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## Cadet death triggers three investigations

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A member of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets died Thursday afternoon at St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan. Bruce Dean Goodrich collapsed after an off-hours exercise session — commonly known as a "trap out" — at 2:30 a.m. Thursday. Goodrich, a 20-year-old sophomore from Webster, N.Y., was a transfer student beginning his first semester at Texas A&M. Goodrich and another sophomore transfer student had participated in a "motivational run" conducted by three junior-level cadets in their company, F-1. University spokesman Lane Stephenson reported in a news release that the five cadets went on a run

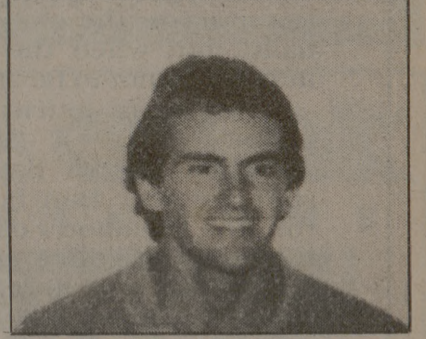
through the campus. Both new cadets performed push-ups and sit-ups in addition to running, he said. Goodrich collapsed while running back to the dormitory, Stephenson said, but was encouraged to continue running. In an attempt to revive Goodrich, the other new cadet assisted him to the showers. When attempts to revive Goodrich failed, University Police were called. University Police arrived at the students' dormitory at 3:28 a.m. One of the responding officers administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the scene. Goodrich was admitted to St. Joseph Hospital at 4 a.m. Thursday. Dr. Claude Goswick, director of the A.P. Beutel Health Center, said Goodrich was treated at the center

Wednesday for an upper respiratory system infection. Goodrich was routinely treated with erythromycin (an antibiotic) and a decongestant antihistamine, but the medication would not have contributed to his collapse, Goswick said.

Members of Company F-1 said Goodrich was an excellent student who was enthusiastic about his new school and participation in the Corps. "The first thing that comes to my mind on Bruce is that he was probably the best Christian in the outfit," one cadet said. "He was excited about being an Aggie. I think we all saw him as the type of guy who could better our class." A second cadet also commented

on Goodrich's enthusiasm. "He came to the school for the engineering program," he said. "He had excellent grades. I had the feeling that he was going to make it and be a real asset to our class." Other cadets said Goodrich joined the Corps because of an interest in the military. He was also interested in the camaraderie of the Corps, the cadets said. "He was always cheerful and friendly," one cadet said. "I think I speak for our whole class when I say that I wish we'd known him better." The cadets agreed that though they hadn't known him for long, Goodrich was well-liked by his classmates. "In my eyes, there wasn't anything about him I didn't like," a cadet said.

The cadets said the Corps held a "silent chow" Thursday evening in honor of Goodrich. Sophomore members of the Corps held a private Silver Taps on the Quadrangle for Goodrich at 11 p.m. Thursday. Goodrich was a 1983 graduate of R.L. Thomas High School in Webster. He attended Monroe Community College in New York for one year before transferring to Texas A&M. His father, Ward Goodrich, and his sister and brother-in-law were at St. Joseph Hospital at the time of Goodrich's death. Preliminary results of an autopsy show that Goodrich died of heat stroke. Final results will not be completed for several days. An investigation of the incident has been ordered by commandant of the Corps



Bruce Dean Goodrich

of Cadets, Col. Donald Buton, vice president for student services Dr. John Koldus and Bob Wiatt, director of University security and traffic.

## Fall enrollment declines by 476

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Figures from the Registrar's Office reveal a slight decline in enrollment from last year. As of the first class day last year, 36,559 students were enrolled at Texas A&M. At the same time this year, 36,083 students were enrolled, a drop of 476. University officials projected between 36,400 and 36,500 students to be enrolled in the University, Don Carter, associate registrar, said. After late registration ends and students are dropped for no shows, Carter said the final enrollment probably will be within the projected range. The decline in enrollment may be attributed to several possible factors, he said. First, the number of students who recently graduated in August is one of the largest ever, and from indications of students applying for grad-

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uation, the number of students who will graduate in December is also large. Also, higher admissions requirements that were instituted about two years ago may have influenced enrollment figures. Finally, according to projections of the Texas Education Agency, the number of high school graduates is declining. High school graduates is Texas A&M's largest pool for incoming students, Carter said. He also said that Texas A&M planned on an enrollment decrease.

"The University has got to cap it off somewhere, or else we'll start straining our facilities," he said. Throughout the enrollment period, the registrar's office experienced no major problems, Carter said. One minor problem resulted when changes in course content were not programmed into the computer. Because of this, about 100 out of the more than 2,600 class roles were not printed. Carter said the changes have been programmed into the system and that rosters will be completed by this

weekend. The registrar's office did adopt a new program of an extended add/drop period and delayed registration. Because of the new programs, lines were shorter and registrar's office personnel did not have to work past 5 p.m. or 6 p.m., he said. As of Aug. 20 about 30,000 students were registered and 8,000 students had gone through add-drop. "We have heard nothing but compliments," Carter said. Today is the final day to enroll in the University, as well as the final day to add new courses. The last day for dropping courses with no record is Sept. 11. The last day to drop classes with no penalty (Q-drop) is Sept. 28. The last day to apply for degrees awarded in December is Sept. 7. Commencement will be Dec. 7 and 8.

## New financial aid policies outlined

By ROBIN BLACK  
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Several changes were made in financial aid procedures, while students were away this summer, concerning such areas as scholarships, loan disbursements, student employment pay rates, and academic requirements. To help make students aware of the changes, the financial aid department has distributed information sheets at various locations on campus. "I feel that anytime you change things that are going to affect students," Benson said, "you should communicate with the students to make sure they know what's going on." Taft Benson, director of student financial aid, said the changes were made for two reasons: a desire to provide more efficient and complete services to students, and a need to

comply with regulations and policies. The changes are: • Little loan disbursements: In the past, "little loans" — short-term loans up to \$50 — were handled exclusively through the financial aid office, including disbursement of the money. However, a system-wide audit earlier this year determined that the process of handling the loans from start to finish in one office was "poor accounting." As a result, the financial aid office changed the procedure and students now must apply for the loan at the financial aid office in the Pavilion, but the students will have to pick up the money at the fiscal office in the Coke Building. Benson said he didn't think students would be too happy with the new procedure, mostly because of the inconvenience of having to walk

across campus to pick up the loan. "I don't think it's too big a problem, though," he said. "This is A&M — after two years it'll become a tradition anyway and you won't hear anybody griping about it." The little loan office usually is busiest on Fridays, Benson said, which he attributes to students needing money for the weekend. Since the process of getting one of the small loans is longer now, he recommended that students apply on Thursdays if they're going to need money for the weekend. • Satisfactory academic progress: Until last July 1, the only academic requirement for a student to receive financial aid was maintaining a 2.0 or higher grade-point ratio. Under the new guidelines, students must still maintain the minimum GPR and have a minimum cumulation of hours that varies depending on the

students' classification. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors must have a minimum of 24 hours per academic year and seniors and fifth-year seniors must have a minimum of 30 hours during the academic year. Students who fail to meet the requirements will be given one semester of financial aid probation before the aid is cut off. A student can regain eligibility by meeting the requirements again. Exceptions to the policy will be made only under extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis, Benson said. Benson or a designee will review the appeals. • The Spring Awards Program that awards scholarships every year has been renamed the Academic Excellence Awards. See FINANCE page 5



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### Precision kick

Graduate student Craig Tipton, a purple belt in the Tae Kwon Do club, throws a kick at Bret Peacock, a second degree black belt, in Wednesday night's demonstrations aimed at generating students for the club's lessons.

## Doggett rebuts Gramm's attack

By JAMES WALKER  
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State Sen. Lloyd Doggett, the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate made a scheduled campaign stop Thursday night in Bryan, appearing before a captive audience at the Brazos County Democratic headquarters, to educate the electorate on the main thrust of his campaign and answer questions about allegations made by his opponent Republican Phil Gramm. Doggett emphasized his desire to meet the concerns of Texans by focusing less on foreign affairs and redirecting attention to the state level. He expressed disappointment that Gramm could support \$248 million in aid to Cyprus yet be against revenue sharing that would benefit counties and cities.

"We don't get enough of our tax money back here in Texas that we send up to the federal government and I think the revenue sharing program ... is a reasonable way to supplement local tax sources, which I believe there is broad bipartisan support for," Doggett said. While affirming his desire to help farmers and small businesses, Doggett said that he considered Gramm to have an "anti-small business, anti-family farmer/rancher attitude." Doggett further cited Gramm's opposition to both a program to aid drought stricken farmers in 1983 and the idea of a small business administration direct loan program. The senator reiterated his commitments to oil and gas deregulation, right-to-work legislation, as well as a "pay as you go" spending program to control the federal defi-

cit. In regard to a potential debate between himself and Gramm, Doggett objected to Gramm's demand that certain "ground rules" be observed. "I want to go at it and get to the issues and answer any questions that reporters or the forum that is putting on the debate might have, whether it's in Brazos County or up at Amarillo," Doggett said. While Gramm has requested a debate to be in Dallas, Doggett would prefer to debate in a smaller city. He said he would be willing to have a debate in College Station as early as the last week in September. Gramm's campaign has left Doggett on the defensive on his bid for the U.S. Senate seat. His first attack condemned Doggett in a radio blitz for accepting a contribution from a homosexual group in San Antonio.

The donation was later returned to the contributors after Gramm's inquiry. Since then Gramm has created a controversy over Doggett's support for right-to-work laws by pointing out discrepancies in his voting record. Doggett explained that his lack of support for certain right-to-work provisions was due to technical problems inherent in the proposed legislation itself. "In 1974 ... I didn't feel that a provision labor law belonged in the Texas Constitution ... And when it looked like we would lose the entire constitution over keeping that issue out, I voted to put it in," Doggett said. Doggett contends that he has been mislabeled as being too far to the left and considers himself to be a mainstream candidate.

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### State

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### National

• B-1A bomber will be unveiled as scheduled despite the fatal crash. See story page 8.