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Serbs kill dozens in shelling of Gorazde hospital

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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Scorning the United States' tough talk, Bosnian Serb forces shelled a hospital annex and Red Cross refugee center in besieged Gorazde on Thursday. Dozens of people were reported killed.
Doctors and town officials contacted by ham radio said Thursday's bombardment was the worst of the three-week Serb offensive against the Muslim enclave.

"Counting the dead and wounded doesn't make sense any more," said Esad Ocranovic, a local official.
Ocranovic said four wire-guided rockets landed near a building that houses U.N. aid workers and military observers, killing or wounding 25 people. There was no word on whether U.N. staff were hurt.
On Wednesday, President Clinton urged NATO to "make the Serbs pay a higher price" for the continued carnage by authorizing air strikes to protect civilians in

Gorazde and the other safe areas. He also called for tighter sanctions against Serbia.
Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic called Clinton's approach a "fatal mistake" and said there would be no more peace talks without a full lifting of sanctions against Serbia.
NATO diplomats reacted favorably to a U.N. request for wider use of air power in Bosnia, but delayed a final decision pending military consultations.
A convoy of 100 U.N. peacekeepers and

41 medics was allowed to leave Sarajevo for Gorazde on Thursday, but was blocked about 10 miles north of its destination. Although the peacekeepers would boost morale of the trapped and desperate people of Gorazde, they are not equipped to stop the Serb attack.
Two cannon rounds slammed into a hospital annex Thursday afternoon.
"When I entered the devastated building, I saw heaps of flesh and metal," Dr. Ferid Tutic said.

Aid workers reported up to 20 killed. Tutic said only seven of 35 patients in the building were rescued.
Soon after, a mortar shell hit the entrance of a neighboring building, killing five people, he said.
The hospital itself was hit dozens of times, Ocranovic said.
He estimated that throughout the town, at least 100 people were killed and 250 wounded Thursday, but he did not have details.

Fight Night raises money for MDA's bout with diseases

By Melissa Jacobs
The Battalion
The Kappa Alpha Fraternity kicked off Fight Night '94 Thursday night, and organizers of the event hope to raise \$4,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Fight Night is a boxing competition for students.
Bridgett Tims, a program coordinator for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, which is a volunteer agency committed to fighting 40 neuromuscular diseases, said records of how much has been raised at past Texas A&M University Fight Nights are not clear.

"However, we do know that in Nacogdoches a fraternity raised \$18,000 one year," she said.

The event raises money through admission sales and T-shirt sales. Admission is \$7 and T-shirts are \$10, Tims said.

The event will continue tonight and Saturday night at the L.U.L.A.C. Community Center in Bryan.

The event starts at 7 p.m. and ends at midnight on both nights.

Though this is the 18th annual Fight Night, this is the first year the Kappa Alphas have sponsored the event.

John Cary, Kappa Alpha philanthropy chairman, said his fraternity decided to sponsor the event because some of their other chapters were making a lot of money from it.

"This year it will be better for spectators and fighters than it has been in the past," he said.

The Kappa Alphas plan to sponsor the event next year as well.

"By next year it will be a very big event, hopefully twice the size as this year," Cary said.

Participants began signing up for the event March 21.

"Anyone was allowed to sign up as long as they are not professional fighters," Cary said.

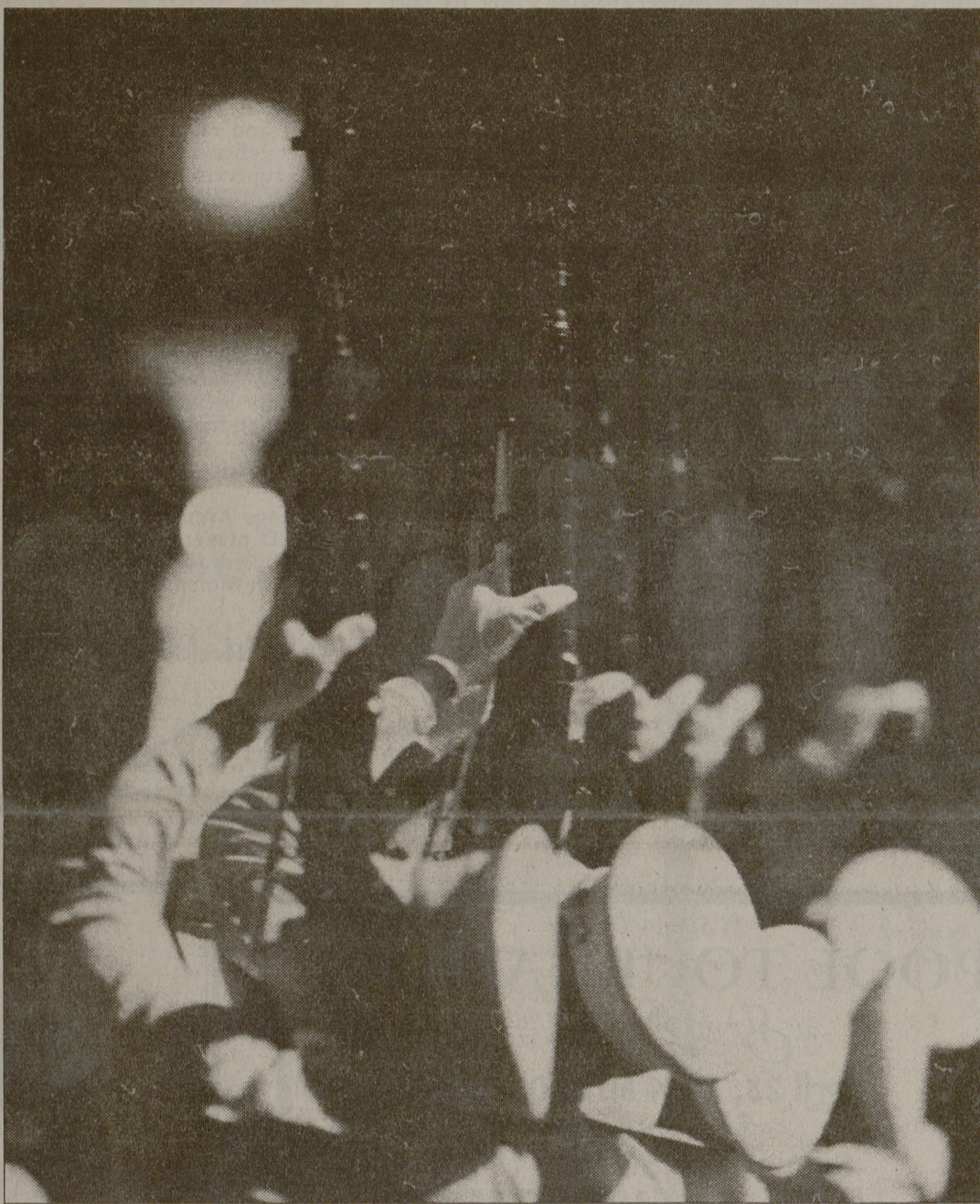
The fighters are required to follow rules to protect their safety.

Medical personnel will be on duty at the event.

"The fighters have to go through training that teaches them the USA boxing rules," Cary said.

Winners will be awarded trophies.

The final salute



Roger Hsieh/The Battalion

The **Ross Volunteers** fire one of the three volleys for the 21-gun salute during Muster Thursday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Muster is an annual gathering of Aggies throughout the world to honor the students and former student who have died in the past year.

Cadets battle birth defects in annual march to Brazos

By Stephanie Dube
The Battalion

The Texas A&M Corps of Cadets will continue the fight against birth defects Saturday with its annual March to the Brazos, the nation's largest fund raiser sponsored by a college organization.

The march, which begins at 8 a.m., raises money for the March of Dimes.

Allen Walker, March to the Brazos chairman and a senior health education major, said the march usually raises about \$60,000 a year.

Walker said this year each outfit will sponsor an Ambassador Child who has benefited from the March of Dimes, and this allows Corps members to see what the March of Dimes has accomplished.

"In February, we contacted the 29 families of the Ambassador Children and set up a big dinner in Duncan so they could meet the Corps," he said. "Since the dinner, the members of the outfits have kept in contact with the families. Some set up picnics with families, some invited the families to see what the Corps does. We get to know the families on a more personal standpoint."

The March of Dimes, Walker said, gives monetary, emotional and mental support to families of children with birth defects.

Walker said approximately one in seven babies will be born with some birth defect, ranging from fetal alcohol syndrome to whooping cough.

"Many of these families do not have the funds for medical care,"

he said.

Virginia Andrews, division director of the Brazos Valley March of Dimes, said the organization is grateful to the Corps for their time and effort.

"The March to the Brazos raises more money than any other event we do," she said. "So without them, we would raise only about half our money. The Corps is focused. They are willing to give so much time and effort. We oversee it, but they do the work."

Kyle Hendrick, a junior accounting and finance major and first sergeant for the March to the Brazos committee, said this is his third year to participate in the march.

"Last year my outfit, B company, came in first place in the Corps by raising \$8,000," he said. "This year we are coming in first place again with \$10,500 so far."

Andrews said the money raised for the March of Dimes is used to educate the public and help babies born with birth defects.

"The March to the Brazos makes the community aware of what the March of Dimes is all about," she said. "The money is used to find the cures and causes of birth defects."

In addition to raising money, Walker said the March to the Brazos is also an event where cadets find out what their positions for next year will be. While at the river, cadets will compete with different outfits in a variety of events.

Once the Corps is ready to march back to campus, the seniors will be bused back and the juniors will take the lead, Walker said.

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Officials to change phone registration procedures

By Juli Rhoden
The Battalion
Confusion and delays during phone registration for summer and fall classes this week have caused Texas A&M's Office of the Registrar to plan changes in the procedure before next semester.

Students registered for both summer and fall semesters at the same time, and instead of three days for each classification, they were cut down to only two days.

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— Don Gardener, associate registrar

Associate Registrar Don Gardener said the University has to go back to the drawing board to find a better solution for phone registration.

"We're never going to do things like we did this year again," he said. "This was all trial and error — and obviously more error."

Gardener said the system was overloaded Monday because too many people tried to register.

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Historical marker graces train station site

By Jan Higginbotham
The Battalion

The train no longer pulls up to the station, but the depot that lent its name to the city of College Station became a permanent part of Texas history Thursday.

In a ceremony near Albritton Bell Tower, the Brazos County Historical Commission dedicated a marker near the site of the original train depot built in 1883.

Dr. Gary Halter, chairman of the College Station Historic Preservation Committee, said the railroad is a significant part of A&M history.

"For many students attending A&M, their first view of A&M was of the station," Halter said. "The railroad linked College Station to the rest of the state and without it, A&M might not be located here. In fact, it could have been located in Austin."

Larry Ringer, mayor of College Station, said the station was a major factor not only to Texas A&M, but also to the city.

"The station itself was significant to College Station, not only because it was a stop for students attending A&M, but also because the residents of College Station voted on the name of the city in the depot and the station gave the city its name," Ringer said.

Ringer said the marker will be important to the preservation of the past.

"It will help remind us of the debt we owe to those people who came before us and who made many things possible for all of us," he said.

Dr. E. Dean Gage, interim presi-

dent of Texas A&M University, said he is pleased the marker was dedicated on such a momentous day for the school.

"Today is a day for all Aggies to remember their heritage," Gage said. "How significant that we would unveil this marker on Muster Day."

Gage said the depot was important to the Class of '44, which was honored at this year's Muster ceremony.

"Many of those class members caught their first glimpse of A&M from the railroad station," he said. "In May of 1943, many members of the Class of '44 boarded the train there to begin their service in World War II. Eighty members of the class did not return. The depot was truly their last glimpse of Texas A&M."

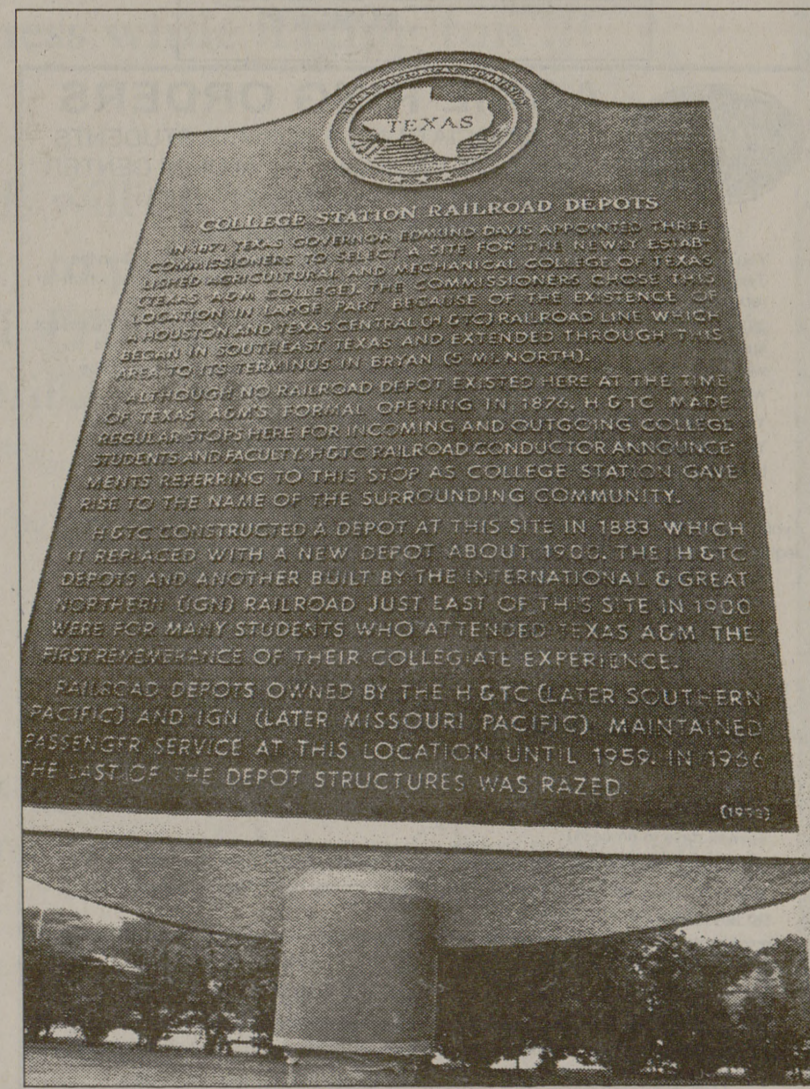
Halter said the site of the marker was chosen because of its visibility.

An effort is currently under way to rebuild the railroad depot, Halter said. If the station is rebuilt, the marker will likely be moved.

Gage said the Brazos County Historical Commission deserves much recognition for their hard work in bringing the marker to College Station and the Texas A&M campus.

"Most people are not aware of how long the process takes for receiving such a marker," he said. "The installation of one of these markers is a credit to the historical commission."

Dr. Charles Schultz, chairman of the Brazos County Historical Commission, said the marker is the 40th to be dedicated in Brazos County and is one of over 12,000 markers found in the state of Texas.



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