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ranchione dismisses player for assault charges

By Shawn C. Millender THE BATTALION

otball coach Dennis Franchione, who is in Mexico for a coach's clinic, said wide rer Nick Rhodes was dismissed from the team ssaulting a former teammate.

odes declined to comment on the incident at hest of his lawyer.

cording to a police report, Rhodes got into a disover rent money with roommate Luke Ramsay eportedly assaulted his roommate with his fists guitar. Police arrived at the scene on the 1200



RHODES RAMSAY 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

is usually dependent on the amount of bodily injury several objects in the living room while swinging 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

On the run

Rhodes was locked in his room when police arrived at the scene. Police kicked in the door and handcuffed him, according to the report.

it at 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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ight is By Emily Guevara THE BATTALION

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ma Southey accepted our concept, ng us the authority to proceed our planning," said Charles son, dean of the College of

ral Arts. full proposal will be presenta subsequent board meeting that is when the board will on whether or not to esish the Center, said Donny nilton, president of the Nau-Archaeology Institute. amilton said the first thing Board of Regents wanted to w was how much the Center

he Center would unite the ropology department, the Inte of Nautical Archaeology, the oceanography departt in research endeavors and 569 ld need no additional facili-No added funding would be led either, Hamilton said.

A Center for Maritime would be an organized arch unit within the Unisity and College of Liberal " Johnson said.

Aggies Exploring the Depths

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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



RUBEN DELUNA . THE BATTALION Source: DONNY HAMILTON, PRESIDENT, INSTITUTE OF NAUT. ARCH. CHARLES JOHNSON, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

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



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a preseason workout for his fifth season with the Texas A&M football team. The home game will be on Sept. 11 against the University of Wyoming

Senior linebacker Blake Kendrick runs foot drills at the practice field during Aggies will be playing the University of Utah on Sept. 2, and the team's first

oIP center to come to campus Regents embrace Master Plan

By Kirk Ehlig THE BATTALION

September 2004 Texas A&M will have a center that will evaluate Internet2 technology, an emphasis on Voice over Internet Protocol IP). The center will be located at Research Park e Hewlett-Packard/Schlumberger building.

Internet2 is a collaboration of 206 universithat are working together to provide advanced met infrastructure," said Walt Magnussen, dior of telecommunications for A&M.

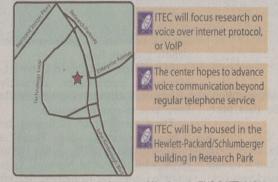
Internet2 is working in partnership with intry and government to develop and deploy anced network applications and technologies, lerating the creation of tomorrow's Internet," Tiffany Inbody, Communications Coordinafor the Vice President of Research at A&M. The network A&M is a part of, called Internet2 hnology Evaluation Center (ITECs), is connecto ITEC-Ohio at Ohio State University, NC-ITEC North Carolina State University's Centennial pus and San Diego Supercomputing Center.

hese research centers are connected with the pose of sharing communication-based research rmation through the Internet.

&M's ITEC, which is anticipated to have \$1

INTERNET2 TECHNOLOGY

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



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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 THE BATTALION

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.

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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

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MADRID, Spain — A Moroccan who was one he prime suspects in the Madrid train bombations once told a police informant that he wanted to v up Madrid's biggest soccer stadium because ain needed a lesson," a paramilitary officer tesed to a parliamentary commission on Tuesday. Civil Guard officer identified only as Agent tor said that on March 16, shortly after the

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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