

Perot's comeback stirs mixed reactions

By REAGON CLAMON

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The feelings of students at Texas A&M are mixed over the announcement by Ross Perot that he will, once again, enter the presidential race.

Andy Haynes, a senior building construction major at Texas A&M, is a little less than enthused about the news.

"I think if there are enough idiots out there to vote for him, he will probably just end up helping Clinton," Haynes said. "But, I don't think he's got a chance to win anyway."

Perot announced Thursday he will campaign for president after bowing out in

July. Perot supporters have said they are not fazed by their candidates earlier "blunder" and are ready to get to work again.

Haynes said he felt Perot had shown he didn't have the temperament to be president of the United States by refusing to run in July.

"I think he screwed everybody over by getting out of the race," Haynes said. "He can't even get along with his campaign staff. If he doesn't like someone, he fires them."

Other opinions hold that Perot could still overcome his "error" in judgment to pull out a win in November.

Henry Dong, a freshman chemical engineering major, said he thought that Perot might have some ulterior motive for taking a break from the campaign trail, but that didn't

change the fact that Perot represented a change.

"I think what he did was pretty cheesy, but I might still vote for him just to get Bush out of office," Dong said. "He might actually do the country some good."

Dong said he felt that Perot's business sense would be his biggest asset.

"I think the economy is important and he might actually be able to turn the economy around."

Philip Huseman, a freshman computer engineer, and a self-proclaimed Republican, said some people might vote for him just because he is wealthy.

"He could probably handle the deficit by just writing out his own personal check."

Nuclear reactor at A&M safe, supervisor says

By CHERYL HELLER

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CHERYL HELLER/The Battalion
Sean O'Kelly, reactor supervisor

There are two big misconceptions about the nuclear reactor housed at the Texas A&M University Nuclear Science Center, said reactor supervisor Sean O'Kelly.

Texas A&M students tend to believe that the nuclear reactor is very dangerous and that it provides power to the University, O'Kelly said.

The Triga brand nuclear reactor, which uses one megawatt of thermal power, does not produce electricity of any kind. It is actually used for medical applications and research purposes.

It is powered by uranium-enriched fuel and produces heat by fission, the splitting of atoms.

The reactor is used for neutron activation analysis, the process of determining the contents of a

sample by using sensitive detectors instead of chemical reactions.

The center performs research for different departments of the University, as well as for companies involved in radioactive tracing processes, the University of Texas at Austin, UT at El Paso and out-of-state universities.

The Texas A&M physical science and nuclear engineering departments also use the reactor for experiments.

"Many universities have nuclear reactors, but Texas A&M is the only one in this area," O'Kelly said.

Texas A&M also works with the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center to provide gold seeds for cancer patients. The gold seeds, which are actually tiny pieces of radioactive gold wire, are inserted in the tumors of can-

cer patients to provide local instead of full-body treatment. The radioactivity of the gold seeds eventually decays, and the seeds are left in the tumor.

The reactor is housed in a shield of heavy concrete and water, and is virtually harmless.

"The water provides the best shield, because its low conductivity cuts off the reactor's ability to react," O'Kelly said.

The center monitors the air for radioactive material to see that it is not released into the environment. Anyone entering the reactor dome must be checked for radioactive exposure before leaving.

"We have certain limits we can't exceed, and we're always very careful," O'Kelly said. "There should be no cause for anyone to worry about any damage to the environment."

What's Up

FRIDAY

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY INC.: The 1992 Pre-Lip Sync Show featuring Kriss-Kross, Van Halen II and Fade to Black from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rudder Fountain. For more information call Kahn Grice at 847-1089.

BAHAI CLUB: Group gathering for refreshments and discussion on the Bahai Faith at 8 p.m. For more information and meeting location call Leslie at 822-3039.

PUERTO RICAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: Meeting at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder. Dues deadline. For more information call Winston R. Mendez at 846-5926.

COTTON BOWL REPRESENTATIVES: Applications for 1993 Cotton Bowl Representatives are now available in the Student Activities Office, 153 Student Services Building. Application deadline is Friday, October 16. For more information call Christi Moore at 845-1135.

BLACK GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: Meeting at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder with Guest Speaker Dr. Alan Letton (MEEN). For more information call Steve at 823-1334.

MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: Friday prayer at 414 Stansley Street, Apartment #5 and 6. All Muslims invited. For more information call Wido at 846-4278.

STUDENTS OVER TRADITIONAL AGE: Supper club meeting at 6 p.m. at Confucius. All students over 24 are invited to attend. For more information call Robert Dickens at 845-1741.

CFFA: Plant sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bocker, MSC, and Academic Plaza.

BADMINTON CLUB: Practice from 7 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. in Read. For more information call Remen at 696-2972.

HILLEL JEWISH STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Friday night services at 8 p.m. in the Hillel Building. For more information call 696-7313.

KAN/MEDICINE TRIBE/ROCK THE VOTE: Voter registration drive from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES (UCM): Weekly Peanut Butter Fellowship from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Academic Building at the Sul Ross Statue. Then our weekly student led Bible study from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at A&M Presbyterian Church. This semester we will be discussing Galatians. We want your input. For more information call Stacy Fletcher at 693-5623.

TEXAS A&M LACROSSE TEAM: Practice Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Polo Fields. Everyone welcome, no experience necessary. Come be a part of the State Championship tradition. For information call Tom Weaver at 764-7974.

WESLEY FOUNDATION: Final Exam Bible Study and Lunch (\$1.00) with special guest at 12:30 p.m. in the Methodist Student Center. For more information call 846-4701.

TAMU ROADRUNNERS: We meet today at 6:30 a.m. as we will every Monday through Friday. If you are interested in running with us, we meet in front of G. Rolie White Coliseum. For more information call Steve at 823-1334.

T-CAMP: T-Camp Co-Chair and T-Camp Executive Assistant Applications are now available. They are due October 9 at 5 p.m. in the Student Activities Office (Room 125 Student Services Building). For more information call 862-2521.

UNIVERSITY AWARENESS FOR CULTURAL TOGETHERNESS (U-ACT): The Third Annual U-ACT Student Leader Retreat will take place at the Brazos Valley Camp in Snook, Texas on October 9-10. Come to U-ACT University: The Diversity University and learn about diversity and unification. For more information contact the Department of Multi-Cultural Services at 845-4551 by October 8.

COMMUNITY OF SINGLE ADULTS: Social hour at Oxford Street Restaurant at 6 p.m. For more information call Peggy at 846-9536.

NEWLY RECOGNIZED AND RE-RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATION TREASURERS AND ADVISORS: In compliance with a

University directive requiring fiscal policy and procedure training for all advisors and treasurers of recognized student organizations, three workshops remain in Room 144 of the Student Services Building. Today at 4 p.m., October 2 at 12 noon, and October 5 at 12 noon. All advisors and Treasurers who did not attend a workshop last year are required to attend. Please call Pennette at 845-1133 if you have any questions.

TAMU VEGETARIAN SOCIETY: Booth to celebrate World Farm Animals Day in the MSC. For more information call Scott at 775-5107.

CARGILL-NUTRENA FEEDS: Interviewing in the Agricultural Economics and Animal Science Buildings. Sign up in either office and please turn in a resume.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: General discussion from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call the Center for Drug Prevention—The Rainbow Center at 845-0280 for more information and meeting location.

SATURDAY

AGGIES FOR LIFE: 1992 Brazos Valley Life chain at 10 a.m. at the corner of George Bush Drive and Texas Avenue. All former felons are welcome to attend! For more information call Ron at 822-1976.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS: Class of '91 Silver Taps Monument Presentation at 10 a.m. at the Silver Taps Flagpole on Military Walk. Inclement weather location is the Academic Building Rotunda. For more information call Sharon Neeley at 845-4641.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: Post-game party at A&M Presbyterian Church immediately following the game. Everyone welcome. For more information call Stacy Fletcher at 693-5623.

TAMU ROADRUNNERS: Meet in the Kleberg parking lot at 6 a.m. to do the Sam Houston State University 1/2 or 1/4 marathon. We will return in time for the game. Call Chris at 847-3708 if you are not yet registered.

COMMUNITY OF SINGLE ADULTS: Texas Renaissance Festival in Plantersville. Meet at 8 a.m. in the Dillard's parking lot to car pool. For more information call Bob at 846-9151.

ACCOUNTING SOCIETY: Tailgate party for members at The Grove immediately following the game. Call Caroline at 696-0077 for details.

WESLEY FOUNDATION: Wesley Olympics at 7 p.m. in the Methodist Student Center. For more information call 846-4701.

SUNDAY

TAMU INLINE SKATING CLUB: Rollerblade Hockey at 7 p.m. in PA 71. For more information call Shawn Schiller at 764-7830.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: Sunday dinner and discussion groups (DOC at 145 MSC and Presbyterian group at the A&M Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall) at 5:30 p.m. For more information call Stacy Fletcher at 693-5623.

LUTHERAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP: Singing, Scripture study and supper at 5:30 p.m. in University Lutheran Chapel. For more information call Kristin at 846-6687.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Meeting in 407 Rudder at 6 p.m.

TEXAS A&M SPORTS CAR CLUB: Autocross at 9 a.m. at Riverside annex. For more information call Brian Hanchey.

WESLEY FOUNDATION: Choir at 5 p.m., Dinner (\$1.25) at 6 p.m., Worship at 7 p.m., and Fellowship at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Student Center. For more information call 846-4701.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 016 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service which lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have any questions, call the newsroom at 845-3316.

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