



## WEATHER

TOMORROW'S FORECAST:  
Partly sunny, warm  
HIGH: 84      LOW: 58

## Anticipated talks may signal hope for E. Germans

BERLIN (AP) — Communist officials met opposition leaders in Dresden and talks were expected soon in Leipzig in the first sign of a shift in the East German government's hard-line stance, news reports said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, in East Berlin, Prominent Lutheran official Hans Otto Furian said the Communist Party "must give up its grip on total power."

Also in East Berlin, pro-democracy activists said at least 500 protesters arrested in Dresden were freed the past two days. The activists, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said those freed were among about 1,000 people arrested in Dresden during demonstrations last week and over the weekend.

The activists did not say if any of the demonstrators faced charges. Officials in Dresden have said all demonstrators not involved in violence will be released.

Some Communist Party officials showed increasing signs of willingness Tuesday to talk with pro-democracy activists. But East German leader Erich Honecker reiterated his hard-line position.

Conflicting reports also emerged on Tuesday as to whether the Lutheran Church had taken up a dialogue with the central government

or whether the contacts remained on the local level.

West Germany's ZDF television network, quoting high-level church sources, said that "talks had begun with central offices" in the East German government about the unrest. It did not elaborate or identify the participants.

ZDF said talks between local Communist leaders in Leipzig and pro-democracy activists also are set to begin. It gave no timetable.

Talks between Communist officials and opposition activists already have been held in Dresden.

West German radio reported Dresden's mayor, Wolfgang Berghofer, told activists that all demonstrators who are still jailed "who were not accused of violence would be freed."

Several hundred people, and possibly thousands, were arrested in weekend demonstrations.

Communist officials in Dresden first met with opposition leaders on Monday. Berghofer said another meeting was scheduled for next week.

In a meeting Monday with Chinese Vice Prime Minister Yao Yilin, Honecker repeated allegations that Western "imperialists" are poised to threaten his country.



Gotcha!

Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

A cell biology teaching assistant spends Tuesday afternoon collecting grasshoppers at the Research Park. The insects will be used in a chromosome study.

## Ross Volunteers elect 72 new cadets

By Holly Becka

Of The Battalion Staff

Seventy-two junior cadets will don the characteristic crisp, white uniforms and join the prestigious ranks of the Ross Volunteer Company after a formal induction banquet at 6 p.m. today in

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the Clayton Williams Alumni Center.

The inductees were notified of their selection as Ross Volunteers, the official honor guard for the governor of Texas, on Monday.

The company is comprised of 144 junior and senior cadets. A new RV is elected by returning senior RVs.

Each interested junior submitted an application with his name, grade-point ratio, activities and awards earned. A picture is included with the application to link a face with a name. Applicants also answer two "thought questions" about upholding the standards of the RVs.

Bryan Lilley, an agricultural economics and journalism major from Hurst, and a member of Company F-2, said he was proud to be a part of an organization that is honored throughout Texas.

"I wanted to be a part of it because it's the longest-standing student group in the state and because of the prestige and honor that goes with it," Lilley said. "I'm the first member of my family to make it. My dad didn't make it — he graduated in '55 — and I have four uncles who graduated from here and none of them made it. So I'm very proud."

Lilley said he had wanted to be an RV since he was a freshman.

"The guys who have been RVs ahead of me are a bunch of guys I've really respected and looked up to, and what they represent has always meant a lot to me," he said. "I hope I can set the kind of example to the freshmen this year that they can look up to also."

Malcolm Delovio Jr., an industrial distribution major from Houston and a member of Squadron 17, said he was ecstatic when he found out he had been chosen.

"I was so happy," Delovio said. "I was calling my parents and everybody I knew."

Kevin Fitzgerald, an industrial distribution major from San Antonio and a member of Company E-1, said he applied to be an RV because of the honor.

"(RVs) represent Lawrence Sullivan Ross being a soldier, statesman and knightly gentleman, and when you accept the title, you're accepting the traditions of A&M that go with it," Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald said he accepted the position with mixed emotions.

"My first reaction was that I was really excited when I found out I had been picked," he said. "After dinner we went back to our dorms and there were letters on our desks telling us if we made it."

"The first thing I saw on my letter was 'congratulations,'" he said. "I went out into the hall and out of the four people in my outfit who applied, two of us made it. So along with being happy I made it, I was upset for my friends who didn't get it. I didn't know what to say."

"I was real happy, but at the same time I felt like 'why me' when all these other guys could have done just as good a job," he said. "There were mixed emotions. I can't say I'm not happy but I do feel for my other buddies who didn't make it. They (the returning RVs) told us, 'You're not better than any of the others who applied, you're just luckier.' It was all in the hands of fate."

## Executive director: Strategic planning nothing new at A&M

By Pam Mooman

Of The Battalion Staff

Strategic planning has come to Texas A&M.

Anthony G. Dempster was hired by A&M Oct. 1 to fill the recently approved position of executive director of strategic planning.

Dempster said that although the position is new, A&M was solving planning problems before he came. A&M President William Mobley wanted to increase strategic planning, Dempster said.

"He wanted some staff expertise on hand to help him do that," Dempster said. "It's a matter of me trying to be helpful."

Dempster said he will be involved in helping deans from all A&M colleges decide what improvements are needed. He said that he will help A&M officials form a process for making decisions that will lead to a better future for the University.

However, Dempster stressed that he will be merely guiding A&M's planning; he is not going to take over the process.

"I'm definitely not here to do anybody's planning," he said. "I will be more involved in attempting to help organizations think through a process."

For the past 23 years, Dempster worked for Shell Oil Company. He was Shell's director of strategic planning for 12 years.

Dempster is chairman of the board for the Planning Forum, an organization with 50 chapters in America and Canada. He is also president of the International Affiliation of Planning Societies.

Dempster was hired from among more than 300 applicants. The new position was advertised in the *Wall Street Journal* and several other publications, he said.

Dempster said he is learning his way around campus, and he hopes his experience will be useful to A&M.

"I have successfully found my parking space," he said. "(But) there is much, much more I need to learn about how things work here."

## Fewer people injured at first cut this year

However, improved record may be due to less time in woods

By Kelly S. Brown

Of The Battalion Staff

Aside from a few minor injuries, the first bonfire cut came and left fairly quietly compared to last year, when twice as many accidents occurred.

Three of the four students who were treated and released from the A.P. Beutel Health Center Sunday had varying degrees of lacerations to their feet from the ax cutting through their shoes to the skin. Another student suffered from heat exhaustion.

Tony Godinez, the senior red pot and building construction major, said "things are running smoothly so far," as nearly 1,800 students participated in the cut at Texas Municipal Power Agency owned land.

"Considering the large number of people out there," he said, "the number of injuries is about expected."

Something that wasn't expected was a jeep accident that happened while six students were driving out to the bonfire site.

Four freshman in A-1, an Army company, were injured when the jeep they were in flipped over. The

accident occurred a few miles from the bonfire site.

David Riggs, a senior political science major in A-1 who arrived minutes after the accident, said the jeep was doing a U-turn when the driver might have overcompensated to the right, accelerated and then flipped over.

"Three of the students were pinned under the jeep, while the other three managed to get out," Riggs said. "The roll bar probably saved the lives of the three pinned in."

Riggs said all but one have been released from the hospital. Gary Bur-

nett, who received a fractured right arm, is expected to return to his residence hall from the health center today. James Wil lmarth suffered a fractured clavicle. Gary Morris received 13 stitches after his chin was cut and Edward Vogelpohl chipped a bone in his wrist.

Although there were only half as many accidents this year compared to last year at this time, it may have had to do with the time period. The first cut lasted two days last year, but due to rain, Saturday's cut was called off, making the weekend cut a one-day event.

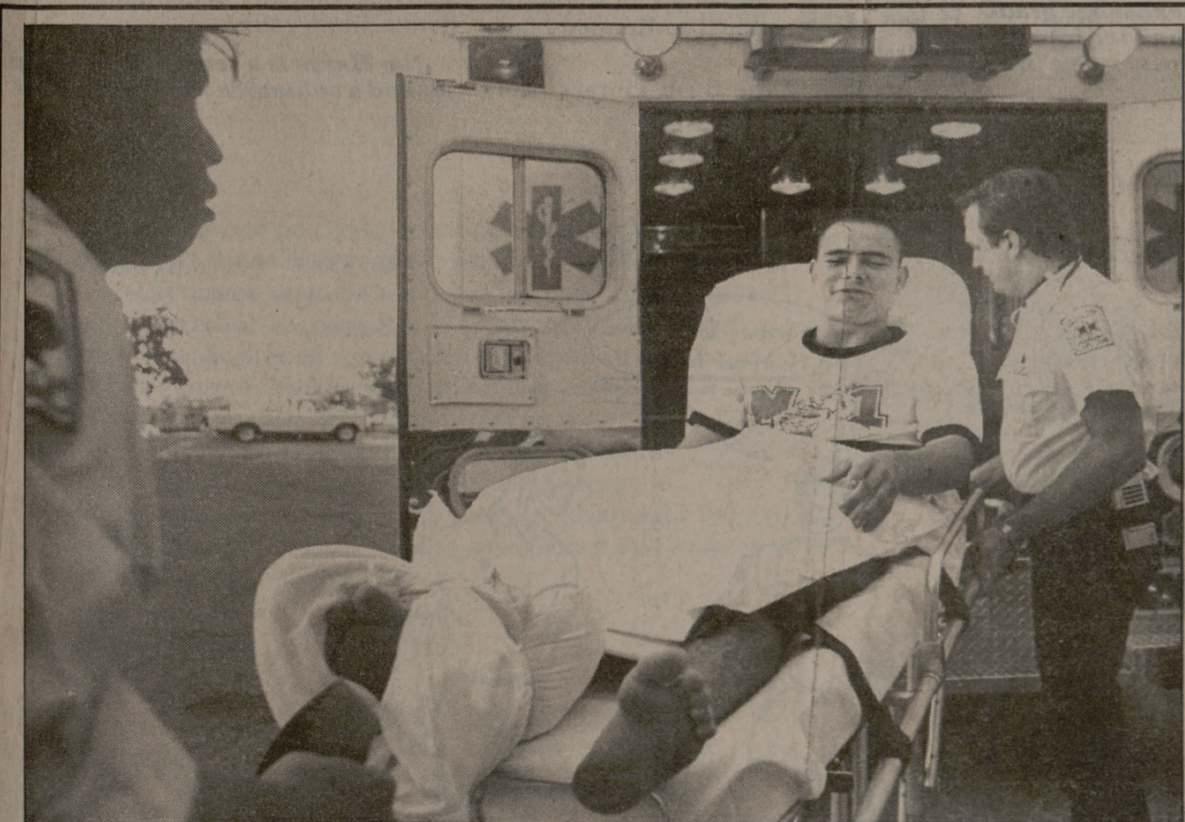


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## Wounded in action

Michael Shane Arnaud, a freshman electrical engineering major from Nederland, winces

from the pain of a severely injured ankle he received Tuesday afternoon playing volleyball.

## Center looks beyond the stars to encourage space research

By Bob Krenek

Of The Battalion Staff

Promoting space research at Texas A&M is the main purpose of the Space Research Center, SRC Assistant Director Dr. Frank Little told the Students for the Exploration and Development of Space Tuesday.

The center, along with its associates, the Center for Space Power and the Regenerative Concepts Laboratory, also seeks to develop and apply knowledge that will enhance benefits gained from space exploration, Little said.

"We provide a focal point for space-related activities and we try to coordinate interdisciplinary research," Little said. "We are part of the Texas A&M system, but not of the university itself so we don't have to worry about parochial interests. This enables us to cut across departmental lines and better coordinate research."

The center received a formal charter in 1985 with an agreement with the Johnson Space Center in Houston to provide research projects. The JSC still provides projects, Little said, but now the center receives ideas from other sources as well.

Little said the center's areas of re-

search include space power systems, microgravity experiments, space materials and structures, robotics technology, life support systems, space transportation and space stations, lunar bases and missions to Mars.

The life support research, Little said, is a particularly good example of how the SRC coordinates different disciplines to aid research. The SRC assembled a team of agriculturalists, scientists and engineers from 10 different departments to work on a closed life support system that is capable of regenerating waste products, Little said.

Little said the Space Grant program will have an impact on the space research activities of the university. A&M is a member of the

Texas consortium that will coordinate space research at universities across the state.

NASA provides \$225,000 per year to the consortium and that figure is matched with funds from members. An additional \$100,000 is provided for a fellowship program. "The Space Grant program is not a research thing," Little said. "It is primarily for education. The idea is to build interest in space from the ground up by putting space into the curriculum from kindergarten through high school."

Students for the Exploration and Development of Space was formed to get students involved in space activities and is open to students of all ages, said President Steven Deterling.

## Japanese officials arrive for meetings

Representatives from Koriyama, Japan, where Texas A&M will open a branch university next year, will arrive at A&M today to discuss the final plans for the overseas campus.

Project leader Kosaku Ohba, city treasurer Nobuo Takagi and city attorney Yoshiko Koizumi will visit with Yusuke Kataoka and Kouichi Muramoto, execu-

tive officer for international relations and executive director for international relations, respectively, from the U.S.-Japan Committee on Promoting Trade Expansion.

In addition to meeting with A&M officials, the Japanese officials will attend the football game this weekend and visit the Texas Hall of Fame.