

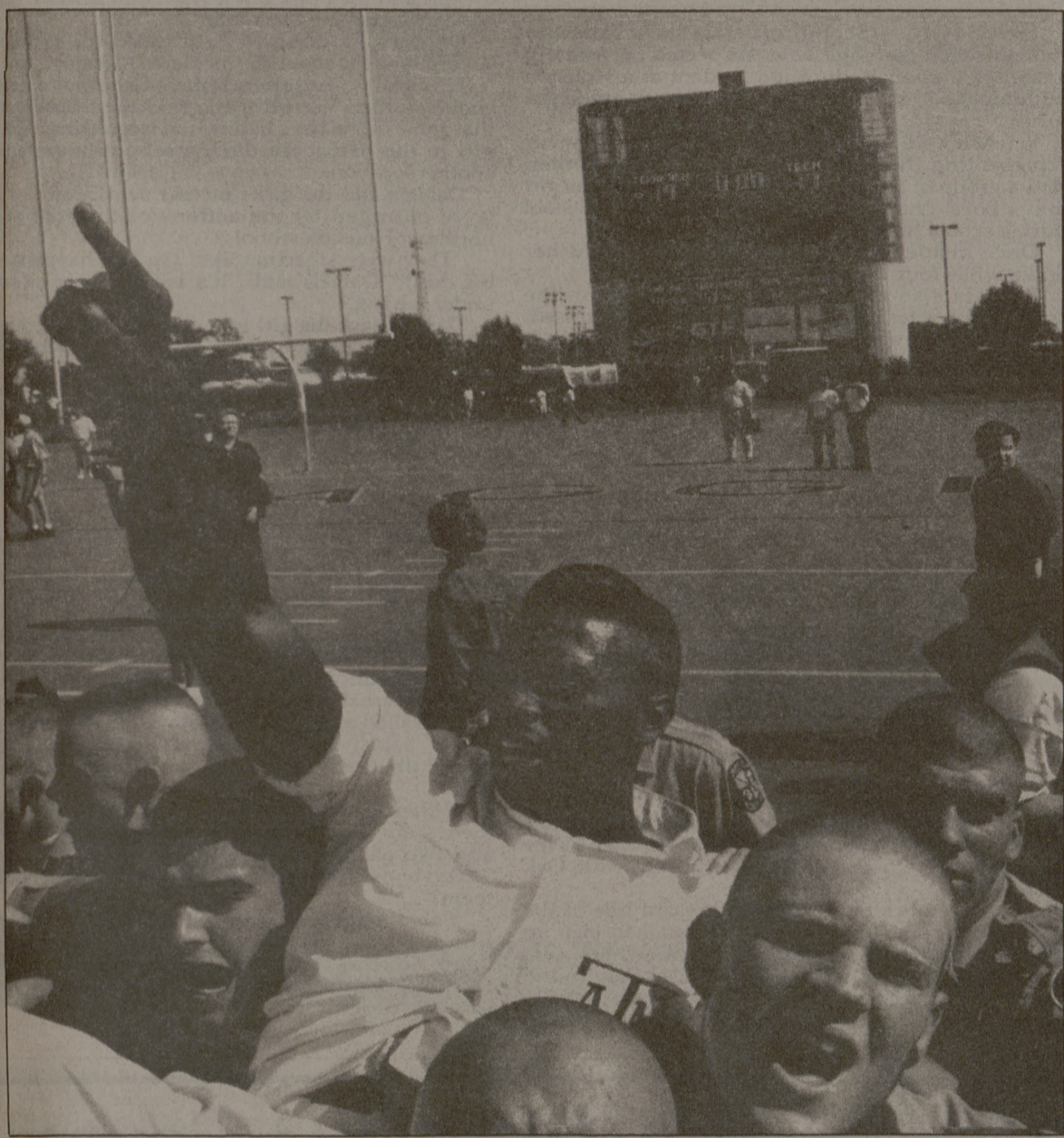
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## OFF TO THE POND



Senior Yell Leader **Ronnie McDonald** is carried off the field by the A&M corps of cadets after A&M's two point win over Texas Tech on Saturday. McDonald was carried to the Fish Pond.

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## Israeli cargo jet explodes over Amsterdam suburb

### Plane crash kills dozens after pilot reports engine trouble

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — An Israeli El Al cargo jet exploded Sunday night shortly after its pilot reported engine troubles and tried to return to the airport, an airline official said. Dozens of people were reported killed.

Flaming debris showered over a wide area of a suburb near Schiphol airport, setting fire to a large apartment complex, officials said.

Fire crews battled burning wreckage in densely populated residential areas, and ambulances carried away victims.

Dutch television said there were dozens of fatalities.

"It wasn't an explosion, it was two engines that the captain reported on while taking off and that he's returning to land, and when he said he was landing, it crashed," said Yisrael Cherbin, cargo manager for El Al in Amsterdam.

He said the Tel Aviv-bound

747 carried "a regular commercial load."

There were three crew members and one passenger aboard, he said.

Earlier, a Schiphol air traffic control official said a bomb was the suspected cause of the explosion because there were no prior reports of trouble on board the plane.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

The skies were clear.

The plane was believed to have gone down about 6:45 p.m. (1:45 EDT) above the community of Weesp, TV and the ANP national news agency reported.

El Al routinely receives high security protection at Schiphol Airport to foil terrorist attacks, and the Israeli freight carriers have no identification on their bodies.

The airline's much-vaunted security checks can take hours.

The plane was believed to have exploded about 6:45 p.m. (1:45

EDT) above the community of Weesp, and pieces of the plane appeared to have scattered over a wide area, TV and the ANP national news agency reported.

It was not clear how many people were on board the jet. No further details were given.

Pieces of the wreckage set fire to a large apartment complex in the Bijlmermeer area, causing an undetermined number of casualties.

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If the explosion was caused by a bomb, it would be the first terrorist attack on an airliner in the Netherlands.

## Business administration to relocate its facilities

By TANYA SASSER

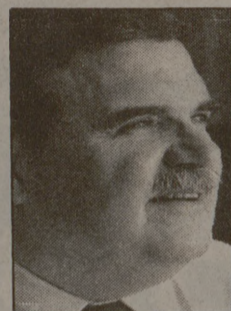
Staff writer of THE BATTALION

Dr. William H. Mobley, president of Texas A&M University, commended those who have contributed to the growth of the College of Business Administration at a groundbreaking ceremony Saturday morning for the new facility that will house the college by Fall 1994.

The College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Business, currently located in the John R. Blocker Building, will be located on the west campus, near the Biochemistry/Biophysics Building on Agronomy Road. The four-story, 190,000 square foot building is expected to cost \$23.5 million.

Mobley credited the success of the business school to its outstanding faculty and outside supporters.

"It is a distinguished faculty," he said. "We have been blessed with faculty who have come here and have planted their roots."



Mobley

Mobley said it is important to retain a quality faculty to ensure to continuing growth and success of the college of business and of the University.

"Even as we break ground for a new building, an important symbol of progress, the building is not the significant issue," he said. "It's what will go on inside that building and the people that have helped that building come to be that are going to make that building function to provide quality education."

Dr. E. Dean Gage, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost of Texas A&M, said the growth of the business school should reflect that of the University.

"We have truly witnessed a tremendous rate of growth," he said. "Growth that parallels the growth of the institution and the University as a whole. It seems that as the college of business has grown in its students, faculty and academic stature, so has the University."

Gage said the quality academic programs along with superior teaching combine to provide the necessary ingredients for success.

"This new facility will certainly serve as a commitment to this college," he said. "It will be the home for business programs that will continue to distinguish the college as well as the University. Through these halls will pass many of our future leaders and C.E.O.s."

## Nation's economy not in recession, Bush says

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Sunday "technically I was right" in insisting last fall that the nation's economy was not in recession, but said he should have acknowledged that "there's a hell of a lot of people hurting."

Speaking in an interview taped at the White House for CNN's "Larry King Live" talk show, the president said people still have a mistaken impression about the economy's strength.

"Yes, things have been tough, but they haven't been that tough," he said. "There's been some encouraging things. I can click them off for you: interest rates down, inflation down, businesses ready, poised for recovery."

"So when I said there isn't a recession last fall, technically I was right. But I should have done it recognizing that there's a hell of a lot of people hurting, and I feel it and I knew it then and I know it now," the president added.

Bush acknowledged that voters' discontent with the economy is

hurting him in the polls.

"Technically I was right, but don't tell that to the guy that's unemployed, or don't tell it to the family that has a job and wonders if they're going to have it tomorrow. So I could have handled that bet-

ter. Sen. Al Gore, are scheduled to appear on King's show and take viewers' calls Monday evening.

Earlier Sunday, in comments aimed at Hispanic voters, Bush said that in a second term he would increase U.S. pressure on Cuba to



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## Representative in plane crash Hury in critical condition following airshow collision

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Former State Rep. James Hury was in critical condition Sunday after his single-engine airplane and another craft collided on a runway during the Wings Over Houston Airshow.

Hury, 46, suffered severe head injuries and was taken by LifeFlight helicopter to Hermann Hospital after the accident Saturday, officials said.

The former lawmaker and another pilot, Austin ophthalmologist Dr. Quinton Smith, were performing a formation landing at Ellington Field about 11:15 a.m. Saturday when Smith's Stinson L-5 veered into a 180-degree turn.

A collision was unavoidable between Smith's plane and Hury's Cessna L-19, which had landed behind the Stinson, air show spokeswoman Lu Lewis said.

Smith was treated and released from Ben Taub

Hospital after the accident.

Hury remained in critical condition Sunday, said Todd Hoisington, operations administrator for Hermann Hospital.

The air show resumed about 40 minutes after the collision Saturday and continued Sunday.

The accident was the first at the eighth annual show, said Sarah Oates, spokeswoman for the City of Houston Department of Aviation.

Hury, a Galveston Democrat, stepped down from the Legislature last week to return to private law practice. His term would have expired in January.

Hury's first term in the state House of Representatives began in 1983.

He has served as chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee and was a member of the Legislative Budget Board.

He served as Galveston County's district attorney from 1977 to 1983, and worked as an assistant in the office for five years before that.

## White House stops plan to assist migrant workers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Farmworker advocates say the White House, under pressure from growers, killed a Labor Department plan to improve deplorable and substandard housing and working conditions for thousands of migrant workers.

Then-Secretary Elizabeth Dole, a prominent Republican, put the initiative together two summers ago after visiting a farmworker camp in Florida. There, she wrote in the report, she was "shocked and deeply moved" by what she saw.

According to the 150-page report, Dole wanted to crack down on abuses of migrant workers with a series of "concentrated, high visibility enforcement strikes" against farm employers, starting with the peach orchards around Aiken,

S.C., and the blueberry and vegetable fields of southern New Jersey.

She also wanted stiffer civil money penalties against employers who shirk wage and housing responsibilities or ignore other laws, and sought to strengthen enforcement by boosting the number of farm labor specialists from 22 to 52.

Her plan called for a review of farm labor laws and regulations to better protect workers from substandard housing, child labor or wage violations, as well as the creation of a Cabinet-level task force.

Dole resigned in October 1990, less than three months after the White House reportedly shelved her plan. Now the president of the American Red Cross, Dole was out of town and unavailable for comment, a spokesman said.

A Labor Department official who worked on the plan confirmed that it was

kept back for political reasons. The official asked not to be identified.

Bill Brooks, a former assistant secretary of labor who helped draft the plan, said he also believes it was politics that killed it, after it got to the White House.

"That's my gut feeling. ... This was a hot potato," said Brooks, who is with General Motors in Pontiac, Mich.

"Law-abiding growers didn't have anything to fear, and yet there are too many people out there in the agriculture community who cut too many corners and there's a massive fear they're all going to be nailed," said Michael Hancock, executive director of the Farmworker Justice Fund.

Libby Whitley of the American Farm Bureau Federation said the nation's largest farm group had some "very serious concerns" about the plan and contact-

ed the Labor Department.

"It was done in a very shoot-from-the-hip fashion," she said. "They did not consult with us, employer groups. And they came in with a very punitive attitude, without an attempt to understand the real sweep of issues in the industry. It was not even-handed."

Labor Department spokesman Steve Hofman said 25 of the 35 proposals have been done or are being implemented, while seven others are under review.

The remaining three will not be done "in the short run," including the plan to expand the number of enforcement officers.

But there have been raids on growers in the Carolinas and California, he said. Whitley said there have been some "major enforcement sweeps" of growers in the Mid-Atlantic, Georgia and Tennessee,

as well as some in California.

"We're moving ahead as effectively and as rapidly as we're able to. Does that mean the employer community is enthralled? No. Does that mean the advocacy community is always enthralled? No. But we're trying to move ahead as appropriately as we can," Hofman said.

But Hancock and Joseph Kinney, executive director of the National Safe Workplace Institute, said there's no evidence the department has implemented the plan.

"People in the field feel the situation is worse," Kinney said Friday. Farmworker advocates agree the need for vigorous enforcement has become even more urgent today than two years ago.

In Florida alone, a rash of transportation violations have led to several deaths and serious injuries.