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**Aggie Players**  
Theater group's latest production, 'The Sea Horse,' is a stirring and well-performed drama. See Review Page 4



Photo by Thomas J. Lavin

University Police Department Officer Karry Sigler investigates the scene of the accident at the corner of University Drive and South College. The car nearly broke through a portion of the fence surrounding the Zachry parking lot.

## Startled student veers car, strikes fence near campus

Two Texas A&M female students were treated for minor injuries following a Wednesday night car accident at the intersection of South College and University Drive.

A&M student Julianne Leonard, 22, and a 21-year-old unidentified female passenger were taken to Humana Hospital after the 1987 Toyota Leonard was driving struck a 7-foot steel fence on University Drive.

The students were treated and released early Thursday morning.

Bob Wiatt, director of the

Texas A&M University Police Department, said that according to the preliminary accident report Leonard lost control of the vehicle and struck a curb and then the fence.

"The driver said she was turning off South College onto University another vehicle turned opposite her," Wiatt said. "She said it startled her and caused her to veer and hit the curb."

Wiatt said witnesses have been contacted and are scheduled to make statements to police later today. UPD is continuing the investigation.

## U.S. forces gather in Arabia

Associated Press

By sea and air, U.S. paratroopers, seamen and fighter pilots plunged into the gathering storm of the Middle East Wednesday to defend the Saudi oil kingdom against any attack by a powerful, expansionist Iraq.

Just six days after invading Kuwait, the Iraqis proclaimed they had annexed that wealthy Persian Gulf nation, and Iraq's President Saddam Hussein sounded unafraid of the U.S. superpower.

"All the fleets and squadrons of aircraft ... will not shake a single palm frond" in Iraq, said a statement by Saddam's ruling council.

In Washington, President Bush warned the Iraqis that "a line has been drawn in the sand" in Saudi Arabia, where the first aircraft and ground forces of a U.S. expeditionary force took up positions Wednesday.

The potential for further explosions in the Arabian desert sent new tremors through the Middle East and around the world.

Hundreds of U.S. citizens and other foreigners streamed to airports in Saudi Arabia to get out of the country. U.S. officials again expressed concern about more than 3,000 U.S. citizens stranded — and possibly detained — in Iraq and Kuwait. Dozens of oil tankers, their masters fearful of conflict, stood anchored outside the Persian Gulf.

As GIs packed up for the 5,000-mile journey to the Persian Gulf and the uncertain days ahead, the country wondered whether they were headed into war.

Angela Nelson was to wed an 82nd Airborne Division soldier in Michigan Saturday, but he was recalled for duty in Saudi Arabia. "It's

## Visiting professor outlines dangers, possibilities of actions against Iraq

By SEAN FRERKING  
Of The Battalion Staff

Multi-national military action and strictly enforced economic sanctions may force Iraq to withdraw its 100,000-man army from the Saudi Arabian border and eventually from the nation of Kuwait, a visiting Texas A&M faculty member and expert on Middle East affairs said.

Before the United States should take any action, the government should understand the reasons Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, Dr. Manochehr Dorraj said.

Dorraj, an assistant professor of political science, said Kuwait once was part of the Ottoman empire and was grouped with Iraq in the Basrah province.

During World War II, Britain took control of the area and divided the province into two countries.

"Since Kuwait's separation, many people in Iraq have wanted to take Kuwait back," Dorraj said. "Hussein has just done that."

Dorraj said Iraq also had strategic and economic reasons to seize Iraq and the small nation's large oil reserves.

He said Iraq now controls nearly 20 percent of the world's crude oil reserves, almost 200 billion barrels, and 9 percent of the world's daily oil production.

Dorraj also said Iraq's victory in the Iraq-Iran war gave Hussein's country a million-man army and sufficient intelligence information to assume a dominant role in the Middle East.

He said the size of the Iraqi army puts a tremendous amount of pressure on countries like Saudi Arabia, which has only 65,000 soldiers in its armed

forces.

"With this invasion, Iraq can intimidate one of the richest countries in the world," Dorraj said. "(It) can literally hold a gun to the Saudi's heads."

"That is an incredible amount of economic power."

The Iraqis also incurred a large debt during their war with Iran. Kuwait had been overproducing oil, Dorraj said, and driving world oil prices down.

He said this overproduction was costing Iraq billions of dollars a year and created additional tension between the two countries.

"Iraq was losing billions of dollars," Dorraj said. "Hussein was not going to take it any more."

To succeed in removing Iraq from such a powerful position in the Middle East, the United States should cooperate with other countries, especially Arab countries, Dorraj said.

"The United States should not act on its own," he said. "Total world cooperation is needed for a peaceful solution to this problem."

Dorraj said stringent economic sanctions should be used first to isolate Iraq and drain Hussein's government funds.

He said if sanctions fail to help the situation, however, aerial bombardment might be necessary to weaken Hussein's grip on Kuwait.

"If they can weaken the morale of the Iraqi soldiers, they might succeed in removing Hussein from power," Dorraj said. "Military intervention might become the world's only option."

Military action might bring a quick end to this incident, Dorraj said, but he said he was worried western countries might underestimate Hussein's determination to keep "his place in the sun."

## Freshmen prepare for Fish Camp

By JEFFREY A. JOHNSON  
Special to The Battalion

More than half of Texas A&M's 6,300 entering freshmen will learn the basics of life in Aggieland starting Friday.

The first group of 800 freshmen, called "fish" in Aggie jargon, travels to Fish Camp on Friday. Four such camps are scheduled in East Texas prior to the fall semester.

For Texas A&M freshmen, the camp is a four-day orientation covering the ABCs of A&M.

Volunteer counselors teach the freshmen everything from study skills and the importance of good nutrition to Aggie yells and traditions.



This year's first camp is set for Friday through Monday, with subsequent sessions scheduled Tuesday through Friday, Saturday to Aug. 21 and Aug. 22 to 25.

Fish Camp, a tradition originating in 1954, helps freshmen establish friendships, understand college residence hall or apartment living,

meet student leaders, become familiar with Aggie traditions and learn about campus life.

Kim Fisher, an A&M senior and 1990 Fish Camp director, said the camp is helpful to freshmen.

"Fish Camp allows freshmen to make friends with other freshmen and also with upperclassmen before the fall semester actually begins," she said.

Camp starts with on-campus registration, followed by a bus trip to the Lakeview Conference Center in Palestine — all under guidance of

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## Local writer turns memories into book

By KATHY COX  
Of The Battalion Staff

When Bryan writer Sunny Nash was five years old, she probably never dreamed a trip to "The Ladies Room" would help shape her career.

Nash's story, "The Ladies Room," is included in a collection by and about Texas women.

The collection is edited by the late Dr. Suzanne Comer, former senior editor for the Southern Methodist University Press in Dallas.

Nash's story is an autobiographical account of life in Bryan's Candy Hill area in the 1950s.

"It's just a slice of my life at that time," Nash, Class of '77, said.

Other stories by Nash have been published by the Houston Post and the Houston Chronicle, and Doubleday publishing is reviewing her novel "Womenfolk."



Sunny Nash

Nash's recent success followed her decision to quit her work at A&M in June 1989 to concentrate on her writing career.

"I always felt I had to have a cushion to fall back on," she said. "But if you have that cushion to fall back on, you hold back. You won't give it all, because you don't have time to give it all."

Nash, who graduated with a communications degree, worked at the University for 12 years as program director at KAMU-TV, writer-editor for the Sea Grant College Program, associate editor for the Real Estate Center and associate director of the Office of School Relations.

Nash said Comer influenced her to become a full-time writer.

"She was able to give me some focus and direction," Nash said. "She said, 'If you want to do this, do it.'"

"I decided I was going to become a writer, because that's what I'd always wanted to be, so I said, 'Now is the time.'"

After resigning from her University jobs, Nash said she decided to take contract work so she could take only jobs she needed while concentrating on her own projects.

A contract job for a company that produces software for handicapped children led to Nash's nomination for a Sammy Award, a musical award named for the late Sammy Davis Jr.

Nash wrote a song titled "We Have Something to Say" for an Access Unlimited television production, and the composition is in the finals for the award, which will be announced Aug. 25.

Before entering A&M, Nash was a singer and songwriter at Brunswick Records in New York.

When she returned to Bryan, Nash entered A&M in 1974 and

played in a local band, along with working at The Battalion and the Center for Marine Resources.

Records are unclear, but Bob Rogers, journalism department head, said Nash was one of the first African-Americans to graduate from A&M in communications.

He said he is almost certain she was the first African-American woman to graduate from the department.

Nash, known as Pat Sadberry in college, said she has seen many changes at A&M.

"It's always been there for me," she said. "But I never dreamed I would go to school there because there were no women and no blacks."

She said the number of minorities has increased.

"I was the only one in my classes a lot of times," Nash said. "That's why it took such a long time for the populations of other races to rise, because there was just nothing to hook into."

Nash said her lifestyle has not changed much since embarking on her literary career.

Although she has to travel to cities to market her material, Nash said commuting is not a problem.

"I live on a farm and I'm not going to a city," she said. "When I wake up in the morning all I hear are the birds and the bees buzzing and the cows mooing. I don't want to hear traffic."

Nash said she tries not to pick a project just for the money.

"I pick things because they're close to my heart and because I love to write," she said. "I don't like to mix the feelings of money and art. I'd rather approach it as just my art."

## A&M issues permanent ID

By JULIE MYERS  
Of The Battalion Staff

Texas A&M students will pay \$4 more in fees this fall to offset costs of maintaining each student identification card.

Assistant Registrar Willis S. Ritchey said the student ID maintenance fee was implemented as a result of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents' decision last year to use permanent ID cards every year instead of new ones.

"The \$4 fee covers the cost of us getting into and out of the Student Information System (SIMS)," Ritchey said. "Before your ID will work this fall, we have to verify that you've paid your fees by checking files to see if you're in good standing."

"We then activate each ID card so the magnetic strip will respond when you use it to get football tickets or library books."

Ritchey said the computer search for the verification and validation of IDs is expensive.

"This is a byproduct of having a one-time card instead of a new one each semester," Ritchey said.

Students previously paid \$5 each year for a new card which was automatically updated, Ritchey said. With permanent cards, students pay a one-time \$5 fee for the card itself and \$4 every year to have a computer update information for the card.

"We're saving students \$1 a year over what they would have been spending on new cards," Ritchey said. "Once you get an ID, hang on to it."

Ty Clevenger, Student Body president and senior genetics major, said he does not have a problem with the new \$4 fee as long as it is used to update information on the ID cards.

Clevenger said he will organize a committee to look into fee assessment in the fall.

## YOU participants graduate Scholarships, prizes awarded to top students

By ELIZABETH TISCH  
Of The Battalion Staff

Texas A&M graduating seniors are not the only students walking across the stage this summer.

Youth Opportunities Unlimited, a summer educational program for high school students, had its graduation and awards ceremony Wednesday morning.

The ceremony recognized the students' completion of the privately funded, eight-week program at A&M.

The summer program allowed high school students from Lufkin, Nacogdoches, Houston and San Antonio to gain high school math credits while earning money by working in various capacities on campus.

Students, teachers and parents filled Rudder Theater as Hansel Burley with the YOU program at Stephen F. Austin University congratulated the 125 students for completing the program he said will change their lives.

He also encouraged the students to continuously accept challenges.

"Don't be afraid to take the challenge of something that is difficult," he said. "Go ahead and take that challenge making your life a bit difficult right now, so later on things will be better for you."

YOU is targeted toward students at high risk of dropping out of high school because of academic or financial reasons.

After the ceremony, Wash Jones, job developer for YOU, presented awards for participation, outstanding work and academic excellence.



Photo by Eric H. Roalson

Brenda Raez receives an Outstanding Work Award and a hug from her supervisor at the Youth Opportunities Unlimited commencement exercises Wednesday. Awards were distributed for outstanding work at the students' jobs and classes.

The event ended after the top 20 students were given a Texas A&M University Presidential Scholarship for \$500.

Lamon Honeycutt, 15-year-old recipient of a scholarship, said the program was beneficial because "it taught people that when society says we really don't have a chance to succeed, we do succeed; you do have a chance to get ahead."

Brenda Rayes, 15, from Houston, said she gained valuable work experience from her job as a secretary assistant in the bilingual research center.

A&M student Margaret Heffner tutored YOU students in improving their study and math skills.

"I loved the program — it was very rewarding," Heffner said. "I learned a lot from the students and I hope they learned a lot from me."