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## Yell leader's huddle

The Texas A&M yell leaders huddle up after the post-game yell practice Saturday. The Aggies lost to the Oklahoma State Cowboys 34-15. For details of the game turn to page 9.

## Lebanon announces ceasefire

**United Press International**  
BEIRUT — Lebanon announced Sunday a cease-fire with Syrian-backed rebels would take effect on all fronts early Monday, but a final bombardment sent shells crashing into army positions, Christian suburbs and the U.S. Marine base.

One Marine was wounded in the bombardment unleashed hours before the truce was to go into effect on all fronts at 6 a.m. Monday (midnight EDT Sunday). Two others were wounded in fighting before a scheduled cease-fire that never took hold.

"After a long series of gentlemanly negotiations we have arrived at a solution in the middle of our pain and wounds and we can say to all Lebanese that a cease-fire has been agreed on for 6 a.m.," Prime Minister Chefik Wazzan said.

The cease-fire announcement came at the end of the 22nd day of fighting in the war between Druze Moslem militiamen and Lebanese soldiers in the mountains overlooking Beirut.

Figures compiled by the Red Cross and other relief agencies showed more than 700 people died in the latest spate of civil warfare and 2,500 were wounded.

Four U.S. marines attached to Lebanon's multinational peace-keeping force were killed and 35 others were wounded in the weeks of strife, which saw U.S. warships bombard Druze Moslem positions in support of Lebanese troops.

U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon said the truce agreement called for restraint in the hours before the weapons were officially silenced, but

the final barrages pounded the U.S. Marine base in the south of the capital.

One Marine was slightly wounded Sunday by artillery attacks and continuing rocket fire kept U.S. forces on Condition 1 maximum alert throughout the evening.

Two other Marines were injured earlier in the day in fighting with the Shiite Moslem militia surrounding their base. One was wounded by shrapnel and one by a sniper's bullet.

A statement read on official Beirut radio after Wazzan's speech said the cease-fire would take effect on all fronts.

All warring factions were mentioned in the agreement, and the official statement called for neutral observers to monitor the cease-fire. Addressing one of the key prob-

lems facing a nation that has known war for eight years, the statement said the government would facilitate the return of all refugees since 1975 to their original homes.

The agreement was announced after a new round of talks in Damascus between a Saudi mediator, Prince Bandar Bin Sultan, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam and Druze leader Walid Jumblatt.

A cease-fire scheduled to take effect at 9.30 p.m. (3.30 p.m. EDT) Sunday was "totally ineffective," in the words of senior Gemayel aide Ghassam Tuani.

The truce agreement followed contacts by U.S. and Saudi negotiators during the day with the Lebanese government's opponents to reach a compromise over who would be included in the post-cease-fire national reconciliation talks.

## Hoping to combine strengths

# UT, A&M administrators meet to discuss academic cooperation

by Michelle Powe

**Battalion Staff**  
Texas A&M and the University of Texas have begun meetings to open lines of communication between the two universities and discuss ways they can cooperate in academics.

Administrators from both universities have met about once a month since about the first of the year.

Texas A&M System Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen says the administrators of both schools "are still just getting to know each other right now," and exploring ways the two schools can combine and play to each others' strengths.

"Texas A&M and UT are the two flagship universities of the

state," Hansen said, "and if we can work together and cooperate, everybody gains."

UT System Chancellor E.D. Walker said the goal of the meetings is to establish a good working relationship between the two schools and enable the schools to combine their strengths but not "violate the integrity of either university."

Hansen and Walker stress that both schools could benefit academically and financially by combining resources. The joint utilization of facilities "permits us to develop programs which individually we could not support," Walker said.

One such program that Texas A&M and UT are considering for joint support is a telecom-

munications network between the two schools.

Texas A&M and UT also are finalizing negotiations for a joint marine operation. Walker said the two schools would be cooperating in marine sciences and not competing. Instead of both schools using ships in Galveston or Port Aransas, Walker suggested, they could share one for research.

As far as projects already accomplished — the two schools, working together — succeeded in striking a deal with the Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corp. this summer. MCC, headquartered in Austin, is conducting more than \$50 million in research.

Bobby Ray Inmar, MCC's chief executive officer and president, said MCC plans to "draw off of UT and Texas A&M" for manpower and other needs.

The schools' administrators also have discussed sharing expenses on study abroad programs. Hansen said if only a handful of students from Texas A&M and UT are studying in another country, the two schools could save money if they shared resources on such things as living accommodations for students.

Walker said there is no specific list of administrators used during the meetings. New items come up and are discussed at every meeting, he says.

## A&M lecturer suffers stroke

William M. Reed, an electrical engineering lecturer at Texas A&M, died of a stroke Thursday morning in a Houston hospital.

Reed, 50, was a member of the Class of '54. He was cadet wing commander in 1953-'54 and the Ross Volunteers commander and a distinguished Corps of Cadets graduate in 1954.

Born in San Antonio, Reed served in the U.S. Air Force for 23 years before retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel and moving to Bryan six years ago.

Reed is survived by his wife, Mary Jo Reed; his two daughters, Patricia Anne Reed and Deborah Susan Armstrong Reed; and two nephews.

Dr. W.B. Jones Jr., head of the electrical engineering department, said that all of Reed's classes will meet as scheduled this week.

## Artist's interest mixes art with architecture

by Kathy Wiesepe

**Battalion Staff**  
When the temperature reaches into the 90s and the muggy air settles over the Texas A&M campus like a hot sticky blanket, most people head for the relief of air-conditioned buildings. But Houston artist Steve Besselman stays in his lawn chair in front of the Academic Building, no matter how hot it gets, with his sketch pad on his lap and his tackle box by his side.

Besselman has a good incentive. Former Texas A&M student Richard Bischoff is paying him a \$5,000 commission for his pencil drawing of the Academic Building.

Bischoff, Class of '70, is the president of Universal Services, a construction company in Houston. He says the drawing will hang in the conference room of his new office building, which is scheduled to be completed in January. When the building opens for the first time, he said, the finished drawing will be unveiled.

Meanwhile, Besselman sketches from 9 a.m. until dark. Dressed in shorts and a short-sleeved knit shirt, he says the heat doesn't really bother him. Working outdoors is one of the favorite parts of his job. He hates working from photographs in a studio, he says.

"The fascination of doing the art is the experience of being out here like this," he says.

Besselman primarily does pencil drawings of architecture, especially historical buildings. St. Charles, Mo., his home town, has a number of beautiful old buildings, he says, and that's where his interest in combining art and architecture began.

He's loved art all his life, he says, even though he never took any formal lessons. But until six years ago drawing was just a hobby. He received his degree in restaurant management from the University of Michigan and studied for two additional years in Frankfurt, Germany.

"So, after I get my education," he says, "I know how to run a restaurant,



Houston artist Steve Besselman works on his drawings in front of the Academic Building

but I'm not particularly excited about it."

Besselman says he used his drawing to vent his frustrations with his career. Ironically, he says, he was fired for trying to move up too fast, for being too vocal and aggressive. So he gave up the restaurant business and turned to art.

"This hobby of mine, which has turned into my career, is wonderful," he says. "This is heaven come true."

Besselman exhibits his work in the Sportsman's Gallery and the Du Bose Gallery, which he says are the two most prestigious galleries in Houston.

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## Regents to vote on building plan

by Karen Schrimsher

**Battalion Staff**  
The Texas A&M Board of Regents will vote Tuesday on the approval of several items including preliminary plans for a \$19 million chemistry building.

The building, which will be on the corner of Ross and Spence streets, would house all undergraduate educational laboratories with the exception of the large freshman chemistry program.

Representatives of Pierce Goodwin Alexander of Houston, an engineering firm, told the planning and building committee Sunday that their building design would add 116,000 square feet of laboratory, classroom and office space to the existing chemistry facilities. Still, there was a controversy over whether the proposed building would be large enough.

Dr. Joseph Natowitz, head of the chemistry department, said the proposed number of six classrooms is smaller than he would like. "We had hoped to put in a building that would do away with night labs," he said.

The money appropriated for the project was insufficient, and there will be a few laboratory classes scheduled at night if the preliminary design is used.

If the board approves the design, the building could be occupied by the fall of 1986.

Also discussed were plans for exterior repairs and renovations of the married student housing apartments on College Avenue. The apartments were built in 1974 at a cost of \$2,770,000. They have leaky ceilings, faulty balconies, and rain-warped exterior covering. The proposed re-

novations will cost an estimated \$975,000.

Other proposals presented to the committee were:

- Bids for approximately \$2 million worth of modifications on the Veterinary Medical Complex. Three laboratories are to be renovated, and additional laboratory furniture, and equipment will be purchased.

- Bids for a nursing facility at Prairie View A&M University.

- Bids for an Agricultural Engineering Research Laboratory to replace the metal shop which burned in Dec. 1982.

- Requirements for a new stallion barn at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

- The renovation of the Animal Industries Building for use by the range science department. The physical plant plans to spend \$194,000 to make repairs, buy laboratory equipment, and turn the slaughter room into four classrooms.

- The appropriation for a Tarleton State University central receiving warehouse, and preliminary design for physical education and intramural facilities.

- The appropriation of \$150,000 for 35 microcomputers for the expansion of the Dick Smith Library at Tarleton State University.

A proposal to establish a chair in floral design to honor the late M. "Buddy" Benz, Class of '32, was presented to the committee for academic campuses by President Frank E. Vandiver.

## Tentative speakers for SCONA set

by David Manning

**Battalion Reporter**  
Five top television commentators and executives, a Harvard law professor and a U.S. senator are among the possible speakers for the annual Student Conference on National Affairs in February.

Former CBS President Fred Friendly, former CBS anchorman Walter Cronkite, Harvard Law School professor and television host Arthur Miller, co-host of PBS' McNeill-Lehrer Report Jim Lehrer and U.S. Senator John Tower tentatively are scheduled to address the 29th annual SCONA conference.

Alan Hill, SCONA chairman, said the tentative topic of the four-day conference is "The Media and Its Influence on Society." Since 1984 is an election year, he said, the media will play a crucial part in the state and national political battles.

"Since the topic of the media is so broad, the final topic will not be determined until the speakers are confirmed," Hill said.

Senator John Tower, R-Texas, who has announced he won't seek reelection in 1984, is being sought to discuss the media's responsibility in

reporting on domestic affairs and legislation.

Hill said SCONA and the department of business administration have convinced Ted Turner, owner of WTBS-Atlanta, to attend the conference. Turner said parts of the conference possibly could be televised on his nationwide cable station.

Although SCONA has received statewide media coverage in the past, Hill said, Turner's offer to broadcast the event nationwide via cable television would be a good way for Texas A&M to receive national attention.

Cronkite, Friendly, Miller and Lehrer also have been contacted; but none have made commitments, Hill said.

Hill said this year's SCONA budget will be about \$100,000 which is \$15,000 more than last year's budget. SCONA's funds come sources outside of the University such as small businesses, large corporations and former students, Hill said. It's the SCONA members' responsibility to raise the money necessary for the program, he said.

"The money we raise pays speakers and covers housing and meal expenses for more than 200 delegates from other universities who visit our conference," Hill said.

SCONA 29 will be held on campus Feb. 15-18.

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## Forecast

Warm today with temperatures approaching the upper 80s. Cooler and clear tonight with a low of 69.

A&M a popular stop for birds

bird problem became apparent during the winter of 1977-78. Then came the present model, even on an away-game weekend.



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