

# Texas A&M The Battalion



## WEATHER

TOMORROW'S FORECAST:  
Sunny to partly cloudy  
HIGH: 84 LOW: 54

Vol. 89 No. 21 USPS 045360 12 Pages

College Station, Texas

Friday, September 29, 1989

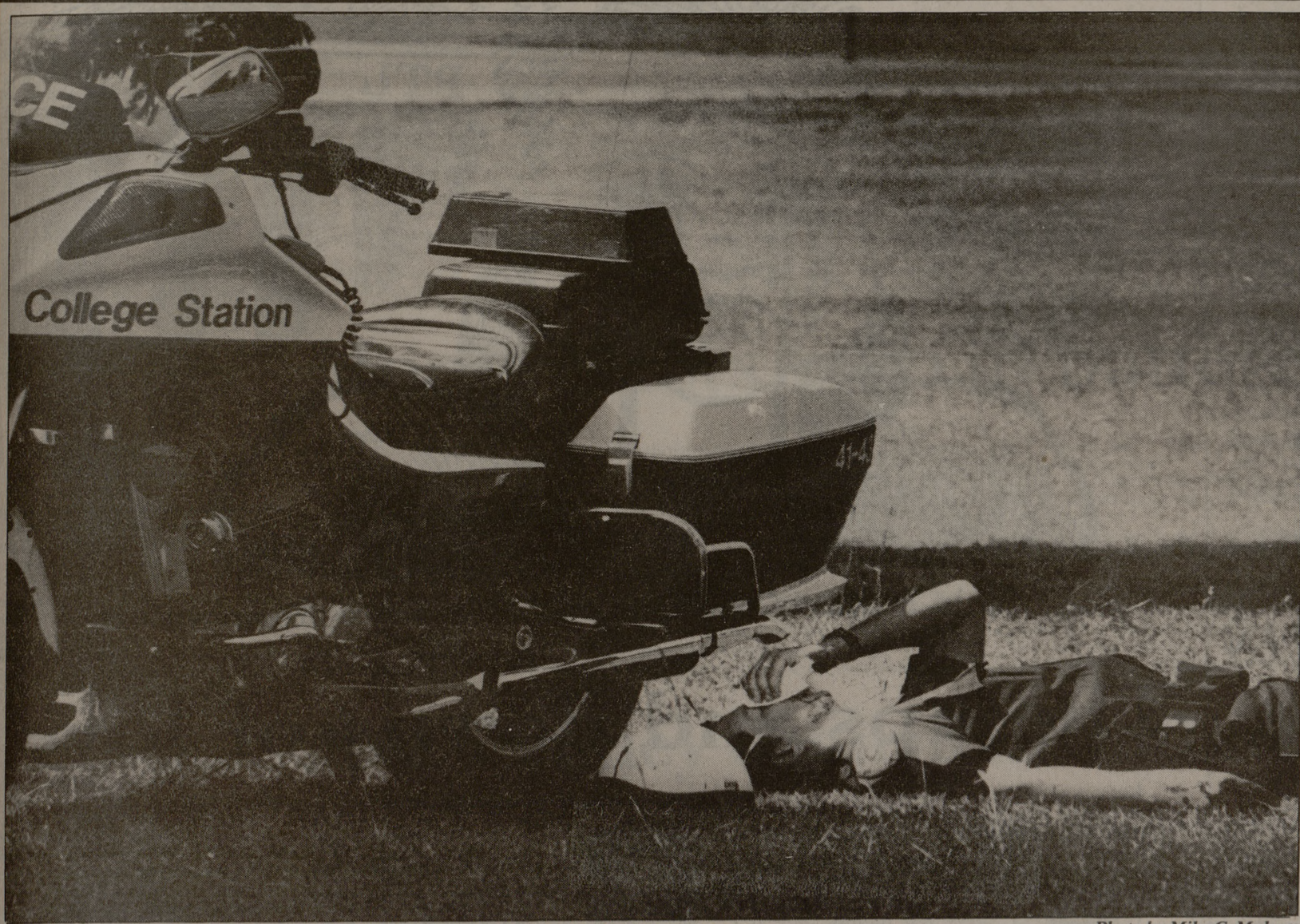


Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

College Station Officer Phil Brown awaits an ambulance after his motorcycle flipped over in a ditch while he and other officers were chasing three robbery suspects. The men were stealing cigarettes from the 7-11 store on University when a clerk approached them. The clerk suffered minor head lacerations when a suspect pushed him against a microwave oven. The suspects evaded arrest in a blue Buick Regal. However, police said they got the license plate number of the vehicle and recovered the cigarettes. Brown was treated and released from Humana Hospital.

ations when a suspect pushed him against a microwave oven. The suspects evaded arrest in a blue Buick Regal. However, police said they got the license plate number of the vehicle and recovered the cigarettes. Brown was treated and released from Humana Hospital.

## Bush gets tax cut after Democrats break party lines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nine Texas Democrats broke ranks with the House leadership Thursday and voted for President Bush's plan to cut taxes on profits from the sale of stocks, real estate and other investments, turning aside claims that only the rich would benefit.

"Capital gains tax treatment can be extremely beneficial, a shot in the arm for Texas; our economy is as flat as a pancake," said Rep. Michael Andrews, a Houston Democrat who fought for the tax cut. "This provision will spur business activity in our state at a time when we desperately need it."

In a vote of 239 to 190, the House defeated a Democratic attempt to replace Bush's tax cut with a plan to raise tax rates for the wealthy and restore deductions for Individual Retirement Accounts.

After heavy lobbying by both sides, nine of the state's 18 Democratic congressmen and the eight Texas Republicans voted down the Democratic plan, while nine other Democrats voted for their party's alternative.

The nine Texas Democrats agreeing with the president were Reps. Andrews, Jack Brooks, Pete Geren, Ralph Hall, Greg Laughlin, Marvin Leath, Solomon Ortiz, J.J. "Jake" Pickle, and Charlie Wilson.

The president's plan would cut by

30 percent the maximum tax rate for earnings from stocks, bonds, real estate, timber and other assets.

But Rep. John Bryant says the cut would cost at least \$20 billion in revenue "at a time when we can't balance the budget."

"I don't think it makes any sense, when we're running enormous deficits, to cut taxes for the 275,000 richest Americans, the top four-tenths of 1 percent of American taxpayers," Bryant said.

"If this were part of a long-term tax proposal related to comprehensive revenue it would be one thing," said Bryant, a Dallas Democrat. "But it's another gimmick designed to last two years. I don't think it will spur investment."

Another Texas Democrat who voted against the tax cut, Rep. Albert Bustamante of San Antonio, said he did so partly to curry favor with the leadership as he seeks a powerful committee assignment.

"I think I will get some degree of consideration, or a higher degree of consideration," said Bustamante.

Bustamante said he likes the idea of slashing capital gains taxes coupled with restoring deductions for IRAs and hopes such a deal can be worked out in a House-Senate conference committee.

## Jersey renamed George Bush Drive

By Bob Krenek

Of The Battalion Staff

On March 1, 1990, Jersey Street, between Texas Avenue and FM 2818, will be renamed George Bush Drive, thanks to a 5-1 College Station City Council vote on Thursday.

The name change is part of a continuing drive by Texas A&M officials to bring the Bush Presidential Library to Texas A&M. The proposed site for the library is a 40-acre tract of land on Jersey Street south of the A&M Research Park.

Before the vote, council members heard the concerns of several citizens, most of whom opposed the name change.

Among the concerns voiced were a loss of the city's heritage, an objection to such an honor being bestowed on a living person and a fear that the renaming would be considered a purely political action that would reflect badly on the community.

Councilman Dick Haddox responded to some of the criticism by citing community-wide support, saying, "a lot of people have indicated to me that this is a marvelous project and want to help any way they can."

He added that he supported the proposal and that "it would be a tremendous help to youth to grow up in a community with a presidential library."

A&M Deputy Chancellor James B. Bond, a former College Station councilman, spoke in support of the proposal, saying the Presidential Library project is very important to the city of College Station as well as A&M and the name change was something the city could easily do to help the project.

Bond also said A&M officials wanted the city of College Station to join in the project, which he said is "off to a tremendous start."

Councilman Fred Brown agreed, citing a unique relationship between the city and the university, saying, "we do want to be attentive to your needs."

Bond voiced his opposition to Councilman Jim Gardner's suggestion that only a portion of the street be renamed.

Councilman Dick Birdwell said he had contacted the College Station Postmaster about the change and had been told that there would be no problems with mail delivery.

Birdwell also said he had received calls from

two elderly residents of Jersey Street who were concerned about any difficulties they might encounter while trying to change their addresses. Birdwell wanted to know if Texas A&M would be willing to assist anyone who experienced problems.

Bond said he was certain that help could be arranged if necessary.

Shannon Maloney, the Student Government Liaison to the City Council later agreed and said the students who had been working on the library project would be more than willing to help anyone who needed it.

"I promise we can provide assistance for these people," Maloney said, "even if I have to do it myself."

The only remaining decision before the vote was the length of time to allow residents of Jersey to change addresses. After consulting Bond, the council members quickly agreed on a six-month grace period.

The only dissenting vote was provided by Gardner.

"I thought a better alternative would be to rename the street when the facility is built," Gardner said after the meeting.

## A&M student dies in head-on collision outside Prairie View

A Texas A&M freshman was killed in a head-on collision Saturday near Prairie View.

Marion Dwayne Tompkins, a 19-year-old business administration major from La Marque, died Saturday morning from injuries from a head-on collision about two miles north of Prairie View. The accident occurred at approximately 12:30 a.m.

Tompkins' car contained three others, one of whom was his brother Roland, 19, who also died in the accident. Two 18-year-old women who were with the brothers and the 23-year-old driver of the other vehicle were taken to Tomball Regional Hospital, where they were treated

and later released. The driver of the other car was alone.

Highway Patrol Sgt. J.R. Allen, who oversees the highway patrol in Washington, Wallard and Austin counties, said he believes the accident occurred when Tompkins approached a curve too quickly and overcompensated on his steering, which threw his car into a lane with oncoming traffic.

Allen said the right front of Tompkins' car struck the front end of the other car. Tompkins' car burned to the ground, Allen said.

Tompkins was a resident of Clyde Wells Hall. Funeral services were Monday afternoon in Galveston.

## Today last day to Q-drop classes

Today is the last day to Q-drop classes without academic penalty.

The student must fill out a Q-drop form and have the request authorized by a college dean or adviser. Refunds are not made for courses dropped during the Q-drop period.

The Q-drop will show up on the transcript but will not affect the student's GPR.

Students who drop courses after the Q-drop deadline will receive a grade of F unless otherwise specified by a dean.

## Anheuser-Busch announces purchase of Sea World parks

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. announced on Thursday that it had reached an agreement to buy the four Sea World parks around the country, including one in San Antonio, as well as two other theme parks from Harcourt Brace Jovanovich Inc.

The \$1.1 billion deal will make Anheuser-Busch the second largest theme park operator in America, behind Walt Disney Co.

"We think this acquisition is a very logical move for Anheuser-Busch," said August A. Busch III, chairman and president of the company. "We have been involved

in the family entertainment industry for the last 30 years, and it is a business we know well."

The purchase is expected to be completed in November.

The popular Sea World parks, which feature performing killer whales, trained dolphins and other talented creatures from the sea, are located in San Diego; Orlando, Fla., and Aurora, Ohio as well as San Antonio.

The other parks involved in the deal are Boardwalk

See Sea World/Page 6

## Game-day shuttle bus alleviates parking hassles

Football fans can avoid parking hassles and towing risks tomorrow by taking buses or trolleys to the game.

The bus service, first used during this year's L.S.U. game, provides round-trip transportation from 15 local hotels and two park-and-ride lots for \$2. The drop-off point is Joe Routh Boulevard on the west side of the railroad tracks along Wellborn Road, near the pedestrian crosswalk.

Buses will start running at 4 p.m., two hours before the game, and will start return trips at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Fifteen vehicles are scheduled to run and will be marked with point of origin.

Local residents and students may use one of the two park-and-ride lots at Brazos Center or Southwood Valley Athletic Complex. Participating hotels include Best Western, Brazos Inn, Bryan Inn, College Station Hilton, Comfort Inn, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn, E-Z Travel Motor Inn, La Quinta Motor Inn, Manor House, Quality Inn, Ramada-Aggie-land, Rodeway Inn, University Tower and Motel 6.

Tickets may be purchased at the participating hotels and pick-up points but will not be sold aboard vehicles.

More than 3,000 tickets were purchased for the last game.

## Editor: fee slip includes cost of Aggieland photo

By Julie Myers

Of The Battalion Staff

Freshmen who had their Aggie-land pictures taken by AR Photography should ignore the \$5 fee they received in the mail from Yearbook Associates.

Aggieland Editor Paula McKnight said Yearbook Associates is a big company that handles a lot of yearbooks and that the \$5 fee is standard for many universities. Texas A&M, however, does not follow this policy.

All Texas A&M students who paid the \$1 Aggie-land sitting fee as listed on their fee slip will have their pictures in the Aggie-land by simply

showing up at AR Photography on their designated days.

The picture days designated for A&M students are as follows: Sophomores A-M today only; N-Z, Oct. 2-6. Juniors with last names A-M will be Oct. 16-20; N-Z, Oct. 23-27. Graduate students, veterinary students and medical students will have their pictures taken the week of Nov. 6-10. Seniors' picture days are to be announced.

If any freshman has already paid the \$5, contact the Aggie-land office at 845-2682 for a refund. Students who have not paid the \$1 Aggie-land fee can still do so in 230 Reed McDonald and get their picture taken.

## Gramm wants Smith in Senate seat

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm said Thursday he considers it a high priority to put a Republican in the state Senate seat being vacated by Bryan Democrat Kent Caperton.

Caperton, a 10-year veteran, said this week he won't seek re-election.

Gramm called state Rep. Richard Smith, R-Bryan, the man to succeed Caperton and said electing Smith would be his top 1990 priority after his own re-election battle.

"Richard Smith is a great state representative and has the potential to become a great statewide leader," said Gramm, R-Texas, who represented the Bryan-College Station area as a congressman before his 1984 election to the Senate.

Smith said he will announce a decision

within the next two weeks about the Senate race. In the House, he has led negotiations on workers' compensation reform.

"He has done a good enough job in the statehouse that he deserves a promotion," Gramm said of Smith.

On Wednesday, Smith said, "I was looking at a district race. With Gramm at the top of the ticket, I felt like we had an excellent chance to win this seat regardless (of Caperton's decision)."

But Democratic Party officials said they will hold onto the seat. Ed Martin, executive director of the Democratic Party, said much of the district is rural and strongly Democratic. He said Gramm's coattails will have no effect on the down-ballot state Senate race.

The Texas Senate currently has eight Re-

publicans and 23 Democrats.

In other political news Thursday:

• John Houchins, who resigned this week from the Texas Water Commission, said he will work for a political comeback for ex-Gov. Mark White.

"I'm going to work as hard as I can for Mark White," Houchins told the *Houston Chronicle*, adding that he believes White is close to deciding to again seek the Governor's Mansion.

"We've been meeting with him for several months. It's up to him to make the announcement. But I'll tell you this: It's as close as damn it to swearing," Houchins said.

White, a Democrat, served as governor from 1983 to 1987 but was ousted by Republican Bill Clements.