



Franchione dismisses player for assault charges

By Shawn C. Millender
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block of Westover Road at 6:51 a.m. Thursday and arrested Rhodes for a class A misdemeanor assault. Rhodes was released Friday afternoon after posting a \$7,000 bond, police officials said. College Station Police Department spokesman Lt. Mark Langwell said the charge is relatively minor and



RHODES RAMSAY

is usually dependent on the amount of bodily injury inflicted on the victim and the weapon used. A guitar is not listed in the penal code as a deadly weapon. "Although he used a guitar to inflict injuries, the injuries were not serious enough to warrant aggravated assault charges," Langwell said. Ramsay, a former walk-on running back who left the team in the spring, declined medical attention at the scene. If convicted, Rhodes could face a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine. "Ramsay said he was struck with what was left of the guitar after the defendant smashed it against

several objects in the living room while swinging it at him," according to the report. Rhodes was locked in his room when police arrived at the scene. Police kicked in the door and handcuffed him, according to the report. Associate Athletic Director Alan Cannon said Rhodes could be termed a reserve wide receiver. "Most of the time when a player leaves it is unfortunate, but you go to battle with who you've got," Cannon said. A third roommate, walk-on offensive lineman

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Concept approved for new maritime archaeology center

By Emily Guevara
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Aggies Exploring the Depths
A&M's Board of Regents approved a concept proposal to establish the Center for Maritime Archaeology and Conservation.

- The Center would:**
- ◆ Integrate the Institute of Nautical Archaeology with A&M's anthropology and oceanography departments
 - ◆ Provide employment opportunities and research data to students
 - ◆ Allow better pooling of information between the institute and the departments

The Center will require no additional funds

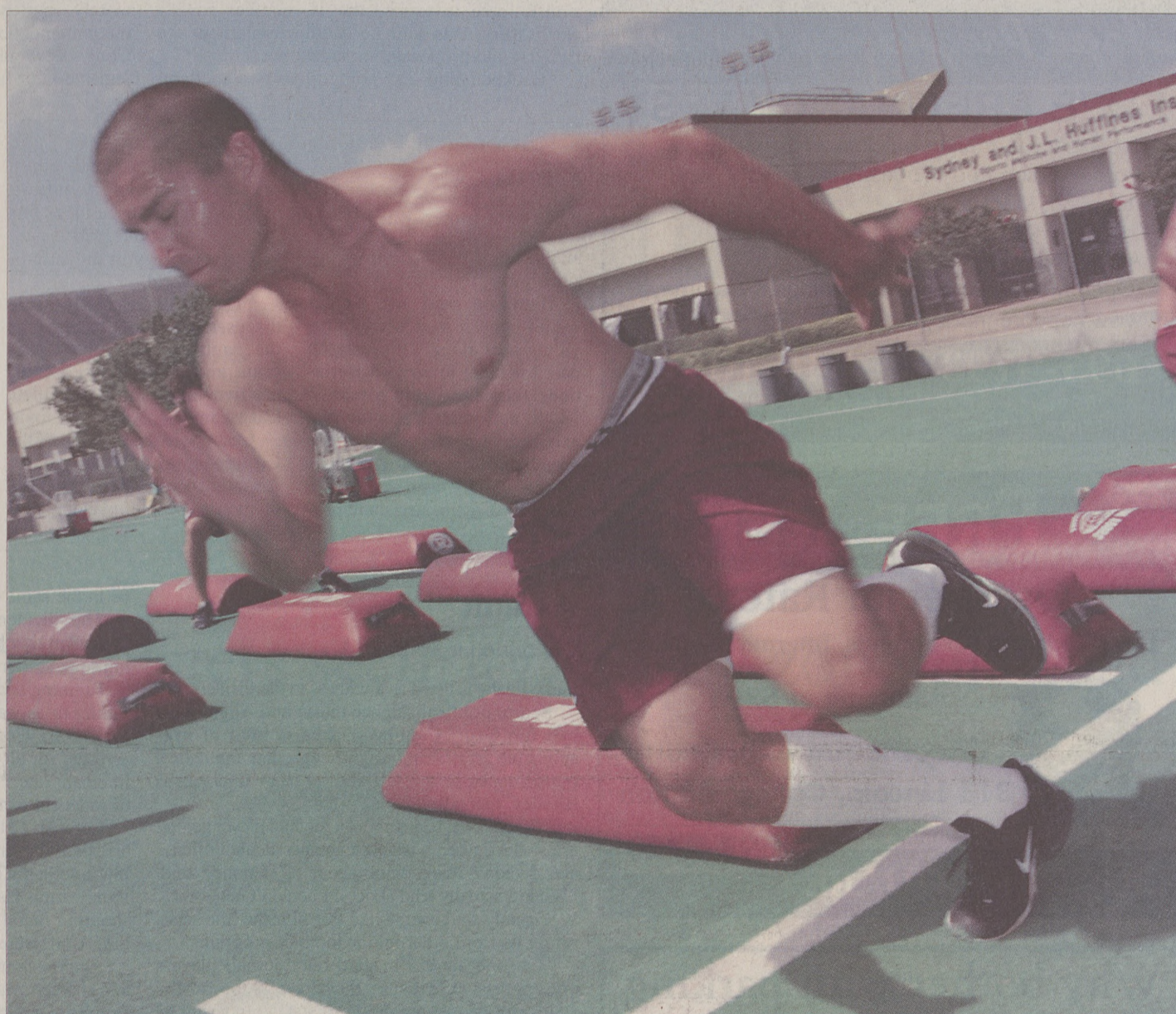


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Texas A&M is already home to the Institute of Nautical Archaeology, a private non-profit research institute that has been

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On the run



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Senior linebacker **Blake Kendrick** runs foot drills at the practice field during a preseason workout for his fifth season with the Texas A&M football team. The

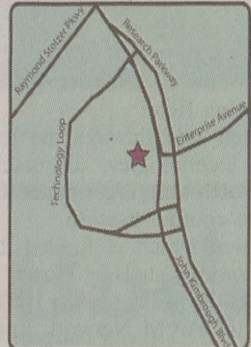
Aggies will be playing the University of Utah on Sept. 2, and the team's first home game will be on Sept. 11 against the University of Wyoming.

VoIP center to come to campus Regents embrace Master Plan

By Kirk Ehlig
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INTERNET2 TECHNOLOGY

A&M and Internet2, a corporate partner of Microsoft Research, signed an agreement to create the first Internet2 Technology Evaluation Center (ITEC).



- ◆ ITEC will focus research on voice over internet protocol, or VoIP
- ◆ The center hopes to advance voice communication beyond regular telephone service
- ◆ ITEC will be housed in the Hewlett-Packard/Schlumberger building in Research Park

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SOURCE: TAMU ITEC

million worth of work done in the first year, will emphasize VoIP, researching the security of VoIP, assurance and the interoperability that guides the Internet2 community.

Magnussen said, VoIP is a technology that

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By Lacy Ledford
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Texas A&M's Campus Master Plan was formally embraced by the Board of Regents Friday. "The Master Plan is a road map for the next 50 years, but is a flexible document that may be updated to reflect current needs," said Vice President for Administration Charles Sippial.

The plan is centered on eight goals articulated by the campus community to reinforce campus identity, reinforce campus community, establish connectivity, create architecture that contributes positively to campus community, promote spatial equity and appropriateness, establish an accessible, pedestrian campus, promote sustainability and develop a supportive process.

Following one year of discussions within the University, design and campus planning teams began their phase of the process. Barnes Gromatzky Kosarek Architects and Michael Dennis and Associates joined to form the core campus planning team, conducting a reconnaissance that gathered information necessary to the planning process.

"In addition, consultants were hired to do work and talk to administrators, faculty, and

student leaders to see what needed to be improved. This process went on for over two years," Sippial said.

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Janet Winniford said there was significant student input involved in the plan.

"There were several students on the Campus Master Plan Steering Committee, representing both undergraduate and graduate students," Winniford said. "We also held lots of open forums at which students could give input."

Sippial said the Master Plan reflects the goals of Vision 2020.

"The Master Plan is the vehicle that will allow the infrastructure to grow in accordance with the campus vision," Sippial said.

There are several options for funding the Campus Master Plan.

"Funding could come from the permanent university fund, designated tuition, gift funds, auxiliary funding or some combination of these," Sippial said.

One policy of the Master Plan "strives to unite Main Campus and West Campus by developing two additional underpasses under Wellborn Road and the railroad. These will be accessible to buses,

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Madrid terror suspect says he wanted to give Spain a lesson

By Mar Roman
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bombings, his Moroccan informant Rafa Zohuier called him to say Jamal Ahmidan had once told him he wanted to blow up the Real Madrid team's Santiago Bernabeu stadium because of Spain's support for the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

Ahmidan, a Moroccan, allegedly bought the explosives that were used in the Madrid attacks, which killed 191 people on March 11. He was one of the suspects who blew themselves up in an apartment on April 3 as special forces prepared to storm it.

Islamist militants with possible links to al-Qaida are blamed for planting 10 backpack bombs on four commuter trains in the attack, which also wounded some 1,600 people.

The conversation between Agent Victor and Zohuier was described in one of the documents presented to the commission Tuesday by Judge Juan del Olmo, who is investigating the attacks.

"It's true," Agent Victor told the parliamentary commission when asked about the conversation in the documents. "At that moment we believed that

he knew people (linked to the attacks) and we immediately gave the information to the Civil Guard terrorism department," the officer said. He added that Zohuier called him because he recognized other suspects close to Ahmidan whose photos appeared in newspapers and wanted to provide police with information.

"He thinks that the Chinese (nickname for Ahmidan) is the main person behind the attacks,"

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