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## Athletes strive to get involved

By TROY HALL  
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Wofford Cain Hall residents are forming the Cain Hall Athletic Association to better integrate Texas A&M's athletes with the student body.

The group will provide Cain Hall with its first dormitory council. Cain Hall presently is not officially recognized by A&M or the Residence Hall Association.

"We haven't been officially recognized by the RHA yet, but we are taking steps, moving in the right direction and doing everything we can in hopes that we can eventually be integrated into RHA," Jason Kline said.

Kline, a senior bioengineering major from Houston, provided the preliminary goals of the Cain Hall Athletic Association to members of the RHA General Assembly on Wednesday night.

"There are misconceptions and a lot of wrong ideas about the stuff that goes on at Cain Hall," he said. "I've heard Cain Hall called a castle on a hill, but we're out to try to clean up somewhat of a bad reputation that has formed between the general student body and the student athletes."

Kline said another council goal is to integrate student athletes into campus life and get them more involved in student organizations.

He said some freshman football players were not able to attend Fish Camp in the past because it interfered with summer practice.

"A lot of the athletes have missed out on the training you get out of Fish Camp," Kline said. "They don't know about a lot of the traditions

and that is another reason I feel the need to form the council."

Kline also says the dorm council wants to teach A&M athletes to participate in more campus activities.

"A lot of student athletes don't know what that means," he said. "I'm sure a lot of you probably feel a distance from many athletes at A&M. That is one thing we aim to change by becoming incorporated and visible with the student body and beginning to know what is going on around campus."

The dorm council presently is forming a constitution committee and an NCAA regulations committee.

Kline said the NCAA committee is being formed because Cain Hall will have limitations other dorm councils don't have.

Kline told RHA members the process will take time and requested help from them in forming a constitution for the council.

"This is an exciting opportunity for RHA because this is a link that has been missing for quite some time," Kyle Jacobson, RHA president and senior civil engineering major from Denton, said.

Jacobson said the Cain Hall Athletic Association can have a representative attend meetings and communicate group progress or the athletic association can be added to the RHA constitution.

"I don't see a big rush in the Cain Hall Athletic Association being part of RHA," he said. "They are just starting off and they should go slowly if they need to."

"It depends on how quickly Cain wants to be recognized in RHA or whenever our assembly votes on the dorm council — that is when they will be part of RHA," Jacobson said.



Photo by Jay Janner

College Station firefighters examine a "victim" during Wednesday's mock air disaster at Easterwood Airport. A Texas A&M shut-

tle bus substituted for a real airplane. With the aid of makeup, victims were made to look injured.

## Drill helps agencies prepare for air disaster

By MIKE LUMAN  
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A simulated plane crash Wednesday at Easterwood Airport, set up to test emergency preparations, sent rescue units scrambling to help 47 "passengers" bloodied and burned with the aid of makeup.

The operation, which used a Texas A&M bus as a mock aircraft, closed an Easterwood runway for about two hours.

University Police Director Bob Wiatt said the operation was a drill to mobilize all agencies that would be involved in a real crash.

Bryan-College Station fire departments, Easterwood personnel, assorted ambulances, UPD and the Brazos County Emergency Command Post were on hand.

The simulation began at about 9:45 a.m. with a cloud of smoke from a fire set near the bus.

Firefighters hosed the "wreckage" down and crews began carting off the "injured," played mostly by A&M students from emergency medical technician classes.

Wounded students were scattered over the runway and grass alongside.

Five were pronounced dead on arrival. Mock injuries to survivors ranged from minor abrasions to protruding bones and intestines.

Mike Donoho, assistant chief for the Bryan Fire Department, explained how workers categorized injuries with colored tags indicating seriousness.

Those tagged red were transported first, followed by yellow tags. Green tags were "walking wounded" and treated last.

Chris Thomas, a senior psychology major, was tagged black, indicating he was dead or mortally wounded.

Stretched on the runway covered with fake

blood and vomit, he described the experience as "very traumatic."

Everyone's wounds seemed genuine, right down to the screaming and moaning of some students.

Kathy Jones, an EMT student at Humana Hospital, sat with her green-tagged artificially-burned daughter of about pre-school age.

"It's exciting," she said. "I think she's a little confused but seems to be OK."

Jerry Strong, an administrative officer for Brazos County Civil Defense, said the purpose of the exercise was to point out capabilities of emergency teams and prepare an effective air disaster plan.

"We need to be ready if we have one of the bigger airlines crash here," Strong said. "It's only a matter of time until it happens."

Wiatt said the operation went well overall, but there were a few minor problems.

## Ross Margraves Jr. Regent active in law field

Editor's note: The Battalion will focus on members of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents during upcoming weeks to better acquaint students and faculty members with the System's leaders.

By BILL HETHCOCK  
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Ross D. Margraves Jr.

Commitment to the legal profession and to his membership on the Board of Regents keeps Ross Margraves Jr. busy.

Margraves of Houston is a partner in the law firm of Margraves, Kennerly & Schueler, P.C.

He graduated from A&M in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and earned his law degree in 1965 from the University of Texas.

Gov. Bill Clements appointed Margraves to the Board of Regents in 1989.

Margraves is a member of the Planning and Building Committee, the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee, the Committee to Evaluate Mineral Properties and Set Lease Terms and several ad hoc committees.

He also serves as special liaison to the 12th Man Foundation.

Besides his membership on the Board, Margraves is active in the law field. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas and served as chairman of the Grievance Committee from 1973 to 1983.

Other professional memberships include the American Bar Association, the Houston Bar Association, the Texas Bar Foundation, the Texas Aggie Bar Association and the

Texas Association of Bank Counsel.

Before appointment as a regent, Margraves served as chairman of the State Purchasing and General Services Commission.

He also has participated in many educational and civic organizations.

Margraves now serves as director of the Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation, the 100 Club of Houston, the Bill Williams Capon Charity Dinner and the National Foundation of Letitias & Colitis.

He also is on the Steer Auction Committee and the Parade Committee for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

## Debate attendants support invasion of Kuwait

By CHRIS VAUGHN  
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The United States should end the standoff in the Persian Gulf and invade Iraqi-occupied Kuwait, according to a vote taken after Wednesday night's debate in Rudder Tower.

The debate, sponsored by the Texas A&M Debate Society, centered around the following resolution: "The United States should invade Kuwait, even at the cost of American lives, to return freedom to the people of Kuwait."

A large majority of the crowd of about 70 supported the resolution.

Sarah Dugan, a junior sociology major, debated that the United States should invade Kuwait to rescue approximately 1,000 Americans trapped in the country, to protect the United States' economic interests in the Middle East and to oppose aggression.

But Ray Torgerson, a freshman English major, countered that the United States is doing enough now, there is no direct threat to national security and the United States does not have a good record in military intervention in world affairs.

Dugan said Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein controls 20 percent of the world's oil reserves following his August invasion of tiny Kuwait and has

too much power over world oil prices.

"The United States must protect our own economy and our interest in oil," Dugan said. "We need to keep oil prices at the market level, not in Saddam Hussein's personal control."

Dugan also said the United States must invade Kuwait because Hussein will continue his aggression until it is checked.

"Maybe some people can ease their conscience with rationalizations saying we have no business in another country's war, but we're only denying the actions that are right," she said. "We know the moral thing to do, and that is to defend liberty and uphold the things the United States stands for."

Torgerson, however, argued Iraq does not pose a direct threat to the United States and the potential of losing 20,000 to 30,000 U.S. soldiers is not worth the invasion.

"One may clearly see the United States would not be serving the national or global interest in sending thousands of soldiers into Kuwait to die a senseless death," he said. "Economically, militarily and politically, I believe I have shown the resolution is indeed flawed."

## Professor recommends U.S. negotiate with Iraq

By JOE FERGUSON  
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The United States needs to weigh the consequences of its actions in the Middle East even though they are praised in this country, a Texas A&M professor of political geography said Wednesday.

"You can always choose your actions but you can't choose your consequences," Dr. Ron Hatchett said, speaking during the second part of a program sponsored by MSC's Political Forum and Jordan Institute for International Awareness.

Hatchett listed four possible outcomes of U.S. involvement in the Middle East crisis:

- Iraqi withdrawal under pressure
- Continued standoff
- Face-saving withdrawal
- War

"I don't think we have a chance in hell of (an Iraqi withdrawal)

happening," he said.

Hatchett cited the Arab world's years of humiliation at the hands of Europe and other Western countries as a reason for Iraq's steadfastness in the face of impending war.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein mentioned some of that humiliation in a videotaped message that aired Tuesday. He recalled that Kuwait was part of Iraq under the Ottoman Empire until Great Britain "severed it like an infant separated from its mother."

Hatchett said Hussein is in a position where he has to come away with some benefits. The Arab world is ready to regain status and self-esteem and now is the time, Hatchett said.

He said Hussein recognizes withdrawing from Kuwait would be his political death — possibly his actual death.

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## Candidate aims message at men during 'Aggies for Life' talk

By JULIE MYERS  
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Until American men accept more responsibility for fatherhood, the abortion issue never will be resolved for the unborn, a Republican candidate for state representative said.

Speaking to an Aggies for Life meeting of 17 men and eight women Wednesday night, Steve Ogden said abortion frequently is framed as a woman's issue and women prefer it that way.

But Ogden said he was interested in the fact that polling data indicates a higher percentage of men support women's abortion rights than women.

"Abortion on demand has been useful for the irresponsible American male," Ogden said. "Fathers can say, 'You have a choice and I don't have to be responsible.'"

Ogden, however, said the government cannot force men to accept more responsibility — only families and churches can instill morals.

"The government is not in a good position to take a moral stance on that issue," Ogden said. "I'm just recognizing the realities of the problem."

Ogden also said he recognizes the unfortunate situation of crack babies and minority children who are harder to place in homes than healthy, white infants.

"I don't have all the answers," Ogden said. "It's an unfortunate situation."

Ogden agreed with a man in the audience who said a 7-year-old orphan would prefer to wait for an adoptive family than to have been aborted.

A College Station woman recently told Ogden women do not get abortions because they want them — they get them because they believe they have no real choices. They frequently are abandoned and alone, they are afraid because of their predicament, and many times, because they are so vulnerable, abortion is an act of despair or desperation.

"It is not enough for those who fight for the unborn to simply wail against the darkness of death," Ogden said. "It is also im-

portant to offer a light of hope to those who feel they have no hope."

Ogden said he and his wife Beverly have assisted many pregnant women with shelter, clothing, medical care and adoption. He called on students to volunteer at the Brazos Valley Crisis Pregnancy Service, which advocates adoption instead of abortion.

Ogden said he doesn't have a specific program to curb unwanted pregnancies, but he does advocate self-control as birth control.

Abortion is clearly the most divisive issue any candidate for public office has to address, Ogden said, but history is on the side of abortion opponents.

"List any figure you admire and you won't find one who was afraid to stand up for what they thought was right," Ogden said.

The language used by those supporting women's rights to abortion also disturbs Ogden.

In 20th century America, the aborted fetus is not called an unborn child, offspring

or a human being, Ogden said, because those who support women's rights to abortion perceive the victim as something sub-human instead of a "child of God."

Ogden said that referring to an unborn child as a fetus is like a pornographer who views a woman as a sex object rather than as a daughter, sister or wife, and this dehumanizes the victim.

He said, however, it also is important to recognize the abortion debate is rooted in history.

"We have always had a Declaration of Independence and a Constitution with a Bill of Rights, but they were originally meant for white men who owned property," Ogden said.

Eventually, those rights came to include men who did not own property, men of different races and women.

"The legal and philosophical essence of the abortion debate is personhood — who is a person and who isn't, as specifically referred to in the 5th and 14th Amendments to our Constitution," Ogden said.



Steve Ogden