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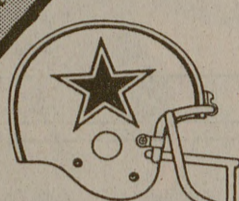
**FORECAST**

Partly Cloudy with a chance of more afternoon showers High in low 90s



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Columnist Anthony Andro predicts Cowboys march to Super Bowl XXVI



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"I am no more fearful of nuclear waste than I am of drought in the Brazos Valley."  
Matt McBurnett, on the use of nuclear energy for the production of electricity

# The Battalion

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## CO-OP, Placement Center merge to better assist students

By Susan Maguire  
The Battalion

Plans are in the works for a new Career Center which will consolidate the Placement Center and the Cooperative Education Service to include a new Career Education Program, said Dr. Wayne Terrell, associate director of the Cooperative Education Service.

The Career Center will be in the offices of the University Center Garage across from Rudder Tower. The paperwork was finished in May, but the move might not occur until January, Terrell said Thursday.

Dr. Stephen Yates, director of the Cooperative Education Service, was named the director of the Career Center in May. Directors of each separate function have not been named.

"Dr. Yates has been heading a task force during these past four months to study and make suggestions for the center," Terrell said.

The task force includes students, University administrators and members of industry.

"We've gotten a lot of input from the University and industry on this," he said.

Jay Wheeler, assistant director of

Placement Center, said the reason for the consolidation is to bring the career services into one location.

Terrell said coordinating the services will do a better job of serving students. He said part of the function of the Career Center will be to identify the other activities students can use for job information, such as Student Counseling Services and college and department advising.

"The Career Center would also try to tap into the alumni and try to get them to serve as volunteer mentors," he said.

The new Career Education Program portion of the Career Center will take over some of the activities done by Cooper-

ative Education and the Placement Center, such as job-related orientations and seminars, Terrell said, and will also gather and disseminate information on the jobs that A&M students take after graduation.

The research will be helpful to administrators and faculty for planning classes and advising students in what classes to take and for students to understand what jobs are available, he said.

Terrell said the consolidation wasn't necessarily approved to save money, though a lot more will be able to be done with the same resources.

"We had concerns about the careers of A&M students," Terrell said. "The ad-

ministration feels that there should be an office to help freshmen and sophomores start thinking about their careers."

Terrell said underclassmen will receive advising on what they can do now to help their job search later.

"They need to realize how important internships and student activities are to employers," he said.

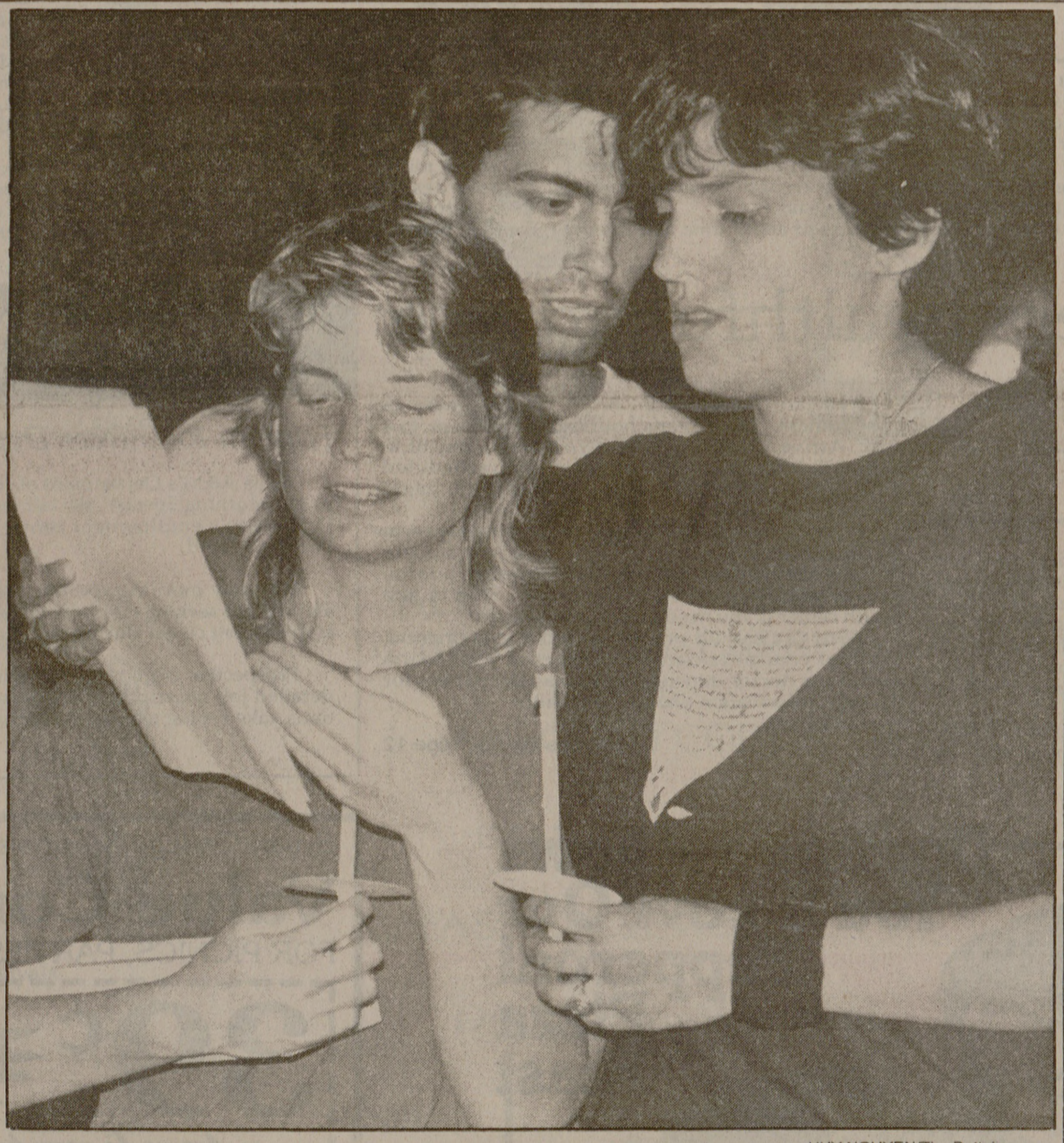
Terrell said he and several others involved in the Career Center presented programs at Fish Camp.

"This is the first year that has been done," Terrell said. "The Career Center is a pretty innovative idea and I'm pretty excited about it."

## Officer escapes indictment

FORT WORTH (AP) — A grand jury said Thursday that a police officer accused in the videotaped beating of a car theft suspect did not use excessive force.

A Tarrant County grand jury declined to indict Edward Parnell III, 32, who was videotaped July 3 striking Ernest Anderson several times after the officer stopped his patrol car on Interstate 30.



**Mini Muster**

Stephanie Boyles (left) and Laura Hall participate in a candlelight vigil in front of the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue for slain Aggie Paul Broussard who was beaten and stabbed.

HUY NGUYEN/The Battalion

## Democracy devours U.S.S.R.

People's Deputies dissolves communist state after seven decades of Kremlin rule, envisions independence for republics

MOSCOW (AP) — In a dramatic break with seven decades of iron-fisted Kremlin rule, lawmakers on Thursday approved the creation of an interim government to usher in a new confederation of sovereign states and put a graceful end to the disintegrating Soviet Union.

After three days of stormy debate and intense back-room negotiating, the 1,900-member Congress of People's Deputies declared a transition period to a "new system of state relations."

The measure they approved envisions a voluntary union based on independence and territorial integrity for the republics, and enshrines democracy and human rights.

President Mikhail Gorbachev praised the lawmakers, saying they "rose to the occasion" at a crucial juncture in Soviet history.

"Tremendous renewal has certainly taken place," he told the Tass news agency later.

"The Soviet Union is finished," reformist lawmaker Arkady Murashov told reporters.

The upheaval even threatened to sweep away Vladimir Lenin, the founder of the Soviet state and

Communism's most sacred symbol. Before the Congress adjourned, Leningrad's reformist mayor, Anatoly Sobchak, proposed removing Lenin's body from its stately mausoleum in Red Square.

The Congress effectively put itself out of business by approving the restructuring plan, so the fate of Lenin is to be taken up later by a new and smaller legislature.

The lawmakers' overwhelming endorsement of Gorbachev's restructuring plan capped three weeks of dizzying change that began with a coup by hard-liners and triggered the collapse of central authority and the Communist Party.

All but five of the 15 Soviet republics have declared independence, and Gorbachev was poised to formally recognize the first of them — the three Baltic states. He said he and his new State Council would act Friday on Baltic independence.

Gorbachev dominated the huge and raucous parliament, squelching debate and refusing to accept proposals from the cham-

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## Blue Bell wins battle against Japanese firm

BRENHAM (AP) — Blue Bell Creameries Inc. won its battle with a Japanese company over the use of the Blue Bell name in Japan when the foreign firm backed down Thursday, allowing the Texas ice cream maker to keep its trademark name.

"I only wish we could clear up the host of our other trade problems as quickly," U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, said. "That would clearly be in the best interests of companies and consumers in both countries."

Blue Bell officials had complained to U.S. Trade Representative Carla A. Hills.

"The quick response to the concerns I raised in my letter to Ambassador Hills (Wednesday) was gratifying," Bentsen said. "The Blue Bell people tell me they were very happy to get the news (Thursday), but I'll bet they're no happier than the Japanese people will be when they get a chance to taste this ice cream as we know it in Texas."



Bentsen

## Clean up begins at drop-off point

Director describes growing recycling site as 'almost unmanageable'

By Alysia Woods  
The Battalion

A recycling drop-off site behind Cafe Eccell has grown into a budding success — and a mess.

The site, operated by the nonprofit organization Germanium Junction 505, has become quite a project, says Paul Fagan, executive director of the organization.

"In only a year, the site has grown from a few tons into 100 tons of recyclables each month," says Fagan.

Fagan says Junction 505 took over the project last September when it became too much work for Cafe Eccell Owner Donnie Anz and his crew.

"They were spending a lot of hours recycling," Fagan says. "At that time, we were training some-

one to work at Cafe Eccell."

Junction 505 employs disabled persons in community service. The organization's mission is to help find jobs for people with disabilities.

Since last September, Fagan says, the recycling site has become "almost unmanageable" with the most popular recyclable being newspaper.

The problem, Fagan said, is that newspaper and cardboard become wet due to rain, making it non-redeemable. Since the site is open to the public 24 hours a day, the organization is unable to control what people drop off.

"The motives of these people are good," Fagan says. "But not everything is recyclable."

Another problem is some people mistake the site for a convenience store.

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The overflowing recycling drop-off site behind Cafe Eccell grows because people confuse it with a trash dump.