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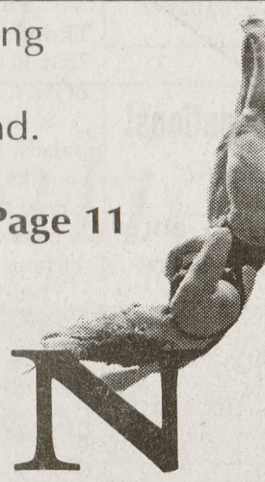
Uptmor: Jonatha Brooke has thrown herself into the musical mix.

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The Swimming and Diving Teams face some tough competition this weekend.

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Cadets react to Clinton's decision

Some cadets said the U.S. should not be the world's police, while others offered support for aiding the people of former Yugoslavia.

Heather Pace
THE BATTALION

Amid controversy over U.S. involvement in the former Yugoslavia, the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets stands strong in its determination to follow orders from President Clinton, even though personal beliefs may differ. On Monday, Clinton urged Americans to support the deployment of 20,000 U.S. troops to help enforcement of the Dayton Accords, a

peace treaty recently agreed upon by divisions of the former Yugoslavia.

Although the troops would be under American control, they would help NATO enforce a separation zone between the opposing sides.

Maj. Robert King, a military science professor involved with the Corps' Army ROTC detachment, said the Army must do its duty, whether it supports Clinton's decision or not.

"The fact is that we are soldiers," King said. "We don't necessarily question where we are ordered to go. If we are ordered to go, we will go on the mission."

A debate is raging in Washington, D.C. that centers around whether America's role is to further world peace. The debate is also a big issue within the Corps, since 40 percent of cadets will seek careers in the military.

Kyle Robinson, A-1 commanding officer and

a senior psychology major, said the United States does not have a duty to the world.

"As far as Bosnia goes, I don't believe that we are the world's police," he said. "I'm taking a contract in the Army, and I personally wouldn't want to be fighting over there in Bosnia for their disagreement."

King, however, offered support for America's role as a global watchdog.

"We are the leaders of the free world and the head of the democratic new world order," he said, "and as such, we have to take the lead in special circumstances."

Clint McReynolds, second battalion commander and a senior business analysis major, said he believes the responsibility of former Yugoslavia should be shifted to Europe.

"I personally don't think we belong over

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Reconnaissance team visits Bosnia

The group will survey the war-ravaged area.

KALESIJA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — U.S. military experts arrived in northern Bosnia Wednesday to scout the battered countryside where thousands of GIs are to keep the peace.

"We've got a lot to do and very little time to do it," said Col. John Brown, splashing through the mud in a U.N. pickup truck.

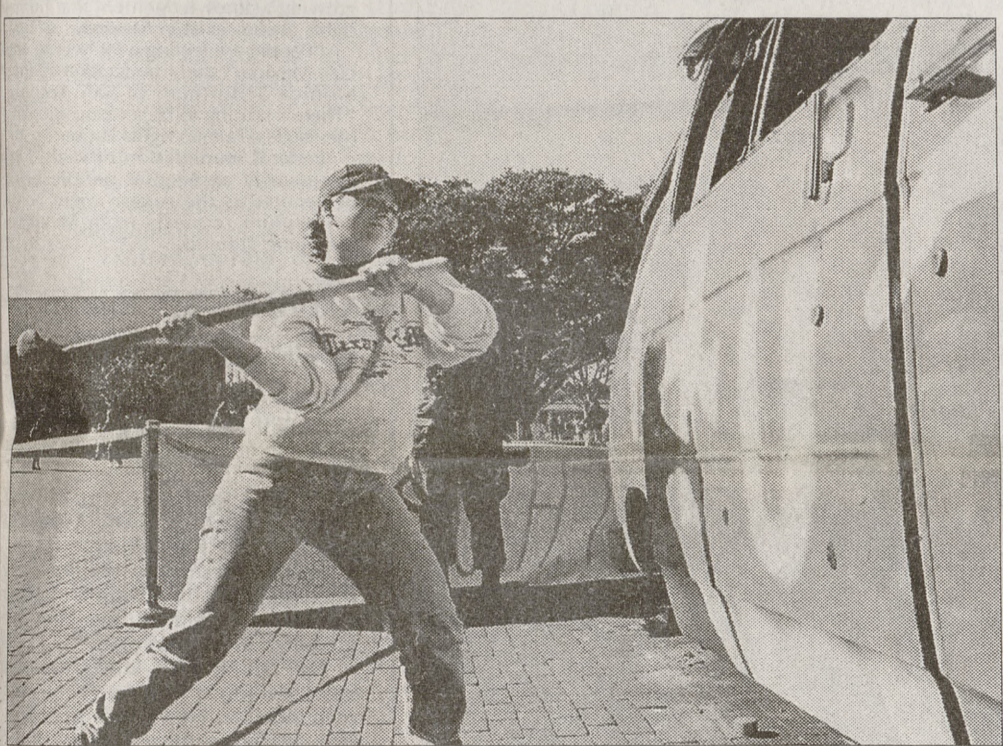
Within weeks, some 20,000

U.S. soldiers are to begin arriving, and then will fan out across northeastern Bosnia. French, British and other troops will patrol the rest of the country.

In the meantime, Brown's teams will be bouncing over hundreds of miles of northeastern Bosnia, checking landing strips, pothole-riddled roads, scores of villages and many minefields.

The GIs will face "the same dangers that have been here for several years and will continue.

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Amy Browning, THE BATTALION

LET OUT YOUR FRUSTRATIONS

Julie Schumaker, a senior anthropology major, takes a whack at the van painted to resemble Bevo Wednesday afternoon in front of Rudder Fountain.

ELEPHANT WALK

Seniors prepare to take final walk

The Elephant Walk speaker said the fall's events are more than a preparation for graduation, but a transition to the next 20 years of their lives.

By Lily Aguilar
THE BATTALION

Before seniors tour the Texas A&M campus for the last time as members of the Twelfth Man, Charles A. "Chuck" Hinton, Elephant Walk speaker and a Class of '76 yell leader, will relive the journey he made 20 years ago.

Hinton of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, is the vice president of Nicklos-Hinton Drilling Company and president of Paywood International.

Hinton, who has also spoken at Aggie Muster, said he wants to address the graduating class about the future as they prepare to leave college life.

"I want to talk about why I came to A&M and what happened to me, personally, as I became an Aggie," he said. "I also want to talk about the changes they

can expect during the next 20 years as I've seen from my own experience."

Seniors tend to feel pessimistic after Elephant Walk and their last Bonfire, Hinton said, but these events are do not end their senior year. It is important for seniors to begin setting new goals for their futures, he said.

"I know that Elephant Walk is supposed to symbolize elephants wandering aimlessly," he said. "It should be a time when the seniors wander with a purpose."

"At A&M we are taught to be a part of established goals — Bonfire, Muster, Silver Taps. We were led into these things by those before us. Now we need to set individual goals."

Elephant Walk is a bittersweet memory, Hinton said, because he was fatigued and stressed from his last night helping on Bonfire with his Corps unit.

Being the Elephant Walk speaker will give Hinton an opportunity to recreate his walk.

"It is an honor to be asked back to share my experience with this class," he said. "It is a challenge to tell them not to be sad, but proud of what they've done."

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E-WALK SCHEDULE

Who: Class of '96
When: 96 minutes after noon
Where: The walk begins at Kyle Field ends at Bonfire site for pictures and yells.

Who: Class of '97
When: 96 minutes after noon
Where: The juniors' walk begins at Bonfire and ends at Kyle Field.

The Athletic Department reminds juniors and seniors to keep off the field during the event.

Student Senate passes on-line transcript, Southside mail box bills

The transcript proposal would allow students to obtain free unofficial transcripts.

By Tara Wilkinson
THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M Student Senate Wednesday night called for campus additions that would provide an option to receive free transcripts through the A&M computer system, a Southside mail drop box and more bicycle racks on West Campus.

Jesse Czelusta, a Northside senator and a senior agricultural economics major, said instead of paying for transcripts, students should be able to receive them free of charge through the "Bonfire" command on the A&M computer system.

"Students seem to like the idea," Czelusta said. "It's just another convenience. It's no big, controversial deal."

Senators were concerned that if transcripts are added to the computer system, any students' grades could be viewed simply by entering their social security number and birth date into the computer.

But Czelusta said if students do not feel secure with identification numbers consisting of their social security numbers and birth dates, they can go to 113 Heaton Hall and change their identification number.

Czelusta said this method would be as secure as the A&M telephone registration system already in operation, through which students can access their grades.

The Senate also called for the installation of a mail drop box on Coke Street between Corps dorms 4 and 6.

The only mail box currently located on Southside is in the Commons. "Essentially, this bill was first brought up on behalf of the Corps of Cadets to provide a mail box that is driving accessible," Czelusta said.



The mail drop box location was a compromise between the Senate and the College Station postmaster, who wanted the mail box located on an already established mail route.

Eliot Kerlin Jr., a College of Business senator and a junior finance major, authored the bill for additional bike racks to be placed

on West Campus between the Wehner Building and the West Campus Library.

The bill states that because traffic to West Campus increased after these two facilities were built last year, numerous bicyclists are forced to "lock their bicycles to shrubs, light posts or nothing at all."

West Campus will be safer and more attractive, Kerlin said, if bicycle racks are added.

In other business, the Senate introduced a bill that would change the funding source of two Corps of Cadets programs: the Corps Leadership Training and Unit Advisor Program and the

Corps Room Scholarship. These programs, which together cost \$337, 972 annually, are funded by on-campus resident fees.

As it reads now, the bill requests a fairer method of raising these funds, suggesting alumni funding or a flat fee for the entire student body.

But Hilary Ekblad, Northside senator and a junior political science major, said senators will revise the options presented in the bill after receiving student feedback.

The Senate bill supports a similar bill passed this month by the Residence Hall Association.

Correspondent discusses negative depictions

Lucia Newman, a CNN Latin American correspondent said U.S. media coverage focuses on the negative events in Mexico.

By Melissa Keerins
THE BATTALION

Lengthy U.S. media coverage of recent Mexican crises has held American attention, but does not provide a complete picture of Mexico, a CNN Latin American correspondent visiting Texas A&M said Wednesday afternoon.

Lucia Newman, who is based in Santiago, Chile, discussed media depictions of the Mexican crisis at the Kyle R. Youms International Forum, an event begun in 1994 to educate students about international issues.

Newman said U.S. news coverage of Mexico does not vary from the usual media trend of focusing on negative events and

neglecting to report positive events.

"The way we cover Mexico is by emphasizing what we think is important," Newman said. "It is usually the dramatic and chaotic."

Dr. Henry Schmidt, an A&M Latin American history professor, gave an overview of the Mexican crisis.

"Throughout the 1980s," Schmidt said, "two extraordinary things began to happen — the global break-up of socialism and the Mexican desire to change its economic and political system of at least 60 years standing."

These two forces, which converged to shape Mexico into what it is today, he said, are referred to as the neoliberal change.

In 1982, the Mexican government faced a foreign debt crisis that consumed Mexican-U.S. relations and media coverage of Mexico for much of the decade.

"We try to cover human interest stories," Newman said. "But stories about good news invariably take a back seat to hard breaking news, which is almost always bad news."

Peso devaluation, the assassination of presidential candidate Colosio and natural

disasters are examples Newman gave of Mexican issues dramatized in the U.S. press.

Newman said U.S. coverage of NAFTA, another hot topic, is usually slanted.

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Gwendolyn Struve, THE BATTALION

Lucia Newman, a CNN Latin American correspondent, spoke about the impact of the media's negative depictions of Mexico Wednesday afternoon.

SWC spectacular in tomorrow's Batt

In tomorrow's issue, The Battalion will feature a special section commemorating the end of the Southwest Conference. The issue will include profiles of all SWC teams and focus on the battles between Texas A&M and the University of Texas.

Also in tomorrow's Batt, look for a special section chronicling the history of A&M's Bonfire.

