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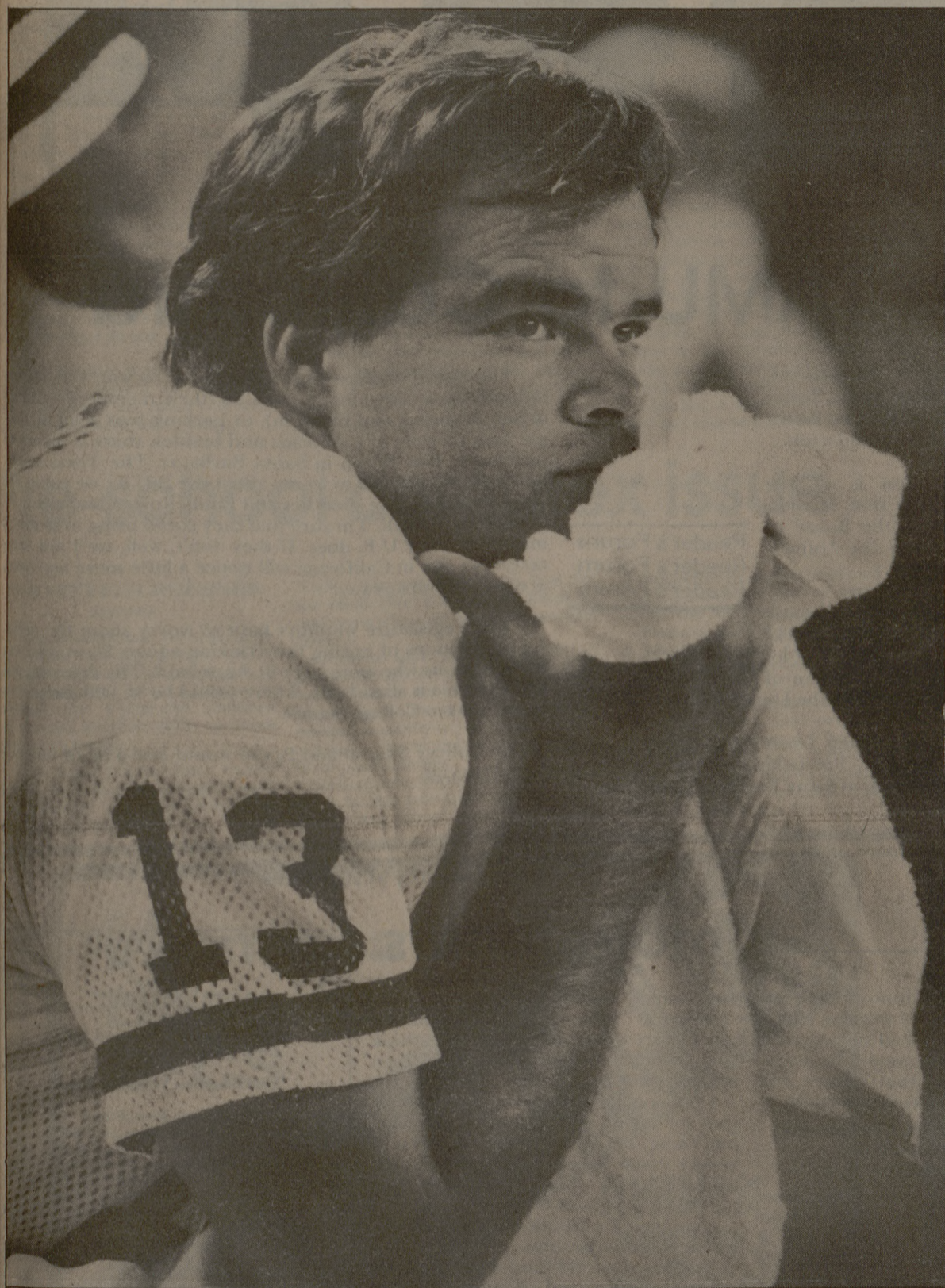
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Watchful eyes

Photo by PETER ROCHA

Texas A&M place kicker Alan Smith gazes at the Astrodome scoreboard after missing a game winning 57 yard field goal against Houston. The Cougars downed the Ags 9-7.

Dorm sign-up starts

By KARI FLUEGEL
Staff Writer

Dormitory students will be participating in sign-up for spring on-campus housing this week.

Dormitory students will have the opportunity to reserve their dormitory space from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday with their hall's staff.

The housing office schedules sign-ups during mid-semester so it can inform waiting list students of their housing status for the next semester, Tom Murray, housing services supervisor, said.

"It's late enough so that most students know tentatively what they are going to do," Murray said.

Presently, there are 450 men and 406 women on the housing waiting list. Murray said about 60 to 85 percent of the waiting list students accept an on-campus space when they are offered.

All dormitory students must participate in sign-up even if they are not planning to return to on-campus housing. Any student who fails to

participate in the sign-up will lose his on-campus space for future semesters.

Those not planning to return must participate in order to ensure correct processing of the housing deposit refund.

Deposit refunds will be issued in January after December check-out procedures are completed.

Students have five options when they sign up for spring housing:

- Reserve the current room for the spring semester.
 - Request a room change within the same hall for the spring semester.
 - Request a transfer to another hall on campus for the spring semester.
 - Request a refund of the housing deposit because you no longer require housing for the future.
 - Inform the housing office that you will be co-oping for the spring semester and wish to reserve a space for the Fall 1985 semester.
- Students requesting room or hall changes will have to fill out a request

card when they go through sign-up. Those requesting changes will be notified of their status by Nov. 1. If the request is denied, their current space will be reserved.

If students decide to cancel their room reservations, they must notify the housing office by 5 p.m. Dec. 3. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of their housing deposit.

The only exceptions to the deadline are for students academically or medically restricted from returning the next semester.

To cancel the reservation, students must notify the housing office in 101 YMCA Building in person or in writing.

Students who first cancel their reservation and then change their minds may be able to get their space back depending on when they notify the housing office of their decision.

Students who were not living on campus as of Friday will not be eligible to reserve a space for the spring. Those students will remain on the spring waiting list and receive a spring housing status letter later.

Parties agree on age issue

Polls say Bush winner

United Press International

Democratic and Republican campaign chieftains said the same thing Sunday about the age issue — it isn't one — but split over the importance of the TV debates in influencing the choice between Ronald Reagan and Walter Mondale.

With just 22 days to go before Americans pick a president, Reagan's pollster predicted a landslide victory. Democratic officials, with their candidate gaining ground, argued the "volatile electorate" at last is responding to Mondale.

The presidential candidates, with the final televised debate — a foreign policy confrontation in Kansas City — one week away, stuck to Sunday traditions. Reagan relaxed at Camp David before returning to the White House; Mondale gave a paid radio address.

Their running mates, Vice President George Bush and Rep. Geraldine Ferraro, played on different stages as the dust continued to billow from their debate last Thursday and Bush's off-the-cuff remark he made about the confrontation, which polls show he won.

Ferraro, although under the weather with a cold, appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press." She said she still opposes last year's Grenada invasion on principle.

Bristling a bit, Ferraro said firmly that she "can do whatever is necessary to protect this country," including pushing the nuclear button if she became president.

In his radio address broadcast from Minneapolis, Mondale gave a preview of the second debate, characterizing Reagan's policy as, "If there's an arms agreement, oppose it. If there's a dangerous weapon, buy it. ... If there's a crucial fact, don't learn it."

In a pair of TV talk shows, the heads of the Reagan and Mondale camps sparred over the issues in the waning weeks of the contest. A key concern for the 73-year-old Reagan's aides is the question of his age.

Neither Mondale nor his top aides directly have raised the issue, but other Democrats have. James Johnson, Mondale campaign director, appearing on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley," said Sunday: "I don't think (age) is going to be

an issue. We've got so many other issues ... war and peace ... who will stand up for the average family."

Richard Wirthlin, Reagan-Bush polling director, said on ABC he does not believe "age is going to be any more a factor than it was in 1980."

Wirthlin asserted the first debate had little impact on voters, saying that nationwide, "We show about a 16 point lead today, which is what it was the Saturday going into the debate."

Runoff results

The results of the freshman runoff elections held Thursday, Oct. 11 are as follows:

- Class of '88 president — Dion Laurent
 - Class of '88 vice president — Spence McClung
 - Class of '88 secretary — Mike Harper
- Congratulations to all.

Taps played for six killed in crash of WWII plane

United Press International

HARLINGEN — About 500 people listened to taps at a prayer service Sunday for six members of an airplane preservation group who died in the crash of a World War II vintage seaplane.

Four other people aboard the plane were being treated Sunday for severe injuries suffered when the

twin-engine PBY-6A seaplane slammed at an estimated 125 to 150 mph into about 18 inches of water in the Laguna Madre, then flipped upside down and split into several pieces.

Officials of the Confederate Air Force said the plane's pontoons apparently caught a sandbar or hit bottom while making a simulated land-

ing near the Texas coast for the benefit of a photo plane that was flying in front of it.

Members of the CAF — a 25-year-old patriotic organization that operates the world's largest collection of World War II aircraft — gathered in a hangar before the start of Sunday's Airshow '84 performance to pray for the crash victims.

The dead were identified as Ken Allmond, 60, the co-pilot, from Tyler; Bobbie Schutz, 55, historian, Kilgore; Robert E. Ennis, 60, Concord, Calif.; Joseph Cromer, 65, executive officer, Tyler; William "Joe" Dacus, 58, procurement officer, Jacksonville; and Dr. Oliver Patterson, 66, Sapulpa, Okla.

Hospitalized at Valley Baptist hos-

pital were the pilot, Doug Hall, 37, Longview, in stable condition; Jerry Gardner, 41, engineer, Tyler, in stable condition; Dan Shields, 34, finance officer, Tyler, in guarded condition; and Homer Schutz, 60, Kilgore, husband of the dead woman and deputy safety officer, in critical condition.

"They left this life doing what

they loved," said Navy Capt. Leo McDonald, chaplain at the nearby Marine Military Academy, who presided over the brief prayer service. "They knew the risks and they took them because this was important to them — upholding the spirit of the Confederate Air Force. We mourn their passing, but we praise God for giving us the gift of their lives."

Students' trial date set

By DAINAH BULLARD
Staff Writer

Four Texas A&M students indicted in connection with the death of a cadet will be tried before a Brazos County court of law Oct. 26, said a spokesperson from the court administrators' office. The trial is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

Junior cadets Anthony D'Alessandro and Jason Miles, of Houston, and Louis Fancher III, of San Antonio, were indicted by a Brazos County Grand Jury Sept. 28 on charges of criminally negligent homicide and hazing. Senior Gabriel Cuadra, of Houston, was indicted the same day on charges of hazing and tampering with evidence.

The students were indicted in connection with the Aug. 30 death of Bruce Dean Goodrich, 20, a transfer student from Webster, N.Y. Goodrich collapsed and later died

after participating in an off-hours exercise session conducted by three junior members of his outfit, Company F-1.

D'Alessandro, Miles and Fancher, former members of Company F-1, are represented by Bryan attorney W.W. "Bill" Vance. Cuadra, former personnel officer of Company F-1, is represented by Bryan attorney Henry "Hank" Paine. Cuadra resigned from the Corps of Cadets after Goodrich's death.

County Attorney Jeffrey Brown will prosecute the case. A spokesperson from the county attorney's office said it is uncertain whether all four students will be tried together.

Criminally negligent homicide, a class A misdemeanor, carries a punishment of up to one year in prison and a fine of up to \$2,000. Hazing, carries a punishment of up to 10 days in jail and a fine of \$25 to \$200.

Three-day conference will explore bond between humans, their pets

By LINDA ROWLAND
Reporter

The Delta Society's annual three-day conference on interactions between people and animals begins today at the Aggeland Inn in College Station.

William F. McCulloch, D.V.M., co-chairman of the conference, said about 200-300 health care professionals from all over the country will attend.

The conference, entitled "The Interaction of People, Animals and the Environment," is co-sponsored by the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and the Texas Veterinary Medi-

cal Association. It is open to all faculty and students with an A&M identification card.

"The title of the conference is actually the purpose of the Delta Society," said McCulloch.

"I believe the psychological and human health benefits of the human-animal bond cut across all professions."

He said that those studying or teaching sociology, psychology, veterinary medicine and parks and recreation will probably be especially interested in the conference.

McCulloch said the conference will include lecture sessions

and workshops covering the recreational and therapeutic effects of the human-animal bond in our environment.

"Over 50 percent of households have pets they love and enjoy," he said. "Yet one thing we are starting to see ... they're also valuable for our own human health — both physically and mentally."

Although the program will include technical topics, some will be geared toward general pet owners, McCulloch said.

A lecture on Tuesday will feature dog and cat training. Matthew Margolis, author and execu-

utive director of the National Institute of Dog Training of California will speak at 9:30 a.m. He trains dogs for television commercials and movies.

McCulloch said the conference also will introduce new research on the human-animal bond. For instance, research findings indicate petting an animal temporarily lowers your blood pressure.

"It is developing into a new interdisciplinary field of research," he said. "And it is becoming more legitimized because of encouraging preliminary research findings."