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Military airlift brings aid to 'Garden Island'

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LIHUE, Hawaii — A military airlift shuttled supplies and equipment Sunday to Kauai, the hurricane-ravaged "Garden Island." Residents struggled to piece their paradise back together, while vacationers waited to leave.

Crews worked round-the-clock to restore power and telephone service wiped out Friday when Hurricane Iniki covered the lush, scenic, 30-mile-wide island with 130 mph sustained wind and gusts to 160 mph. It was the strongest hurricane to hit Hawaii this century.

"I don't know how we're ever going to get back to normal. I just don't know where to start," said Kathy Cabral of Kalaheo, whose home was extensively damaged.

"We're just glad to be alive today," said Jan Powell of Fairfax, Calif., who was vacationing with her husband in Koloa, on the island's west side, which appeared

to be hit hardest. The Powells were staying in an elementary school-turned-shelter.

"Guess we'll be staying a while," Powell said.

The hurricane was blamed for at least three deaths, including one on Oahu, and 98 injuries. At least 8,000 of Kauai's 51,000 residents were left homeless, said Federal Emergency Management Agency spokesman Bob Blair.

The wind reduced some buildings to splinters and tore the upper floors off others. An entire block was wiped out near Lihue, on the island's most heavily developed, eastern shore. Yachts were piled atop each other in Port Allen harbor. Palm fronds, shingles and other debris clogged roads.

President Bush said Sunday he was told that 30 percent of the island's buildings were destroyed and preliminary damage estimates reached \$1 billion. Bush declared much of the state a federal disaster area.

"Our hearts go out to the people of Hawaii and we pledge to stand by them in support at this hour of need," Bush said in Maryland before leaving for a West Coast campaign trip. Bush, who visited Florida and Louisiana after Hurricane Andrew last month, said he has "no plans right now" to visit Hawaii.

The director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which was criticized for slow response to Hurricane Andrew, arrived at Kauai on Sunday. Wallace Stickney was joined by Patricia Sakai, chief of the U.S. Small Business Administration and a Republican former congresswoman from Hawaii.

About 300 Hawaii Army National Guard troops also landed Sunday on Kauai. Ten military C-130 cargo planes mounted a 24-hour airlift to bring in food, portable kitchens, medical supplies, communications equipment and other relief.

Class of '77 endows \$3,500 for renovation of Fish Pond

BY MONIQUE LUNSFORD

Reporter of THE BATTALION

Aggie spirit was alive in the hearts of the Class of 1977 Saturday as they returned to the campus for some unfinished business: the rededication of the Fish Pond.

In honor of its 15th reunion, the Class of '77 has established an endowment worth \$3500 that will be used to renovate the Fish Pond, and ensure that it is "preserved and protected for future generations of Aggies."

The Fish Pond, which is located across the street from Sbis Dining Hall, was first rededicated by the Class of '77 in 1975.

Although students have been walking past this pond for decades, few may realize the enormous significance it has had since 1938, the year it was first dedicated.

The pond was built originally as a gift to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and was then marked a memorial by the Class of '38 in honor of Aggies who died in World War II.

For more than 50 years, the Fish Pond has become the dumping pool for A&M yell leaders following

home football victories. According to Phil Petta, a 1977 class member from Portland, Oregon, the Fish Pond is more than a symbol of Aggie Spirit. It is a fountain of remembrance.

"We used to throw the yell leaders in it when I was a freshman, so it brings back lots of fine memories because of that," he said. "And it was dedicated to the men that died in World War II, so that makes it quite meaningful, a typical Aggie tradition."

Under sunny skies and a cool breeze, about 30 members of the Class of '77, along with President Mobley and a few honorary members of the Class of '38, gathered beside the Fish Pond in a ceremony honoring the rededication.

During the ceremony President Mobley cut the dedication ribbon, as the waters of the fountain simultaneously spouted out.

In keeping with Aggie spirit, both current yell leaders and those from the Class of '77 led the group in a yell practice at the climax of the ceremony.

"This truly is a historic place," Mobley said. "An important place, and an awful lot of good things have happened, including celebration of victory. It (Fish Pond) symbolizes all the best of Texas A&M over many years, and it's going to project well into the future."

Shining Path leader captured; could be turning point for Peru

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LIMA, Peru — The government said Sunday it captured the mastermind of one of the world's most fanatical guerrilla movements, and the seizure could be a turning point in Peru's fight to crush the relentless Maoist insurgency.

Political leaders and terrorism experts said the arrest of Abimael Guzman was the hardest strike yet against the Shining Path. But they also said it would not end the rebellion — and could even lead to more violence because of Abimael's fanatical following.

Guzman, 57, a former philosophy professor known as "President Gonzalo," and seven others were captured in a raid late Saturday in the Lima suburb of Surco, police said.

The Interior Ministry said the group was taken by surprise without gunfire, and that other key Shining Path leaders were among those arrested.

The elusive Guzman went underground in 1978 and had not been seen in public since.

El Comercio, Peru's leading daily, said Guzman was writing and did not resist when anti-terrorist police broke into the house where he was hiding. Anonymous witnesses interviewed by Channel 5 television said they saw Guzman, heavyset with a graying beard, being hustled away.

The capture comes less than three months after the arrest of Victor Polay, leader of the pro-Cuban Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, the smaller of Peru's two main rebel groups, which took up arms in 1984.

Gore questions Bush's commitment to values

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Democrat Al Gore, seeking to fire up party workers in a battle-ground state, said Saturday that President Bush's reluctance to sign a family leave bill proves he pays only lip service to family values.



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"It just goes to show you that you really cannot always trust what they say," Gore told a state Democratic Party con-

vention. "All you can do is read his lip service to family values. He doesn't really mean it."

The family leave bill has been a favorite theme with Gore since last week when the House approved the measure and sent it to the president's desk despite indications that it faces a veto there.

The bill would require 12 weeks of unpaid leave for workers in businesses with 50 employees or more who have a medical emergency, including the birth of child, adoption of newborn or a serious illness.

The Democratic vice presidential candidate also attacked Bush's newly unveiled economic plan, largely a repackaging of longstanding administration proposals.

HUD to give \$731,000 to CS, Gramm says

By GARY P. CARROLL

City Editor of THE BATTALION

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, announced Friday College Station would receive \$731,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to help fund the Community Development Program.

"My strong commitment is to assure a fair return to Texas taxpayers on the money we pay in federal taxes," Gramm said.

The Community Development Block Grant Program was developed to fund efforts to rejuvenate run-down areas and help low income residents with affordable housing.

Money given to communities comes from a general fund allotted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Develop-

ment. The funds can only be used for projects that help better living standards for community residents and enhance community appearance.

"I am pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is making this assistance available to benefit College Station residents," Gramm said.

According to Jo Carroll, Administrator of Community Development for College Station, the money allocated to the city is allotted to communities for three specific reasons: to benefit

low to moderate income families, to eliminate slums and neighborhood blight, and to meet emergency needs.

"No less than 70 percent is to be spent on low- to moderate-income families," Carroll said.

The money will be used to fund activities such as emergency repairs of dilapidated structures that are unsafe to the occupants, to provide supplies to homeowners to do their own repairs with and to enforce building codes.

"The money will also fund an optional relocation program," Carroll said.

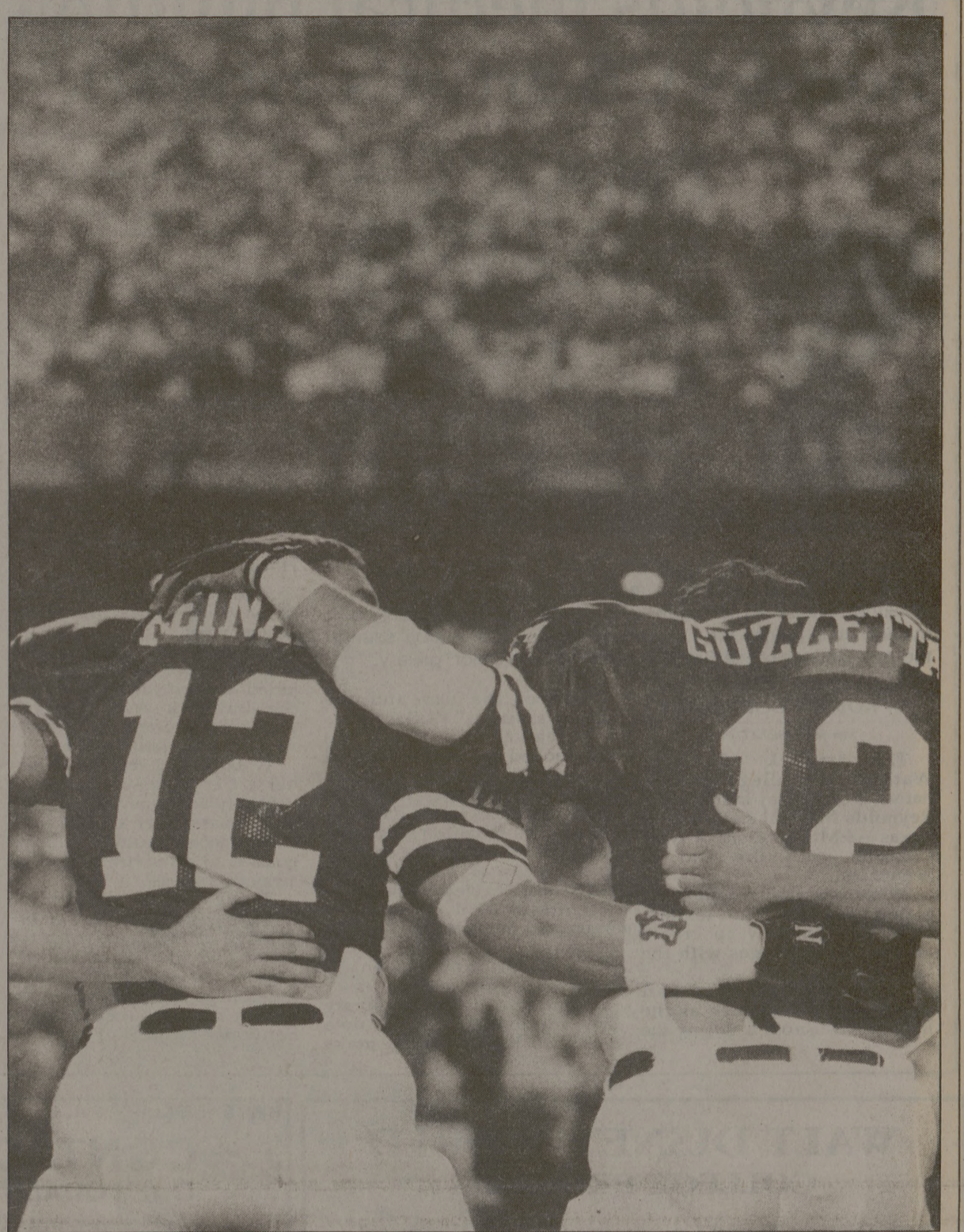
If a house is too unsafe for the residents, and it would be too expensive to repair the house, the optional relocation assistance program will find housing for residents while their house is torn down and rebuilt.

The city also will use some of the money to participate with Texas A&M in The Big Event, a community clean-up project held each spring.

Some money from the H.U.D. grant will be spent improving roads in College Station as well.

Sometime around the first part of 1993, work will begin on College Main in the Northgate area and Eleanor Street in the Southgate.

The city of College Station will receive the money Oct. 1.



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Members of the 12th Man team, Brandon Reinartz (left) and Steve Guzzetta, join 58,926 fans in celebrating Texas A&M's victory Saturday over Tulsa, 19-9, in Kyle Field. It was the home opener for the Aggies, who are the fifth-ranked team in the nation. □ See Sports coverage on Page 5.

'Monument of patriotism' Corps center for recruiting, information officially open

By JULIE CHELKOWSKI

Reporter of THE BATTALION

The doors of Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets' official information and recruiting center formally opened Sunday with a warm welcome from more than 1,000 Aggies.

The opening of the the Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center was described as "a new era" by President William Mobley.

"It's a monument of patriotism and a place that will help recruit new members and sample what it really means to be a member of the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M," Mobley said.

The center was named after Dr. Sam Houston Sanders, Class of '22, who was a member of the 1922 Dixie Classic football team, an All Southwest Conference halfback, a three-time track letterman and a Texas A&M Distinguished Alumnus in 1970.

Sanders donated half a million dollars to the construction of the center before he died in March 1991.

Center Director, Lt. Col. Buck Henderson, said the center functions as a recruiting tool, a place for cadet leaders' offices and a place to store archives. The center will focus on three major themes: Corps history, the present day Corps and the future of the Corps.

"We thought it was very important that we have a place to showcase the Corps," he said.

The idea for the center was proposed in Spring 1988 by Gen. Thomas Darling during a Corps Development meeting. Pledges totaling \$250,000 were then donated by four former students to make the proposal a reality.

The center is unique because it is one of three buildings on campus that is not state funded. The Albritton Tower and the Clayton Williams Alumni Center were also built with private funds.

Currently, Henderson said, the center is "in the black," but they are in the process of raising funds to continue operating the building and paying employees.

He said one of the easiest ways to get involved with contributing to the center is by buying a brick that is placed with the donors name on it in front of the center. Anyone, regardless of their affiliation with A&M, can purchase a brick which costs \$100 for students and \$250 for non-students.

The center will do more than serve the Corps, Henderson said. It will be used for tutoring and academic assistance, and meeting rooms can be reserved for any group on campus.

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