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Volunteer Firefighter Greg Lovelace (left), a junior geophysics major, David Daglay (center) and Bruce Hermes (right) pull on a series of ropes that raise and lower a gurney from a two-story building as they practice firefighting skills at the firemen's training school on Wednesday.

Student saves lives, protects property as volunteer firefighter in hometown

By Erin Bradley

Whenever he happens to be at home, Greg Lovelace, a junior fighting," Lovelace said.

"Once I started running calls I spends his time on-call to the Cypress Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

As a firefighter with Harris County Rural Fire Prevention District 13, Lovelace has been saving lives and protecting property, in that order, for 2 1/2 years. He has attended A&M's Texas Firemen's Training School three times. The school's first session ended last week.

Lovelace says he became a volunteer firefighter because some friends at the station encouraged him to join. After filling out an application and having a background check and a physical, Lovelace went through six weeks of training. His captain then decided that he was competent and Lovelace received his bunker gear and a pager.

The following months consti-

tuted a probationary period in in the breezeway" and were able which Lovelace did not actually to save the house. fight fires. But after six months, the captain let me do dangerous stuff, the fun stuff, actually fire-

found I really enjoyed it. There's a big adrenaline rush . . . it's great, the controlled terror.

"I've been in some situations where you can't lose your head," Lovelace said. "You have to be know that I can do that.

But you could be on a date and your pager goes off, and you go. Well, at a volunteer department, you don't always have to go, but I enjoy it, so I do."

Another part of the time com-

mitment involved in firefighting is the couple of hours each Tuesday when the volunteers at the department review different aspects of the job, including rescue, ventilation, pumping the truck and even riot control.

Recently, Lovelace and his captain were the first to arrive at a garage fire, where they "hit it

But not all of Lovelace's experiences have been positive ones.

"One night, near the end of my senior year, we ran a major accident, and it turned out to be a friend of mine from high school," Lovelace said.

"I actually recognized the car on my first major accident run. Then my captain told me to grab some stuff because we were goable to control yourself, and I ing up to the car. By the time I got there they had pulled him

"It was hard seeing him lying there with his head split open on the concrete, dying. He died the next day. That's probably been my worst experience, because I saw him out there but there was really nothing that I could do."

Lovelace says he will probably always be a volunteer firefighter, in whatever community he decides to live, because "it really is a good feeling when I can help somebody else out."

Forum reviews funding for agricultural agencies

Leaders keep eye on legislators' budgeting process

By Ursula Simms

State funding for agricultural agencies, such as the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, both located at Texas A&M University, will be examined during the Texas Agricultural Forum today in Austin.

The forum, which is open to the public, allows for agricultural leaders to discuss how state agricultural agencies and universities determine needs, set priorities and allocate funds to programs involving research into agricultural issues

The leadership within Texas agriculture will gather in the agriculture forum to look at how the legislature sets its priorities in the budgeting process related to the agriculture commissions, agencies and educational programs," said Roland Smith, extension program leader of agricultural economics.

Smith said other budget concerns originate from different sectors of the agricultural community

Smith said farmers are concerned about being competitive and producing their commodities so that

they can survive economically.

The forum, coordinated by Dr. Ed Smith, agricultural economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, is one in a series held each year to examine issues in agriculture.

The forum is of great importance to the two agricultural state agencies at Texas A&M because of the numerous programs they coordinate throughout

Dr. William F. Braden, administrative assistant in the extension service, said the two state agencies work together to benefit Texas.

"The Ag experiment station generates new kind edge, information and ideas, and the experiment tion takes those and applies them in the real w setting to see if they can be applied on a large sca

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service use search results from the experiment station to me objectives which include educating Texans a health and nutrition, agricultural developmen ural resource conservation and leadership deve

Braden said the extensions service, funded by nually, has one year of appropriations left and their goal is to try and maintain level funding.

Programs administered by the extension ser are funded by an estimated \$72 million allocation

the two-year period. House Bill 2009, passed in Texas' last legisla session, requires all state agencies and organization to develop a strategic plan and submit reports w detail how well they met their goals and object from the previous funding period.

The state legislature, which will meet again in 1993, will study these reports submitted by the

ferent agencies to determine future funding. Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts John St will moderate the discussions pertaining to state's economy and the comptroller's role in bud ing and funding for agricultural programs.

The state agencies also coordinate numerous grams for businesses and citizens in the comm One such organization is the 4-H club which is signed to help kids learn various skills to help the become confident and responsible citizens, Brad

DFW still waiting for radar system

GRAPEVINE (AP) — The Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport is still more than two years away from receiving an advanced radar system that detects the existence of wind shear, which was blamed for the crash seven years ago of a Delta jet that killed 137

people at the airport.
The DFW Airport Board considered purchasing the radar from private source soon after Delta Flight's 19 crash on Aug. 2, 1985.

When that option proved impractical, the board decided to wait until the Federal Aviation Administration developed and installed a system.

The first two Terminal Doppler Radars are now being installed at airports in Houston and Memphis, and should be functional this fall - 10 years after research began on wind shears and nearly 20 years after wind shears were first identified as a serious threat to

The FAA said it took about four years to research and test the instrument, two years were needed to take bids on it, and four years for the final development of

"Everybody would have liked to have it yesterday," John Mazor, spokesman for the Air Line Pilots Association in Washington, told

the newspaper. Now, officials say it will be September 1994 at the earliest before DFW Airport gets the radar despite its status as the secondbusiest airport in the world with more than 2,000 flights a day, The Dallas Morning News reported

DFW Airport at one time among the top five on a list of U.S. airports to receive the syst

But then, Indian artifacts w found on the site where the ra was to be installed, said D Turnbull, weather radar programanager at the FAA in Washin

Faced with delays in determ ing the historical significant the site, the FAA shoved D Airport a couple of dozen sh down the list. Dallas Love Field will get th sophisticated system at least seve

months earlier

Terminal Doppler Radz which FAA officials say will or about \$7.4 million, is able to det more than 90 percent of wi shears within three miles outsi an airport's runways.

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