

Scott Torn motivated for fall semester

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Following in his father's footsteps, but taking on leadership qualities of his own, Head Yell Leader Scott Torn said he is ready to take on the year and lead the 12th Man.

"I was always fired up to be an Aggie," said Torn, a senior political science major from Sugarland. "I grew up singing the Aggie War Hymn."

His father was known as "Aggie Sam," and was the head yell leader in 1970. Torn's grandfather, Class of '38, was the first in Torn's family to take on the nickname "Rip." Torn and his father both used the name as well.

"I figured I'd keep the family tradition going," Torn said.

Torn is in Company F-2, where he serves as executive officer for the outfit.

Lt. Col. Tom Owen, executive officer of the Army ROTC Department and military advisor for F-2, said Torn has had a major influence on the company.

"Scott has been an outstanding asset to F-2," Owen said. "He has always been there for the guys in the outfit."

The yell leaders have been on a tight schedule since the summer began, Senior Yell Leader Scott Whitaker said.

"We have spoken at the new student conferences, to Mother's Clubs, A&M Clubs, Fish Camps, and T-Camps," Whitaker said. "We've had a busy summer."

Traditionally, the head yell leader works out with the football team before the fall semester be-

gins. Torn attended football practice from Aug. 9 to Aug. 26. He trained with the team and helped them get motivated for the upcoming season.

"They look big, they look tough, and they look fast," Torn said. "Working out with the team has given me the opportunity to bridge the gap between athletes and students."

Torn said he takes his responsibilities as head yell leader seriously.

"I think you are put in the position of head yell leader to set the tone for Aggies," Torn said. "We all want to set the tone for the Aggies, and let everyone know that the 12th Man doesn't only exist on Kyle Field. We have to support all our teams."

Student Body President Brooke Leslie said she believes Torn will be successful in fulfilling all his duties.

"Scott is probably one of the most dedicated and loyal Aggies I've ever known," Leslie said. "He does an outstanding job of transforming that love into leadership."

The responsibilities of the yell leaders this year include keeping up Aggie spirit while the University is on probation by the NCAA. However, Torn does not think



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Head Yell Leader, Scott Torn, stands in front of 12th Man statue.

probation will affect the fans or the athletes.

"If anything, more people will be coming out to the games," Torn said. "It hasn't affected the athletes at all. They get the same feeling everyone else does when the band plays the War Hymn or the Spirit of Aggieland."

Torn hopes to make the most of his position by promoting spirit and pride.

"There are certain things the 12th man is responsible for," Torn said. "I want to get out there and make a difference. And I'd like to see plays stopped at Kyle Field because the opposing quarterback can't hear over the 12th Man."

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Crimestoppers programs are already successfully running in several local junior high and high schools, Zdziarski said.

"It is an excellent program, a tried and proven program that works in the high school and county levels," Kretzschmar said. "It is another approach students can utilize to be involved in making A&M a safer community."

He said the logistical details of the program are being worked out, such as what phone number will be used. However, Kretzschmar said, Student Government hopes the program will be ready for use before the fall semester ends.

Leslie said she is optimistic about the program's effects on the A&M campus.

"If it solves or prevents just one crime, then it will definitely be worth it," Leslie said.

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narcotics recovered, he said.

Although the campus Crimestoppers will only deal with misdemeanor crimes, Zdziarski said he believes the program will have a strong impact on decreasing crime, just as the county Crimestoppers has.

Leslie said A&M will be the

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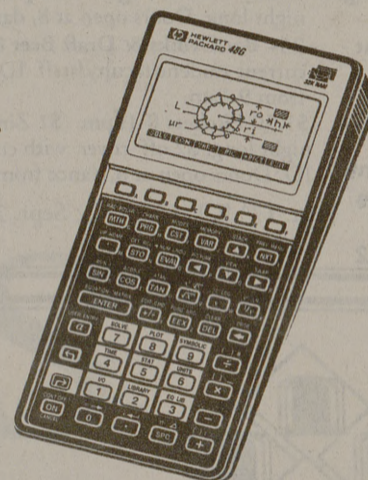
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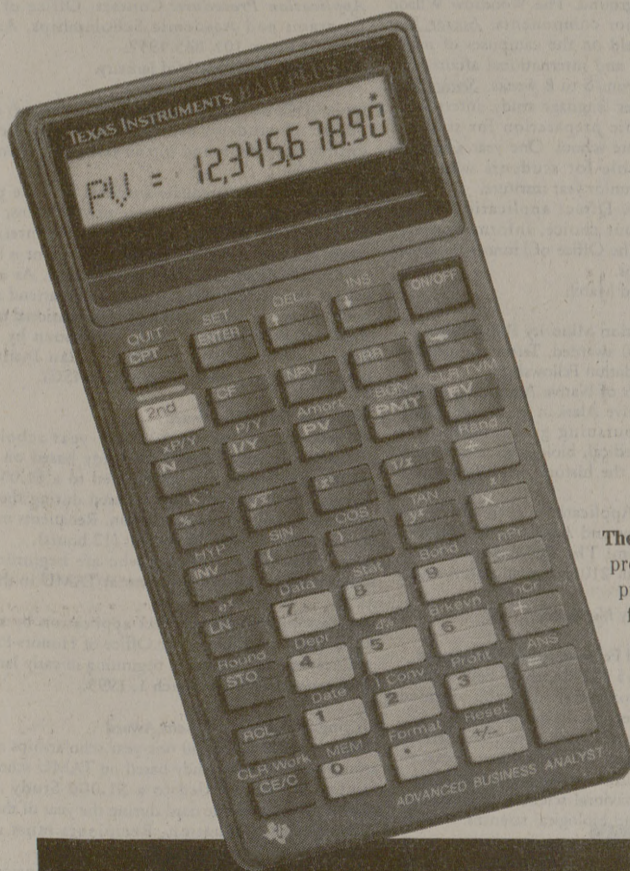


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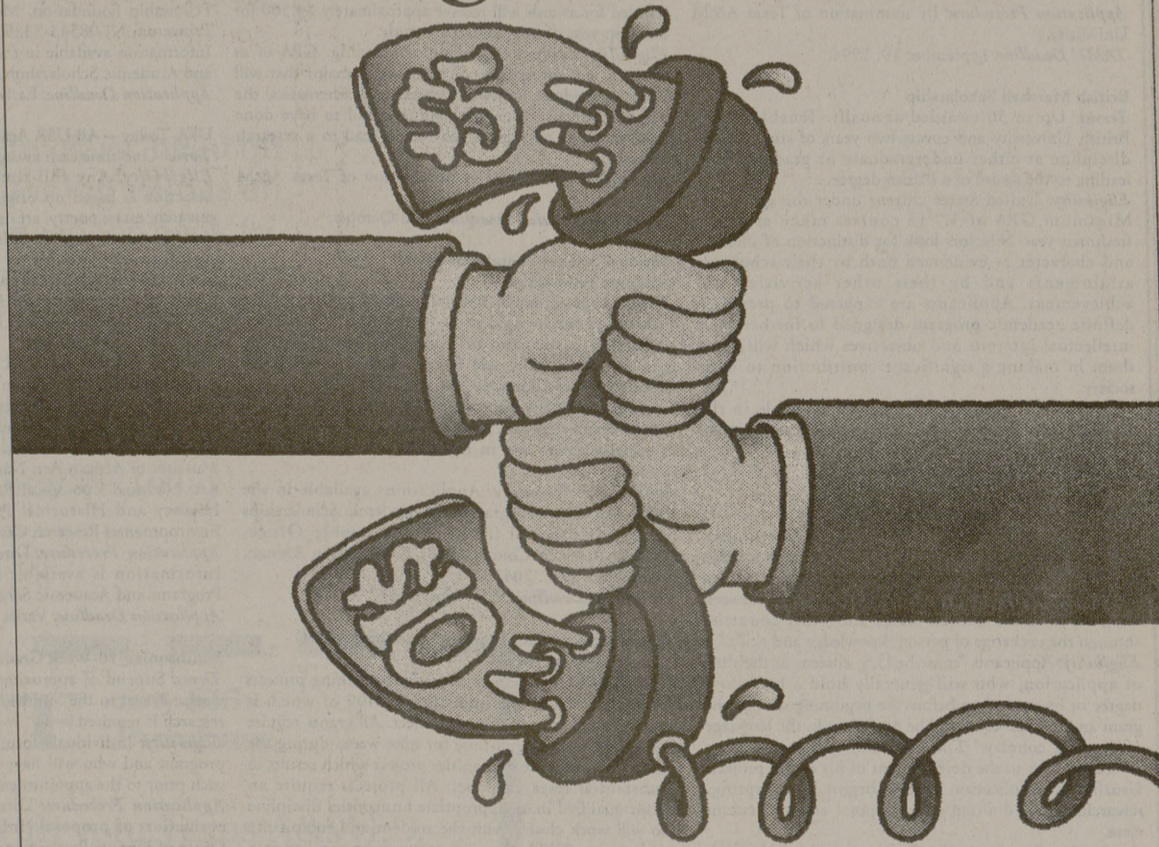
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