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Rain, Rain, Go Away

Photo by PETER ROCHA

Saturday's rain turned Kyle Field into a big green Slip 'n Slide, but the rain failed to dampen the spirits of some Aggie

fans who remained to watch the game. Nearly four inches of rain fell in the first three quarters of the game.

Hearings end, TAMU dismisses 3 junior cadets

By DAINAH BULLARD
Staff Writer

Three Texas A&M students were notified of their dismissal from the University Friday following the conclusion of University hearings concerning the Aug. 30 death of Bruce Dean Goodrich.

Junior cadets Anthony D'Alessandro and Jason Miles, of Houston, and Louis Fancher III of San Antonio were vocally notified of the University's decision Friday. Senior Gabriel Cuadra, of Houston, also was vocally notified of disciplinary action to be taken against him.

The students are expected to receive written notification early this week of the actions to be taken against them. After receiving written notification, the students will have three days to appeal the decision to a University panel.

Attorney W.W. "Bill" Vance, who is representing D'Alessandro, Miles and Fancher, said Sunday that he will decide on further actions after his clients receive official written notification of their punishment.

"Contrary to what has been in the news service, they have not received official notification yet," Vance said.

Vance said that Bill Kibler, who conducted the University hearings, did not cite a specific reason for his decisions. Kibler is assistant director of student affairs at A&M.

Attorney Henry "Hank" Paine Jr., who is representing Cuadra, was unavailable for comment.

The disciplinary actions follow a series of University hearings concerning Goodrich's death. The hear-

ings began Sept. 11 and were concluded last week.

Goodrich collapsed and later died after participating in an off-hours exercise session conducted by three junior members of his outfit, Company F-1. All 17 junior and senior cadets who were members of Company F-1 at the time of Goodrich's death appeared during the University hearings.

During the course of the hearings, Kibler told The Battalion that University officials could not discuss disciplinary actions taken against students due to a federal law that protects students' privacy. Students involved in University disciplinary actions are entitled to personal and written notification of any actions taken against them, Kibler said.

According to University regulations, dismissal is a separation of the student from the University for an indefinite period of time. The regulations state that readmission to the University is possible in the future, but no specific time for a decision is established.

Dismissal ranks second in severity among the three major actions (expulsion, dismissal and suspension) which may be taken against students.

All four students were indicted Sept. 28 on charges of hazing by a Brazos County Grand Jury. D'Alessandro, Miles and Fancher also were charged with criminally negligent homicide, and Cuadra was charged with tampering with evidence.

GSS: civil rights being suppressed

By KEN DORSEY
Reporter

The Gay Student Services (GSS) spoke to students by Rudder fountain claiming Texas A&M is suppressing their First Amendment rights.

"There is a blatant discrimination of civil rights going on here," Ann Robbins, a member of GSS said at the assembly Friday sponsored by S.W.A.M.P. (Students Working Against Many Problems).

"When A&M refuses to be an open forum and recognize an organization, Robbins said, they are violating that group's civil rights. They are not allowing freedom to speak and through this infringement, the ability to assemble is also abolished.

Lenny DePalma, president of an off-campus gay organization called Alternative, said since A&M refuses to recognize the GSS organization, GSS is not allowed to distribute flyers on campus or to announce when their meetings will be.

"When they are not even allowed to use campus buildings it is a clear denial of their equal access to public buildings...remember, gays pay taxes too," DePalma said. "When they are not allowed to hold a meeting in a classroom or a place that they've paid for, that is a denial of their freedom of expression.

"You'll notice that none of those arguments mention anything about religion because essentially this is not a religious argument once it goes into the courts."

A lot of arguments against letting GSS on campus are prevalent, Robbins said.

"I don't think very many of them have any value," she added.

GSS is not a social organization. It is a service organization which provides important services for everyone, not just gay students, Robbins said.

The most important thing for GSS is that they have a place to assemble, DePalma said. It has cost GSS several thousands of dollars in the past few years to try and find places to meet. However, once a student organization is recognized, meeting rooms on campus become available free of charge.

Another reason GSS seeks recognition is the importance they find in correcting the misinformed views raised against the organization.

In the past several years, there have been instances of violence and cases of harassment with no reasonable justification, DePalma said.

"We are not child molesters...we do have a purpose, yet people continue to hate us," he said.

For this reason, GSS wants a forum. This would enable them to educate people, DePalma said.

Finally, GSS would like to provide services that are not readily available. For instance, DePalma said, a roommate service is needed badly on campus.

GSS is capable of providing this type of service for students who are gay or for students who discover they have a gay roommate.

Most students who are already in GSS do not need the counseling the organization has to offer simply because they have already accepted how they are, which is the hardest part, President Marco Roberts said.

GSS wants to provide counseling services for the students who are afraid.

"It is not really going to make all that much difference to the campus life when GSS is recognized. When we do get recognized, and we probably will be, that's going to be a victory for freedom and a victory for America and American ideals. That is something we can all be proud of," Robbins said.

Presidential debate a draw

United Press International

DALLAS — President Reagan may have nabbed all the laugh lines and fended off the crippling gaffes, but neither he nor opponent Walter Mondale were clear victors in Sunday's Kansas City debate, said Dallas newspaper television analysts.

"I think it was unfortunate for Mondale, that Reagan had all the laugh lines," said Ed Bark, critic for the Dallas Morning News.

"I think that's what people will retain. I don't think it's easy to be personable about foreign affairs. Re-

gan did well enough to slow down any Mondale momentum."

Steven Reddicliffe, critic at the Dallas Times Herald, said Mondale did not score against Reagan the way he did in the first debate.

"From watching some of the post-debate analysis, I think the network people were surprised Mondale didn't score a second TKO," Reddicliffe said. "But I think there's no way Reagan would have been the same way or as poorly prepared as he was in the first debate."

Bark said Mondale looked tired.

"He had huge bags under his eyes. I don't know what he was doing during the day," Bark said. "It certainly wasn't as obvious during the first debate."

Reddicliffe thought Mondale looked a bit like Bob Newhart, the comedian.

"But that's okay," he said. "I like Newhart."

Reddicliffe said the first debate was more interesting.

"I didn't think it was nearly as interesting as the first debate," he said. "I think it may have had something

to do with the issues.

"Foreign policy usually isn't as interesting as what goes on around the corner. The first debate was about what goes on around the corner."

The victor?
"If people pay any attention to prognosticators," said Bark, "then it seemed that Mondale may have won but not by enough."

Said Reddicliffe: "I thought the debate was much closer than before. In the first debate, Mondale was knocking the ball out of the park every time."

Rain floods area, delays events

By TRENT LEOPOLD
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Severe weather swept across most of Texas over the weekend causing local street flooding in the Bryan-College Station area along with some inconveniences for several campus-oriented activities.

Almost Anything Goes, a fund-raiser for United Way, was called off

for the second time this year, and bonfire cut was postponed until next weekend.

College Station police reported several motorists who stalled due to heavy rains that temporarily flooded local streets, but they said they had received no reports of any weather-related injuries late Sunday.

Officials are blaming at least 15

injuries and two deaths on the severe Texas weather.

San Patricio County Sheriff's Department spokesman Bobby Nunez said many residents of Sinton and Odem fled their homes due to severe flooding, but had returned late Sunday.

"The residents were forced to shelters in high school gyms after

the towns received 15-20 inches of rain during a four-hour period Friday," Nunez said. "Richard Robling, of Odem, died Friday when he fell off the back of a tractor as he tried to escape rising water."

Forecasters expect continued cloudy skies for most of the week with high temperatures near 80 and lows around 60.

Cause of CIA plane crash debated

United Press International

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Salvadoran military sources Sunday confirmed a CIA plane that crashed and killed four Americans smashed into a mountain a few miles northeast of San Salvador.

The bodies of the four American employees of the CIA who died in the early Friday crash were flown out of El Salvador late Saturday, airport authorities said.

Radio Venceremos, the leftist guerrilla clandestine station which Saturday broadcast a rebel claim that guerrilla anti-aircraft fire downed the CIA plane, called the U.S. government's version of the crash "totally absurd."

U.S. officials said the plane went

down in a heavy rainstorm and denied it had been hit by enemy fire.

Salvadoran military officials posted on Cerro Picacho, 3 miles northeast of San Salvador, said the plane crashed into a grove of coffee trees 500 yards below the peak of the 5,800-foot mountain.

National guard troops prevented journalists from getting near the wreckage. Military helicopters shuttled troops, who searched the crash site, back and forth from a special air force reconnaissance unit, military authorities said.

The Salvadoran military men familiar with the operation would not give details on what type of plane had crashed or exactly what the re-

connaissance units searched for, citing security reasons.

Civilian pilots said they had received orders from military authorities on Friday, the day of the crash, not to fly within 6 miles of Cerro Picacho until further notice.

The U.S. Embassy has refused to go beyond a statement released Friday saying the plane crashed in a rainstorm while attempting to track arms shipments from Nicaragua to El Salvador.

The heavily guarded Cerro Picacho is a major government communications facility with antennas on its peak. There has never been any evidence that it is a rebel stronghold.

Radio Venceremos, in a broadcast Sunday, expanded on the rebel

claim that anti-aircraft gunfire shot down the CIA twin-engine plane flying over an army sweep in northeastern Morazan province.

The rebels said the gunfire hit the plane while it was flying in the vicinity of the Morazan villages of Joateca, Guacamaya and El Mozote, all about 80 miles northeast of San Salvador, causing the plane to veer off toward the central zone of the country.

"The version that the State Department is giving that the death of the four advisers was the product of an accident caused by a storm is totally absurd," Radio Venceremos said.