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for their lack of experience, and it works out pretty good." Wait says the campus emer-

gency medical team was organized 10 years ago because of the high response time of the county ambulance service to on-campus situations

'In 1980, the county was dividing its emergency service into an organization for each city," Wait says. "The students on the emergency care team at that time talked to the health center and through some donations were able to purchase an ambulance.

Wait says by 1982, the EMS began providing on-campus ser-

equipment maintenance. "I like this because I really feel like I'm doing something impor-tant, and I also like the interaction

with the people we help." In addition to answering an average of four to five calls a day, the EMS is also on standby at the Firemen's Training School, rodeos, and campus events such as concerts and graduation. Wait says the fall semester is usually a busy time for them because of events like bonfire, football games and yell practices.

During football season we see a lot of alcohol-related injuries or alcohol overdose," Wait says. "A lot of times students will drink a

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vice 24 hours-a-day, seven days-aweek. The all-volunteer staff of 30 students operates two fullyequipped ambulances and are usually present at campus events where large crowds are expected.

Brian Haschke, a senior biomedical science major, has been involved with A&M's EMS for more than two years, and was certified as an EMT-paramedic two months ago after completing the required training classes at Scott and White Hospital in Temple.

"Right now I'm serving as the team's captain of apparatus," Haschke says. "That means that I'm in charge of all of the equip-ment and handle the administrative side of ordering supplies and

lot at yell practice and then go to the game the next day while still partially dehydrated and get sick. "We haven't had any deaths

from that (alcohol overdose) on campus, but there have been some that were pretty close. If someone hadn't found them and called us, then I don't think they would be here today.

There is no charge for students who use the A&M emergency medical service, nor will faculty and staff be charged a fee, if they are under a workman's compensa-

tion plan. If the victim is suffering from an injury or illness that the A. P.

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