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9991 hotline is only one of emergency services

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This is the first of a three-part series on emergency care services at Texas A&M.

Aggies don't know where to call for help or what kind of help to call for in an emergency, says David Phillips, chief of ambulance operations at Texas A&M.

To help solve that problem, the University in August 1981 installed a four-digit emergency number to call in case of any emergency on University property.

By dialing 9911, a person in need of help anywhere on University property — not just the central campus — will be connected with an operator who will contact the proper authorities. Operators are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, even when the University is closed.

But many people are unaware of the number or are using it incorrectly, Phillips said.

The idea behind the system is that people now only have to memorize one phone number in case of an emergency, instead of separate numbers for the police, fire station or hospital. Critical time can be saved by having only one number, thus lessening confusion.

Phillips said that not knowing the right number to call can — and often does — result in unnecessary and critical delays.

He said many people think the first 9 of the number 9911 dials an outside line, so they ignore the first digit and dial 911 — the emergency number for the City of College Station. The emergency number for Texas A&M is 9911.

If someone on University property

Emergency first aid suggestions

Here is what the Emergency Care Team suggests you do if you come across the scene of an accident:

- Call 9911 for help.
- Don't move the victim.

David Phillips, chief of ambulance operations at Texas A&M says people often move accident victims to make them more comfortable, get them off a playing field or get them out of a wrecked car. "Cars almost never blow up," Phillips said, and moving the victim can intensify injuries.

- If a person is having a seizure, don't try to restrain him; move furniture and anything that could harm him out of the way.

- Don't try to put anything in his mouth. You could get your fingers bitten off or break the victim's jaw, Phillips said.

- If the victim wakes up, try to make him stay until help arrives.

- If the victim is bleeding heavily, apply direct pressure to the wound. DO NOT apply a tourniquet under any circumstances.

calls 911 for an ambulance they will get the College Station operator. The operator will call the College Station Fire Department, which, in turn, may call Texas A&M's Emergency Medical Services. All this transferring of calls adds up to unnecessary delay, Phillips said.

Sometimes, however, the College Station ambulance will pick up someone on campus and take them to St. Joseph Hospital or the health center — and charge the University. That means unnecessary cost, Phillips said.

By dialing 9911, a caller can be put in touch with the proper authorities on the first try, and avoid unnecessary costs to the University.

Phillips said some people calling for an ambulance on campus also cause delays by calling the A.P. Beutel Health Center. The health center pays for and maintains the ambulances, but the ambulances are run by the Emergency Medical Services. Therefore, emergency calls to the

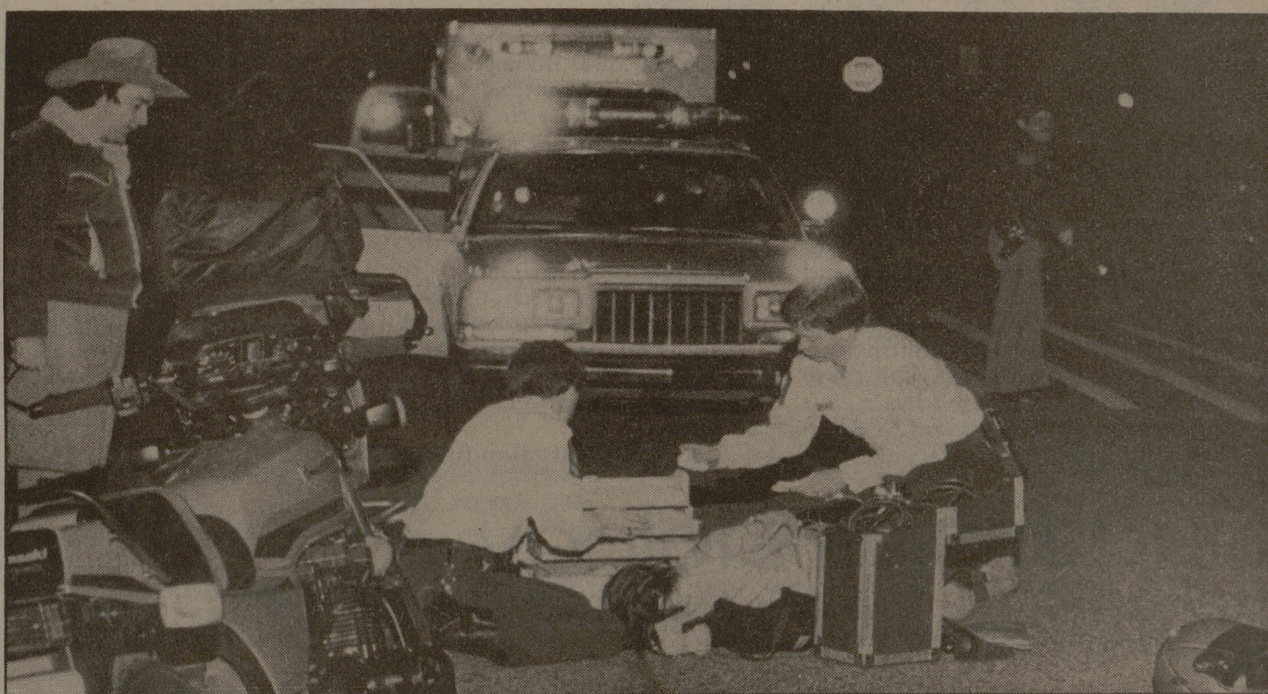
health center must be transferred to the EMS.

The EMS is a division of the Emergency Care Team — a student organization, separate from the health center.

The EMS will service anyone on University property, Phillips said, not just Texas A&M students, faculty or staff.

But because the EMS cannot operate outside University property, it cannot answer calls from students who live off-campus. Therefore, Phillips said, students living off-campus should call the appropriate emergency number for the city they live in. The emergency number for College Station is 911. For Bryan, the number to call for an ambulance or the fire station is 779-1411. The number for the Bryan police is 822-9411.

If a student living off-campus requires an ambulance, the University will pay for the cost of their transport.



Campus collision

By John Makely

Pamela Leschak, a grad student from Burton receives treatment from the Texas A & M Emergency Care Team following a motorcycle-bicycle collision near the crosswalk on Ross Street by the Reed McDonald Building on the

Texas A&M campus Monday night. Leschak, a geology major, and David Mark Eng, a sophomore Environmental Design student from Houston, both were treated and released from St. Joseph Hospital.

Rising football ticket prices affect students, non-students

By DAVE SCOTT
Reporter

The 25 percent price increase for 1984 Texas A&M football tickets announced Friday will affect prices for student seats as well as non-students. Student tickets will cost \$7.50 per game, up from \$6 in 1983. The increase keeps student ticket prices at 50 percent of regular sideline tickets, which are being raised to \$15.

Students may grumble about the 25 percent price increase in football tickets for 1984, but Assistant Athletic Director Wally Groff said the Athletic Department could have raised the student ticket prices more but kept them at the half-price rate. He said the half-price policy is consistent with the user-fee practice.

The user-fee practice is basically an agreement between the Student Senate and the Athletic Department that football ticket prices will not exceed 50 percent of the regular sideline seat price, Groff said.

The user-fee practice began about nine years ago. At that time the price of football tickets was included in student service fees. The Student Senate decided that system was unfair because all students pay the service fees, but not all students attend the football games.

Of the three sources of funds for the Athletic Department — ticket sales, television revenues and gifts — ticket sales account for 62 percent, Groff said. Groff estimated that tele-

vision revenues provide 20 to 22 percent and gifts 16 to 20 percent of the department's funds.

Athletic Director Jackie Sherrill said in a press release the increases were made "in order to be competitive with what other schools in the Southwest Conference and around the country, are doing or have already done."

In the Southwest Conference, six of the eight other schools increased the price of their 1984 football tickets:

- The University of Texas and the University of Houston — from \$12 to \$15
- Baylor University and Southern Methodist University — from \$12 to \$14
- Texas Tech University and Texas Christian University — from \$11 to \$12
- The University of Arkansas and Rice University — no change from \$12

Around the country, universities such as Nebraska, Oklahoma, Alabama and Auburn all have \$15 ticket prices, the same as Texas A&M will charge for the 1984 season.

Groff stated the reasons for the rise in prices at Texas A&M simply, "We need to see a profit," he said. "Everybody's expenses go up every year."

Groff said the Athletic Department has a yearly utility bill of about \$500,000. Revenues from one to two football games are needed to pay that

expense, he said.

The average income generated for a football game at Kyle Field was about \$377,000. The game against Texas generated the largest single game total of \$487,950.

Football and men's basketball were the only sports of 18 varsity sports which paid for themselves in 1983. Football generated an income of \$3,221,862, creating a surplus income of \$1,435,147 for the Athletic Department.

The surplus income from football and basketball helps pay for sports that are unable to generate enough revenues to be self-supporting, Groff said.

Women's basketball is such a sport. Generating an income of \$35, women's basketball had a budget of \$139,396, which resulted in a total cost of \$139,361 to the Athletic Department.

Men's track is also such a sport. That sport, generating \$2,897, was \$219,455 short of being self-supporting — the largest gap between budget and an income in the Athletic Department.

Groff said television revenues are an important part of the funding for the department. Although no final figures for 1983 will be available until June, he estimated television revenues to be about \$1,225,000. Groff said this is an increase of about \$225,000 from last year.

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Jury deliberates 2½ hours

Moreno convicted of murder

United Press International

RICHMOND — A jury Monday convicted a 25-year-old Bryan lawnmower repairman of capital murder in the shooting death of a state trooper during a five-hour, 130-mile rampage triggered by marital problems.

The six men and six women took two and a half hours to convict Eliseo Moreno, a Bryan resident originally from Mercedes, of killing Department of Public Safety trooper Russell Lynn Boyd on Texas 6 near Hempstead Oct. 11.

Moreno also is charged with killing two of his in-laws, Juan Garza, 30, and his wife, Esther, 31, in their College Station apartment and three elderly Hempstead residents at a home. He awaits trial in those cases.

Moreno now faces either execution by injection or life in prison in the Boyd death, depending on the jury's decision in punishment proceedings.

Defense lawyers Robert Scardino Jr. and Dick Tindal put on no defense witnesses, but requested state District Judge Oliver Kitzman to acquit Moreno on grounds the state failed to prove its case. Kitzman denied that motion.

Tindal said although the state presented eyewitness testimony that Moreno shot the Garzas, no one saw him kill Boyd. But Keeshan, in his closing argument, answered that point.

"How do people usually commit a crime? Do they call for an audience?" Keeshan asked the jury.

The defense contended the prosecution violated the rights of Moreno by telling the jurors about two other killings Moreno is charged with. Witnesses described the killing of the Garzas, who were related to Moreno's estranged wife.

Investigators charge Moreno shot

the Garzas after a running day-long fight over their refusal to tell him the whereabouts of his estranged wife, Blanca.

Moreno also is charged with killing Ann Bennett, 70, her brother, James, 71, and neighbor Allie Wilkins, 79, all of Hempstead, when they refused to help him the day Boyd and the Garzas were killed.

The defense contended Boyd was not on duty at the time of the shooting and that therefore his shooting was not capital murder of a police officer under Texas law. Prosecutor Jim Keeshan replied Boyd was on duty.

Keeshan said the Garzas were killed 30 minutes before Boyd was shot to death. Keeshan said Moreno probably was stopped by Boyd for exceeding the speed limit.

GSS at A&M provides counseling

By ROBIN BLACK
Staff Writer

What began as a roommate service about ten years ago at Texas A&M has grown into one of the most politically active organizations in the area.

The Gay Student Services, an organization unrecognized by the University, now provides counseling in addition to roommate match-ups, Lenny DePalma, media representative for the Gay Organizations of the Brazos Valley, said.

"Ten years ago, a homosexual student at A&M had a lot of trouble getting a roommate," DePalma said. "As you can imagine, a 'straight' person wouldn't want to live with a gay. So, as a result of that, the GSS was created more or less as a roommate service."

From there, he said, the GSS has moved to the political arena. This is quite apparent, considering the group is currently embroiled in a court battle to be recognized as a University-supported organization.

DePalma said the housing office is very cooperative now in helping homosexual students find roommates.

"We have certainly had plenty of battles with various organizations, especially with the University, of course," he said. "Specifically, we have had trouble religious organizations."

"We've had a lot of trouble in the past with ministers coming on campus and preaching that homosexuality is an alternative lifestyle is a sin."

The GSS is one of three gay organizations in the Brazos Valley, although they all work together, DePalma said.

One of the other organizations is the Metropolitan Community Church, which is part of a national affiliation of churches that accept homosexuals as members.

Religious conflict is the issue that gays have the most difficulty with, DePalma said, because their homosexuality can be a moral issue that even gays themselves have trouble accepting.

"Of course, we encourage non-

gays at the church, too," DePalma said, "although the membership is predominantly homosexual."

The church offers such services that can't be found elsewhere in the area, such as having relationships blessed and recognized by the church.

The third group is Alternative, an organization for gay adults in the area.

About eight years old, the majority of Alternative's membership is made up of Texas A&M graduate students, faculty and staff, as well as area business people.

Alternative was established to provide an environment for meeting other gays besides the traditional bar setting, hence the organization's name, DePalma said.

He said Alternative acts as the "parent group" of the GSS by providing counseling and financial support.

As does any other non-profit organization, DePalma said, the Brazos Valley gay organizations must come up with funds for operation.

Besides having fund-raisers similar to any organization, such as garage sales, car washes and membership dues, he said, the organizations receive much of their support through private donations.

The donations the organizations receive from local citizens are anonymous for the most part, he said, because the people realize the possible detriment in having their name associated with the group.

The groups' most recent action in public memory, DePalma said, was the Jeans Day at the University last semester.

He said the event was a huge success for the organizations, and everyone involved was very supportive.

"Richard Lewis from KAMU-TV was very helpful," DePalma said. "On Jeans Day, he invited some of us from the group to be interviewed on their news broadcast, and it was a huge success."

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