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## 4 Admit 'Bombing,' Receive Suspensions

Four freshman cadets have admitted setting the explosion that rocked the Cadet Corps area early Tuesday and have been suspended by the university today.

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan said the youths signed statements admitting their roles

in igniting a box of plastic-type explosives in the Corps dormitory area.

The 2 a.m. blast shattered 31 windows in four dormitories. Walter H. Parsons Jr., director of the Physical Plant, estimated the damage at \$2,325. No injuries

were reported.

Dean Hannigan identified the students as Christopher R. Tully, 18, nuclear engineering major from Canyon; Stephen D. Cervantes of Port Isabel, 18, majoring in marine transportation; William K. Chambless, 19, aerospace engineering major from Hobbs, N.M., and James D. Huntington, 18, electrical engineering major from Snyder.

The dean said the youths will have a right to appeal the suspension before the university's faculty-staff Appeals Committee.

Dean Hannigan noted there had been some speculation the incident might have been the work of anti-ROTC individuals.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," he observed, noting that all the students were members of the Corps, "and we are very pleased to find that our record of strong support for ROTC remains unblemished."

"We cannot imagine anyone being so stupid as to bring explosives onto the campus," the dean remarked, "and we're glad we are not going to have these stupid individuals with us any longer, endangering the lives of other students."

Assistant Campus Security Chief Morris A. Maddox credited members of the Corps of Cadets with providing the key information leading to the identity of the four youths.

Maddox said the cadets related the information to their civilian advisers, who in turn worked with campus security officers.

Officers said Tutty told them that he and Cervantes were the ones who ignited the explosives.

The officers said Tully also informed them that he and Chambless, his roommate, experimented with the explosives Saturday in a field south of College Station.

He said they conducted four test firings, with no damage other than flying dirt.

Maddox said the explosives had been stored in Huntington's car. Tully told officers he obtained the explosives last summer near Canyon.

A&M officials confiscated all remaining explosives.

The explosion, set off at the base of a tree between Dormitories 1 and 2, shattered glass from more than 200 feet away.

Two eight-foot tall windows, one in each of the two recently completed lounges nearest the explosion, were damaged. One was cracked at the base and the other, completely blown out.

Most of the damaged windows were on the third and fourth floors. Dormitory 1 had 14 windows blown out and Dorm 2 had 11 windows shattered. Farther away, Dorms 3 and 4 each had two windows broken.



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The ranks of this Rider Collee ROTC class are brightened by a female addition, Jean Ann Sarnowski. The 20-year-old senior did not let her preference for peace candidates prevent her from joining the student military. (AP Wirephoto)

## Room Shortage Is Now Over, Madeley Says

The student housing problem at Texas A&M has been solved, according to Housing Manager Allan M. Madeley.

Students were placed on a waiting list for dormitory space in August, he said, and most have been assigned rooms.

Madeley noted that only 50 names remained on the list when the Housing Office began assigning rooms on a first come, first served basis last Wednesday.

"Most of these students never came in and some may not even be registered," Madeley said. "Only three people have checked with this office in the past two weeks."

"We will have vacancies throughout the year, he said, and they will be assigned to the first persons who apply. We don't

really expect to assign too many more rooms, however."

He said that most of the students who had been on the waiting list have applied for day student permits and are living off campus.

Some of these have sub-let apartments or trailers, he added. A check of College Station motels showed no students registered.

A check on available dorm space is scheduled for today and any empty rooms will be assigned beginning Thursday. The number of rooms, if any, is uncertain, Madeley said.

Applications for rooms will be taken by civilian counselors Kirby Blevins, Robert Chapman, Larry Rice, Jack Thomas and Don Williams.

## Band Will Debut for '69-70 At Texas Tech Saturday

The trumpet fanfare "recall" of the "Aggie War Hymn" Saturday in Lubbock will herald the first of the Fighting Texas Aggie Band's six football game appearances in 1969.

The sound and precision half-time performance for which the Aggie Band is renowned will be presented by 287 cadets, the largest group assembled by director Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, dean of Southwest Conference directors.

"This will be the largest group marched by the band in my 24 seasons," commented Adams, who

will send 279 members in 23 12-man ranks onto Jones Stadium turf for the 7:30 p.m. A&M-Texas Tech game halftime performance.

An eight-bus caravan will depart College Station at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, have a lunch stop in Abilene and arrive in Lubbock at 4 p.m. The evening meal will be with the West Texas A&M Club at the Lubbock National Guard Armory near Jones Stadium.

The band will move into the stadium at 6:30. Departure will

be immediately after the game, with arrival back at College Station at about 5 a.m. Sunday.

West Texans may recognize several members of the military organization. Maroon Band Commander Richard G. Sanchez' home is San Angelo and 37 others come from West Texas, the Panhandle or neighboring parts of New Mexico.

The Tech game performance will be one of the Aggie Band's latest starts, due to A&M playing its first five games on the road.

## Fish Involved In TCU Affair Now Identified

The A&M freshmen who grabbed two Texas Christian University coed cheerleaders during last Thursday's Fish-Wogs football game have been identified by the Commandant's Office.

"The responsible ones have been identified," Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant, said this morning, "and appropriate disciplinary action is being initiated."

McCoy declined to give the names of the freshmen because, he said, he could see no reason for doing so. He also refused to say what "appropriate disciplinary action" was, claiming that the information did not need to be made public.

The incident occurred last Thursday when the freshmen grabbed the cheerleaders, lifted them up, and tried to carry them away.

The girls, kicking and screaming, were released by the students, all clad in Cadet Corps uniforms, after about 15 more cadets ran from their seats in the stands and ordered the group to put the cheerleaders down.

## Trash Service Criticized By College View Residents

By Tim Searson

Complaints about garbage collection being too infrequent and the number of disposal units being too few have been made by the residents of student apartments in College View and Hensel.

"Come see for yourself," said Mrs. Peter Kersting, whose husband is a senior industrial technology major from Waco. "The smell is irritating and the area around the trash cans is thick with flies. The view from our front window is one of 40 full garbage cans."

The Kerstings live in College View, where most of the complaints seemed to originate.

Another resident of College View, Kenneth R. Wilkin, senior agricultural journalism major from Bossier City, La., said, "I believe garbage is supposed to be collected five days a week, but it's more like three or four times. This is especially bad in our

building because two families must share the same trash can."

Charles C. Haltom, student apartment manager, said collection in College View is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Collection for Hensel is made every Tuesday and Thursday, he said.

"I had no idea that there have been any complaints," said Haltom. "Naturally there was a build-up during September when new residents were moving in, but on my daily tours through the areas I haven't noticed any problem areas."

However, students in Hensel, such as Owen C. Hofer, chemistry graduate student from Bridge-water, S. D., believe more frequent collection is needed.

"We either need more trash cans in Hensel or more collection days than the two we have now," said Hofer. "I must admit that garbage collection has improved from the situation of last year,

though." Students living in the new buildings in College View also have their complaints.

"More trash cans are needed for our building," said William K. Ohlmeyer, senior architecture construction major from Yazoo City, Miss. "Twelve families must share six cans and it sometimes isn't enough. However, one good point is the construction of pens which keep the cans out of sight and improve the looks of the area."

Haltom mentioned that in some cases residents have not used receptacles in the area and he has had to employ utility workers to police for loose paper. He felt that the work they had done in keeping the garbage rack clean was commendable.

"If there are any complaints," said Haltom, "they should be made to the Student Apartment Office so that we will be made aware of any problems."

## Students and Faculty Give Their Views

# Computer Registration A 'Monstrosity,' A 'Blessing'

By Dale Foster  
Battalion Staff Writer

Three things used to be sure bets for Aggies: taxes, death, and long registration lines. Gone now are the lines and along with them one of Cadet Slouch's annual gripes.

In their place is something called computer registration, accompanied by a multitude of complaints and alternately called a "monstrosity" and a "blessing" by faculty, staff, and students.

Director of Registration, Schedules, and Space Don Carter noted that there were unanticipated problems since this was the first time for fully automated registration to be used for a fall term. The system was initially applied in January of this year.

Despite the obvious "bugs" of the new registration method, the consensus of 25 faculty and staff members interviewed was that the faults are temporary and can be worked out in due time.

"Maybe . . . in the next ten years," one professor emphasized as a footnote.

A secretary in the Registrar's

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"On the side of Texas A&M."

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Office believed the basic problem was a matter of not understanding the system.

"At the moment, we have more questions from students than under the old system," she said. "In time, they will understand the process better, and we will be able to explain it better, too."

The biggest objection of the faculty seemed to be that they were not informed enough on registration progress in other departments.

"When I sign up a boy, I don't know what sections are full in other departments," noted one faculty member. "Because of this, the computer will reject the student's entire curriculum, and we have to start over from scratch."

Most of the praise for the computer system came in the form of comments on the advantages it provides for students.

Being able to pre-register allows the student additional time at the end of the summer before he comes back to school. He already knows what his courses are and what sections he has been placed in.

New students, who couldn't pre-register at the designated time in the spring, were also able to avoid the last minute rush by pre-registering at summer

orientation conferences, as 2,300 did. All students have more time to counsel with their faculty advisers on choice of subjects.

A departmental secretary added that with computer registration, students have an equal chance to receive a particular course and section.

"Because of the random selection of the computer," she said, "the system is totally unbiased."

Consequently, the impartial assignment of courses spawns another big complaint about "too much fairness."

"Uniform approach should be made throughout the University to the order of registration, with first priority given to graduate students and seniors, next to juniors, then sophomores, and finally freshmen," noted one faculty adviser.

The sentiment for a system of priorities was echoed by a graduate student and part-time instructor who felt that the rejection of a course line-up by the computer could conceivably delay the graduation of a student.

"The priority by class could be achieved by running packets through the computer in order of class, thus giving those with the least time remaining the first

shot at limited courses," he theorized.

Carter nullified the possibility of a graduation delay by explaining that the registration limit of a particular course could be raised or the student's faculty adviser could allow him to substitute a course.

A few instructors also felt that priority could be given within each class according to grade point ratio.

Most staff members interviewed believed that a method could be established to permit students to submit preferences for class schedules. The computer would be programmed to follow the student's preferred schedule as long as space remains.

"At present, the student has absolutely no choice of when he takes a class or which instructor he gets," commented an adviser.

"With the approval of his dean on the basis of a letter from his employer, a student is presently allowed a choice of sections if he works," the registration director said in reference to priority

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