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Go Rev!

Reveille shows her feelings for the Rice mascot Saturday at the Texas A&M vs. Rice football game.

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Marines killed by explosions

BEIRUT, Lebanon — At least 146 U.S. Marines and 27 French troops were killed Sunday by terrorists who crashed two trucks packed with thousands of pounds of explosives into a Marine headquarters and a French peace-keeping post three miles away.

The suicide attacks by two drivers wounded at least 69 other Marines and 12 French peacekeepers. It was the heaviest loss of life in a single incident involving U.S. servicemen since the Vietnam War.

A previously unknown group calling itself the Free Islamic Revolution Movement claimed responsibility for the simultaneous pre-dawn attacks in a telephone call to the Beirut office of the Agence France Presse news agency.

Massive explosions a minute apart destroyed both buildings, crushing hundreds of sleeping Marines and French paratroopers beneath tons of burning rubble.

Maj. Robert Jordan, Marines spokesman in Beirut, said between 200 and 300 people were trapped inside the wreckage when the bomb exploded.

"I have not seen carnage like this since Vietnam," said Jordan, a veteran of the Southeast Asia conflict.

In Washington, President Reagan denounced the bombing as "a despicable act" and said the U.S. peacekeeping force would not be driven out of Lebanon. He summoned an emergency meeting of his security advisers.

"This kind of thing just hardens our resolve, and we will continue to do what we came here to do, and that is provide assistance for a free and independent Lebanon," Marine Commander in Beirut Col. Timothy Geraghty said.

There are 1,600 Marines based in Lebanon along with French, Italian and British troops as part of a multinational peacekeeping force.

Minority graduate enrollment rises

by Bonnie Langford

Battalion Staff
Minority enrollment in Texas A&M's Graduate College rose by 26.3 percent this fall, compared to an overall graduate student increase of 8 percent.

Minorities account for 360 — 5.98 percent — of the 6,212 graduate students.

Jack Ivin, who is in charge of recruiting for the Graduate College, says this increase is due to active recruiting by Texas A&M.

One of the reasons Texas A&M is so interested in recruiting minorities is because the Texas Education Plan has set a steadily increasing quota for the number of minority students in college.

Ivin says that having to admit a required number of minority students has caused no problems for Texas A&M — it has helped instead. The need for more minority students was a factor in obtaining the money needed to offer the Minority Merit Fellowship, he says.

"The fellowship was offered for the first time last fall and we had 15 recipients," Ivin says. "We hope to have 18 recipients this year."

All of the minority fellows had Graduate Record Exam scores that were higher than average, he says.

Ivin says recruiting here has improved. Texas A&M has had only a centralized point to recruit from for the last four years. Though each separate school in the Graduate College may still do its own recruiting, most recruiting is done at the University level by Ivin.

Ivin says that Texas A&M is the only school in Texas to recruit at 30 other colleges.

"The faculty team visits schools in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana," he says. "Though

the schedule is not planned for all minority schools, we do visit many that are predominately minority, such as Prairie View, Texas A&I, Southern University, Wiley College and Xavier."

The Graduate College also uses the Minority Locating Service to help find interested students. Texas A&M receives a list of college students in 15 southern states who have indicated they would like to attend graduate school, he says. These students are sent letters from the Graduate College and also from the individual colleges in which they are interested, he says.

One of the colleges here that actively recruits is the College of Business Administration.

Dr. Ronald Johnson, who is in charge of recruiting for the college, says that it does campus recruiting with the Graduate College and also on its own.

Representatives from the business college attend the national Master of Business Administration forums. Five forums are held in major cities during the fall.

"It's like a career fair," says Johnson. "MBA programs from 110 schools are there. Last year approximately 20 percent of the 8,000 students there were minorities."

The business college also is a member of the Minority Admissions Recruiting Network, Johnson says.

"Schools like Yale, Purdue, Dartmouth and Georgia Tech also belong to MARN," he says.

When a student contacts MARN about information, he says, that student's name is sent to all the member schools so they can send him information about their program.

Research

A&M leads state, ranks in top 20 nationally in spending

Editor's note: This is the first in a five-part series on research at Texas A&M.

by Michelle Powe and Wanda Winkler

Battalion Staff

Texas A&M has topped the \$100 million mark in research funding for the first time — an increase of nearly 12 million from the previous year. Texas A&M spent about \$104 million in research during the 1982-1983 fiscal year, which ended in August, and leads the state in such expenditures. Last year Texas A&M accounted for 41 percent of all research spending by Texas colleges and universities.

The National Science Foundation ranked Texas A&M among the top 20 institutions nationally in research spending.

Feenan D. Jennings, director of the Office of University Research, anticipates that research at Texas A&M is going to increase a great deal more over the next few years.

He says Texas A&M is still a "youngster" in research, having only concentrated in the field for the last 10 to 15 years, but is now expanding its reach.

He says the University is actively

recruiting people involved in research and trying to expand its graduate college.

If Texas A&M increases its research, he says, it is going to need, and is going to be able to attract, more graduate students.

The director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, Harry Whitmore, says if anything has limited the growth of Texas A&M and its research in the past it has been a lack of graduate students.

But problems with the economy and difficulties with finding jobs now are causing many students to stay in school and get graduate degrees, he says.

To deal with the increase in research at Texas A&M, Jennings says the administration has created a new position — assistant provost for research — which will be filled within the next few months.

Jennings says the position will be the focal point for research at the University. He says the job requirements will include finding new sources of research funding and convincing the Texas Legislature that research is beneficial and necessary for them.

"Research is an important part of teaching, in addition to being good

for the state," he says. "If we don't think enough of research to have someone high up in the (University's) administration to speak for it, then we can't complain about it."

Texas A&M also has new research endeavors which the University expects to bring more money and more recognition to the school.

The University expects to receive nearly \$30 million this year from a major deep ocean drilling research project that is moving to Texas A&M from California.

William Merrell, Jr., dean of geosciences, says Texas A&M has been selected by the National Science Foundation to be the principle science operator of the Ocean Drilling Program.

Merrell says drilling is expected to begin in October 1984.

In addition to 10 U.S. universities, Japan, Germany, England and France are involved in the program, which Merrell says probably is the largest anywhere.

"It (the program) is going to put A&M on as a major player in science," he said.

The program will be centered at Texas A&M's industrial park, which

will be on the University's west campus land.

Texas A&M also is trying to build a reputation for research in fields that traditionally have been less research-oriented.

Last year, the College of Liberal Arts tripled the amount of money it spent on research the previous year, increasing from \$490,000 to nearly \$1.7 million. The College of Business Administration doubled its research spending, from about \$140,000 to nearly \$280,000.

These colleges traditionally are less established in research than Texas A&M's colleges of agriculture and engineering.

The College of Agriculture and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station continued to lead the way last year accounting for nearly half of the total research spending at Texas A&M.

Together, the two spent nearly \$51 million in research last year. The College of Engineering, the Texas Engineering Experiment Station and the Texas Transportation Institute combined were second, spending nearly \$29 million. The College of Science was next, with \$9 million.

Story of rescue attempt was fake

Polygraph catches cadet's lie

by Wanda Winkler

Battalion Staff

Membership in the Corps of Cadets has become shaky for a junior, Clarence "Buddy" Brown, who recently broke the Aggie code of honor — "Aggies do not lie, cheat or steal or tolerate those who do."

Brown, after taking a polygraph test Friday, admitted to University Police that he fabricated a story about saving a woman from being attacked by three men, Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic, said.

Brown said Sunday that "chances are really good that I (he) will leave the Corps voluntarily." He said he also may leave Texas A&M.

Brown, a health and physical education major, said it would be unfair for people to stereotype the Corps by his actions.

"There wouldn't be a Corps if you had a hand full of them (cadets) like me."

Cadets who lie are usually kicked out of the Corps, Preston Abbott, Corps Commander, said. The acting Commandant of Cadets, Col. Henry Hill, will decide what action to take in Brown's case, Abbott said Sunday.

Brown's actions went from making the Corps look good to making it look bad, he said.

"That's the major thing we try to combat all year," Abbott said. "If he (Brown) lied, to me he should be shot."

Wiatt said the polygraph test "showed great areas of deception" and provided the missing pieces to a five-day police investigation of Brown's Oct. 16 report of being assaulted with a weapon in the student parking lot west of Wellborn Road.

Brown originally told police and the press that he heard a woman scream and saw that one of the three

men had the woman pinned up against a parked car. He said the woman escaped during the five-minute fight, and the three men fled.

"I honestly thought she (the woman) was in trouble," Brown said Sunday. But he realized he had interrupted a boyfriend-girlfriend argument when two of the men knocked and pinned him to the ground.

"I was trying to help, but I was obviously at the wrong place at the wrong time," he said. "I tried to cover up (with a story) because I was totally embarrassed about the whole thing."

University Police Chief Elmer E. Schneider Jr. said the polygraph was used to clarify variations in Brown's description of the reported crime scene.

Schneider said police found a layer of dust on the car where Brown said a man had pinned the woman. University Police said they could not under-

stand why the woman (from Brown's report) had not come forward.

Wiatt said the reported knife or razor cuts on Brown's face and forearm probably were made by a long fingernail, before the four walked away from the scene.

Brown said the "five or six nicks" on his stomach were made from "rocks (on the ground) and a few blows that one guy landed on me."

Brown, a Guardian Angel trainee, said he resigned Friday night from the Bryan-College Station chapter of the crime-fighting organization.

University Police will not press criminal charges against Brown, Wiatt said. Brown could have been charged with giving a false report to a police officer — a Class A misdemeanor with punishment up to a year in prison and a \$2,000 fine, he said.

"I guess he (Brown) wanted to be a hero," Wiatt said. "He didn't quite pull it off."

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forecast



Sunny and warm with a high in the 80s.

Voting today for freshman class officers

Freshman senator and class officer elections will be held today.

Voting is in the Pavilion and the main lounge of the Memorial Student Center.

Pat Wood, election commissioner, said freshmen should bring their Texas A&M I.D. cards when they come to vote.

"Their card will be punched at the first desk and they will be given back their card and a ballot," Wood said. "There will be tables they can sit at and vote and when they are finished, they will drop the ballot in a ballot box."

Wood said he would like to see the freshmen get involved with activities that involve their class officers and Student Senate.

"The most important thing to remember is that this is the whole campus' elections and not just some certain groups," Wood said.