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Regents listen to Corps report, dedicate park

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Members of the Texas A&M University Board of Regents rose for a moment of silent prayer at their meeting Sunday in memory of Cadet Bruce Dean Goodrich after discussing the events surrounding and following Goodrich's death.

Goodrich, a sophomore transfer student in company F-1, died Aug. 30 following a late night "motivational exercise."

Joe C. Richardson Jr., chairman of the board's Corps committee, said despite the Goodrich incident, enthusiasm about the Corps is still present on campus.

To support his statement, Richardson said he had received money for three more Sul Ross Scholarships, which are presented to members of the Corps, last week.

Board members also stated their support for the Corps.

"The Corps is, has been and will continue to be the lifeblood of this campus," said William A. McKenzie, vice chairman of the board.

During the discussion about the Corps and the Goodrich incident, Chairman H. R. "Bum" Bright read to the board the letter published in The Battalion from Goodrich's father.

"It's a magnificent letter from a magnificent family," Bright said. Vice President for Student Serv-

ices John Koldus gave a report to the board about the investigations surrounding the incident.

"It's a complex matter and the investigations will be on-going," Koldus said.

Regents then questioned Koldus about Corps rules, regulations and traditions. Bright asked what policies were in effect and gave examples of traditions which were common when he was a cadet, such as posting cadets' grades on their dorm-room doors, having mandatory call-to-quarters and making upperclassmen responsible for seeing that underclassmen studied.

"We have all those things and have expanded on those," Koldus said. "We have stressed academics more in the past 10 years than ever before."

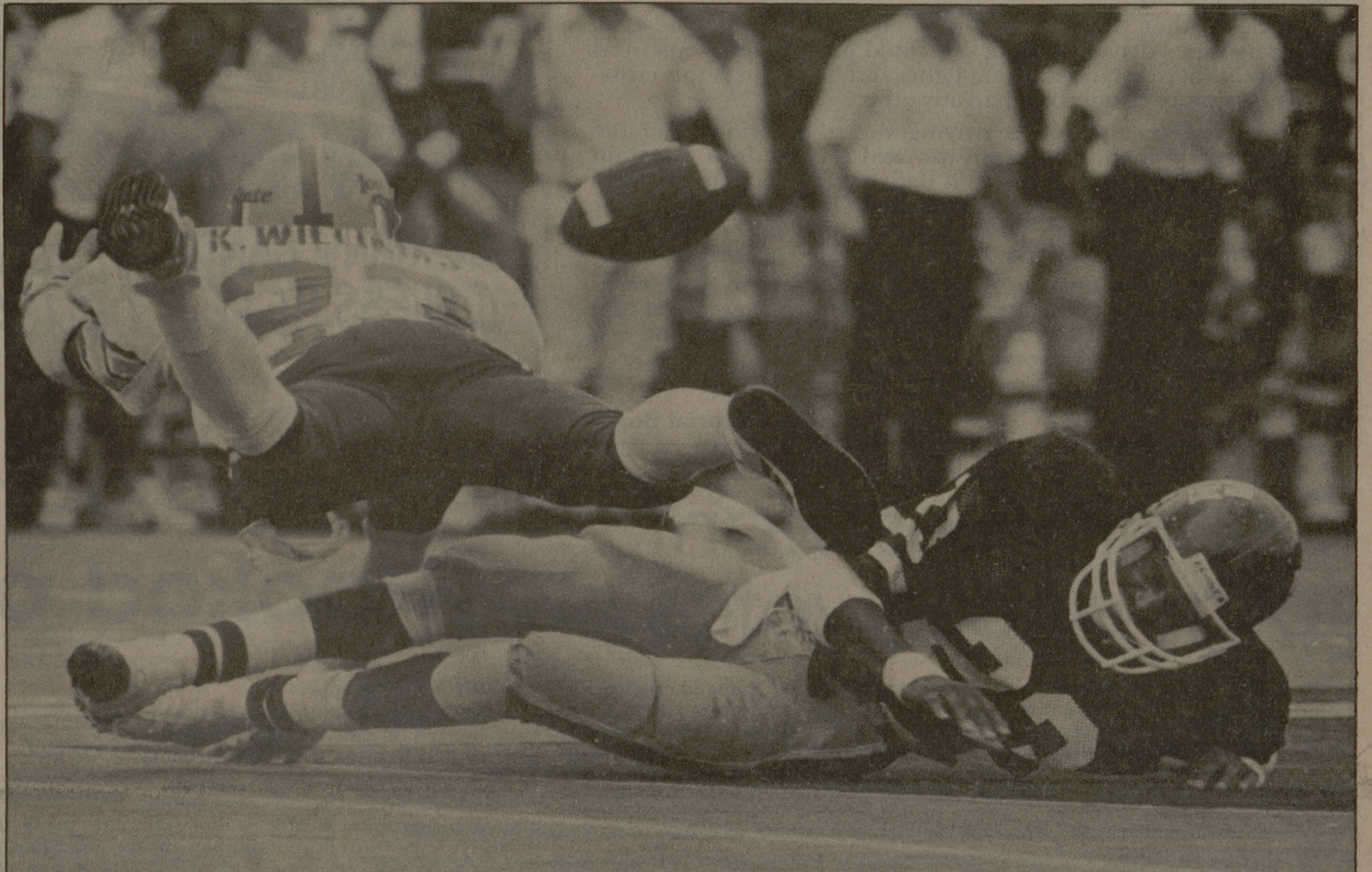
At the end of the discussion, A&M President Frank E. Vandiver said he was pleased with the attitude and support for the Corps from the rest of the student body.

The Goodrich incident pulled students together as never before, Vandiver said.

Saturday, the board's Planning and Building Committee met and discussed plans for proposed buildings on the main campus.

The board saw presentations of a proposed new engineering building that would be constructed behind

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Slippery when wet

Texas A&M split end Jimmy Teal gets buried underneath Iowa State cornerback Kevin Williams before he can catch

the ball during the third quarter of the Ags' 38-17 victory Saturday. Williams was called for pass interference on the play.

Photo by PETER ROCHA

Another student killed in car-train collision



Lynn Cash McDonald

By ROBIN BLACK
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Two Texas A&M students were killed last week in separate but similar car-train accidents at the poorly marked intersection of Luther Street and Wellborn Road.

The second A&M student was killed Friday night in a car-train accident at the same intersection where one student was killed and another injured almost 24 hours earlier on Thursday night.

Lynn Cash McDonald, 20, was killed when the blue Ford Fairmont he was driving west on Luther Street in College Station crossed the railroad tracks in front of an oncoming Missouri Pacific freight train.

The train hit the car broadside and dragged it almost half a mile before coming to a complete stop. McDonald was pronounced dead on the scene.

McDonald, a biomedical sciences major from San Antonio, was active in Aggies for Christ, an organization for college students in the Church of Christ.

The accident that killed McDonald happened under almost identical circumstances and at almost the exact same time as the accident the night before.

Katherine Hossley, 18, was killed Thursday night when the Volvo in which she was a passenger was struck broadside at the same inter-

section on Luther Street.

Mary Kaye Pahmeier, who was driving the Volvo when the accident occurred, is in satisfactory condition at St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan. Pahmeier has a broken collarbone, two broken ribs and a punctured lung.

Hossley was a freshman from Dallas and a pledge in the sorority Delta Zeta. Pahmeier is a senior journalism major from Dallas and is a member of Delta Zeta. She also works as a copy editor for The Battalion.

In the accident that happened Thursday night, Pahmeier's Volvo was travelling east on Luther Street near Wellborn Road, when the car was hit by the train. The intersection is about a half mile south of Jersey

Street and the A&M campus.

There are no warning lights or safety gates at the crossing on Luther Street and lighting at the intersection is poor.

The intersection, which is really no more than a side street on Wellborn Road, is being used more frequently since the opening of several apartment complexes near the street west of Wellborn Road.

Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding both accidents.

"The investigation is basically some follow-up work that has to be done after an accident like that," said College Station Police Sgt. Billy Stark. "Right now, we're just trying

to contact everybody we can — especially any witnesses — to find out what happened at the accidents."

College Station City Councilman Gary Anderson said that the intersection will "almost assuredly" be brought up at the council meeting on Wednesday.

Anderson said the issue is not on the agenda, but that it probably will be brought up when council concerns are discussed.

The possibility of closing the intersection of Luther Street and Wellborn Road has not been brought up before the council during Anderson's term of office, but there has been some discussion about the extension of Holleman Road.

U.S. envoy in Damascus to investigate bombing

United Press International

BEIRUT, Lebanon — American warships cruised off Lebanon Sunday, and a special U.S. envoy traveled to Damascus for talks with Syrian leaders to investigate the suicide bombing that devastated the new U.S. Embassy.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy's arrival in Damascus coincided with Syrian charges that the U.S. warships were deployed for possible retaliatory strikes by U.S. and Israeli forces.

Murphy was dispatched to Lebanon Friday to lead an investigation to determine how a suicide bomber penetrated embassy security to detonate a truck loaded with explosives outside the embassy Thursday, killing 24 persons, including two American servicemen.

President Reagan, in New York Sunday for Monday's opening of the U.N. General Assembly, rejected suggestions of negligence in embassy security measures and said there is no plan to send a Marine de-

tachment back to Beirut to guard the facility.

A State Department spokesman in Washington said Murphy was in Damascus Sunday for talks with Syrian leaders as part of a tour of Middle Eastern states. He refused to give details of the discussion.

The visit came a day after the new Israeli government announced it would ask the United States to act as a go-between with Syria to work out arrangements for a withdrawal of Israeli troops in southern Lebanon.

Syria has said it will not withdraw its 40,000 troops from eastern and northern Lebanon until Israel pulls out 10,000 troops that have occupied southern Lebanon since the June 1982 invasion.

U.S. Embassy officials said the amphibious transport ship USS Shreveport and support ships arrived off Lebanon Saturday night to provide medical and helicopter support for the evacuation from Beirut of American and Lebanese embassy staff wounded in the Thursday blast.

The shadowy Islamic Jihad terrorist group has claimed credit for the bombing.

Two U.S. Navy helicopters flew four Americans wounded in the attack from Beirut to Tel Aviv Sunday, embassy spokeswoman Carol Madison said. Eight other Americans and a Lebanese were airlifted to West Germany Saturday.

"The only American wounded evacuated today were the four to Tel Aviv," said a senior embassy official, who declined to be identified. "We still have one American and 19 Lebanese employees being treated in Beirut hospitals."

The decision to send the four Americans to Israel contrasted with Washington's rejection of a similar Israeli offer to treat U.S. servicemen wounded in the October 1983 suicide bombing of the Marine headquarters in Beirut.

Madison said the wounded went to Israel "entirely on medical grounds."

Committees to increase college minority students

By SARAH OATES
Staff Writer

A 15-member advisory committee formed to investigate ways to increase black attendance in Texas colleges and universities held its first meeting in Austin on Friday.

The committee is headed by Dr. Ivory Nelson, executive assistant to the chancellor at Texas A&M.

The Black Student Retention Committee spent the day "setting up goals and priorities for later meetings," said Teresa Acosta, director of retention services for the Texas Coordinating Board.

These goals include improving black student performance and attendance in Texas secondary schools and colleges.

"They're looking at the way the public education system affects black students," Acosta said. "They want to see how well public

schools involve blacks academically."

Different levels of education, ranging from junior high to college, are represented within the committee, which consists of secondary school and college faculty and counselors, as well as financial aid officers and a representative from the Texas Education Agency.

The group discussed issues such as poor academic counseling for blacks in public high schools.

The committee also listened to a report from Balthazar Acevedo, chairman of a separate advisory committee for Mexican-American student retention.

Kenneth Ashworth, commissioner of the coordinating board, said the committees are separate because of "fine differences" between educational problems of black and Mexican-American students. Both committees were

formed by the coordinating board.

For example, he said, Mexican-Americans face more language problems than blacks.

Acosta said the committees will be in touch with each other.

"There are some similar problems to both minority groups," she said. "For example, both blacks and Mexican-Americans have a lack of encouragement and motivation to participate in education."

Ashworth said both committees are working to increase minority enrollment in graduate and professional schools.

"What I want is advice," he said. "We're losing a heck of a lot of students at the lower levels each year. That means fewer go to college and graduate school. The committee will advise on what colleges can do to help high schools keep kids enrolled."