reestablished and pointed in the right direction."

Scruggs has served on the center advisory committee since 1999 and has been involved in some capacity with the business

school for 20 years.

"I had a personal interest in entrepreneurship, and this was a good way to work with something I love at a place that really interests me," Scruggs said.

Daniels, Class of 1968, earned his MBA in 1971. His task is to take the reins from departing Chairman Jack Matz.

"I don't think anyone can completely fill Jack's shoes, but I'm delighted to have the opportunity to take over for him," Daniels said.

Daniels said the Aggie spirit is all about entrepreneurship.

"As a campus, Aggies best reflect what entrepreneurship and new venture management are all about," Daniels said. "So many Ags have done well for themselves in busi-

ness, but we've always been just on the fringe of having an undergrad track entrepreneurship."

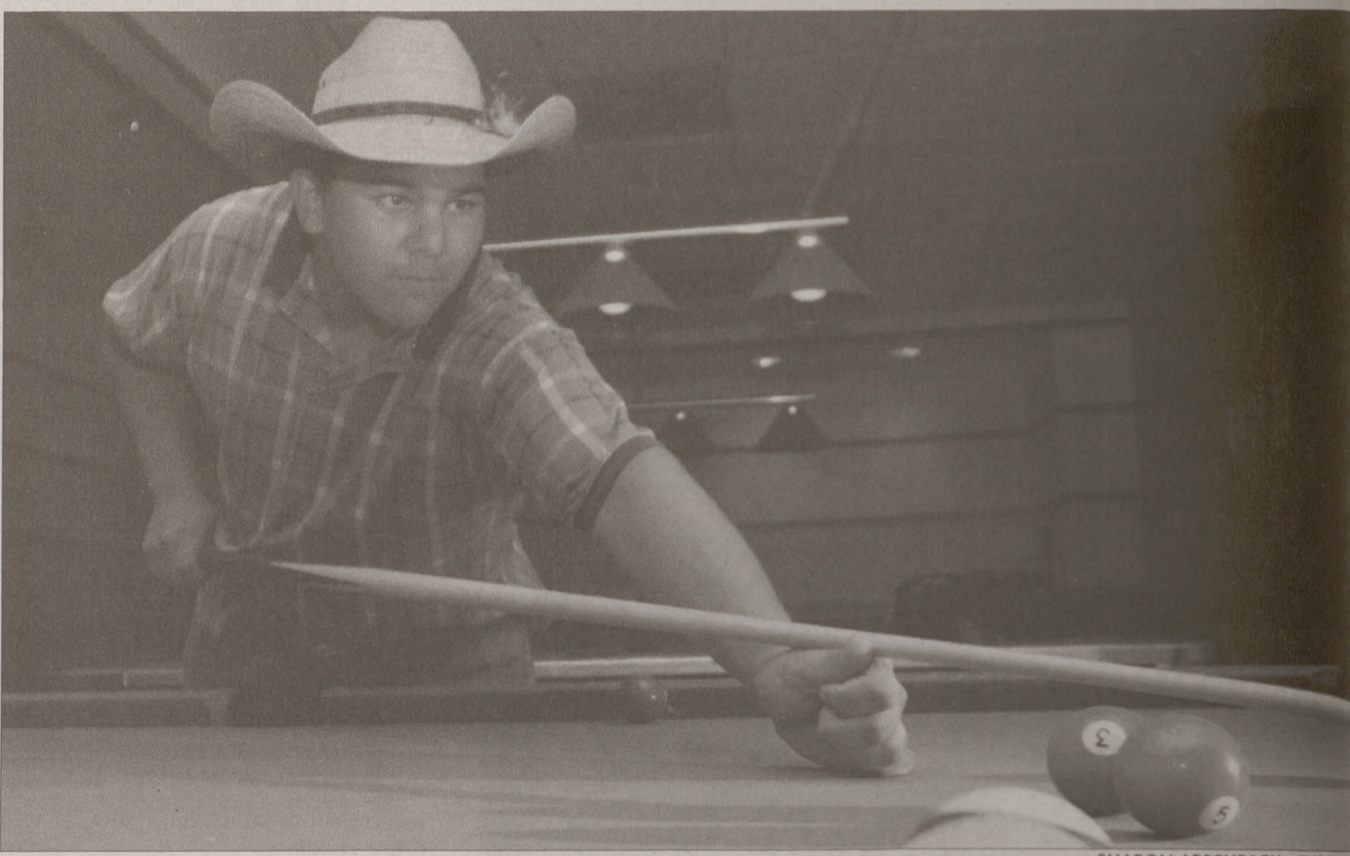
Daniels said continued growth of center's advisory council and outreach programs is instrumental to the new administration's success.

"We need events like the Technology Transfer Challenge and campus-wide Ideas Challenge that help grow that entrepreneurial culture here at A&M," Daniels said.

Daniels said reaching a wider range of students outside the business school is important.

"I don't care if you're an electrical engineering major, whenever you set foot on this side of this university, no matter what side of it's all business," Daniels said.

## Get a cue



15-year-old Justin Navarro of Devine, Texas, plays pool in the basement of the Memorial Student Center Tuesday after spending the day at the 4-H roundup camp.

## Council

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Diem said there is a need to enforce the codes and regula-

tions already in place.

"The council should put more focus on enforcing the codes that are already on the books before making radical changes," he said.

The City Council will conduct workshops June 24 and July 8 to evaluate the proposal from the task force. The workshops will decide which steps will be taken to properly address these issues.

## Cain

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part of Cain." The Council on the Environment, responsible for the conversion of Cain Hall into a residence hall, is one of four councils formed by University President Robert Gates upon his election. The committee looks at issues ranging from building design to campus as well as the buildings' physical environment.

"One of the things we're doing is to have a student member to our council," Cain said. "We have an effective communication loop with the Student Government which we didn't have before."

Cain Hall comprises a central area and two wings. Previously, Cain housed student athletes and on-campus residents. NCAA regulations state that there cannot be a residence hall occupied by student athletes.

"Mainly, I will miss the atmosphere at Cain Hall," said Jenny Cain, a senior education major who has always had friends living there so she has lived since I was a freshman."

In the fall, the Athletics Department will be moving to a new residence hall in Cain Hall on campus residence halls such as the Tradition at Northgate and the Callaway House.

There is capacity in the residence halls for all on-campus students despite the closing of Cain Hall, Perry said.

"You can't quantify the number of faculty this benefits," Massey said. "We're just working to address department needs."

## Former Air Force Academy cadet pleas guilty to reduced charges

By Robert Weller  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The only cadet to face a court-martial following last year's rape scandal pleaded guilty Tuesday to reduced charges.

Douglas L. Meester of Marco Island, Fla., was accused of assaulting a fellow cadet in October 2002 during a night of heavy drinking in a dorm room. He was charged with rape, sodomy, indecent assault and providing alcohol to minors.

Those charges were dropped and, in exchange, Meester pleaded guilty to conducting an unbecoming officer, indecent acts and dereliction of duty.

Meester, who had faced a life sentence, received a reprimand and was fined \$2,000.

His mother, Connie Meester, burst into tears and hugged her son's attorney after learning he would be free.

Meester has left the academy and is on extended leave from the Air Force. The service said his status will depend on the type of sentence he received.

Meester entered his plea during a hearing on the day his court-martial was to begin. He was expected to be sentenced during the hearing later Tuesday.

An 18-year-old freshman from Pennsylvania who was in the dorm room has said she passed

out and awoke as Meester raped her, but defense attorneys say she never told him to stop and did not resist after drinking at least six shots of tequila.

She was one of scores of women who came forward to say they had been raped by fellow cadets and had sometimes been punished or ignored by their superiors.

She did not attend Tuesday's hearing but said in a video statement shown in the courtroom that she feels an enormous amount of guilt for letting herself get into a situation like that but she said she knows she never consented to have sex with Meester.

"I have been unable to move on," she said, noting that a trial would have reopened her wounds. She also said she realized a conviction was unlikely.

Meester, his hand shaking as he read a statement, apologized for his actions but insisted that nobody did anything against their will.

"The mere accusation of rape is enough for people to ostracize me," he said.

Meester is attending a university in Florida. Air Force Secretary James Roche declined his request to be allowed to resign from the service rather than face a court-martial.

The woman left the academy after she was threatened with punishment for fraternizing with an upperclassman and for drinking at the party.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### SBC to provide wireless Internet at McDonald's

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — SBC Communications Inc. will soon offer wireless Internet service to go with those fries at McDonald's.

SBC wireless customers will be able to read their e-mail and tap into computer networks with high-speed Internet access at up to 6,000 McDonald's Corp. restaurants by the middle of next year, the phone company said Monday.

Financial terms weren't disclosed.

San Antonio-based SBC said it reached an agreement with Wayport Inc. to let its customers use the Wi-Fi, or wireless fidelity "hot spots" at McDonald's in SBC's 13-state area. Wayport, based in Austin, is building Wi-Fi connections in McDonald's restaurants nationwide.

The deal represents only a fraction of the 30,000 McDonald's restaurants around the world but would greatly expand SBC's Wi-Fi network of about 1,000 hot spots. SBC officials said the McDonald's name, locations and Wi-Fi strategy made the chain an ideal fit.

### Louisiana governor wants soldiers home for July 4

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Gov. Kathleen Blanco asked the public Tuesday for contributions to help bring 3,000 Louisiana soldiers home from Fort Hood, Texas, for the Fourth of July weekend.

Blanco and Major Gen. Bennett Landreneau, with members of the National Guard, sought donations for Operation Independence Day, which will give the 256th Infantry Brigade a "block leave" from July 1-8. The plan will cost \$175,000

for 59 buses and transportation expenses.

Community members, businesses and legislators asked Blanco how they could help with the plan developed through those inquiries.

Coach USA, a charter bus company, offered a half-price discount to help finance the expenses. Blanco said she hopes more bus companies will step forward and give a "generous patriotic gesture."

A toll-free number is available for donations at 1-800-647-3618.