

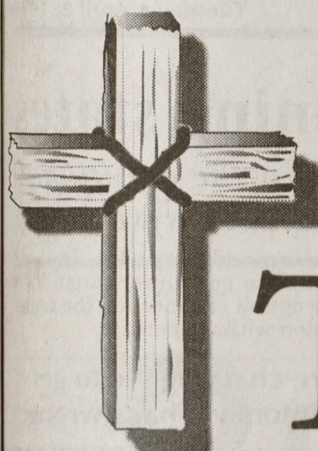
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Darling to head Corps endowment

By Lily Aguilar
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Maj. Gen. Thomas Darling has decided to step down from his position as Texas A&M Corps of Cadets commandant and take over a fund-raising effort to permanently endow the Corps. Dr. Ray Bowen, A&M president, announced Saturday the beginning of the \$16-million Corps of Cadets Endowment Campaign. The University has not named a new commandant, but a search will begin for a successor in coming weeks. Darling, who has served as commandant since 1987, said he

has mixed feelings about leaving the Corps because of the rewards the position offers. He said, though, that he is ready to help the Corps through the fund-raising campaign. "Having been here nine years, it is time to hand the job over to a younger man," Darling said. "It has been rewarding, seeing cadets mature and leave in leadership positions ... and I am reluctant to be less involved with the staff and cadets." But the Corps needs him in another capacity now, he said, and because of his experience with the Corps and his contacts throughout the state, he is suited to artic-

ulate to prospective donors the need for financial support. Darling said the campaign, which is set to raise at least \$16 million, will be used to fund the Corps Center, the Aggie Band and Corps academic, recruiting and special unit programs. The interest earned from the endowment will provide money to maintain Corps programs, he said, and it will ease pressure on the Corps to find funding each year. "The University money has pretty much dried up," he said. "We are going for a private campaign because we think there are people who will contribute to

"... we think there are people who will contribute to financially backing the Corps."

— MAJ. GEN. THOMAS DARLING
Corps of Cadets commandant

Darling added that the Corps has an enrollment goal of 2,600 by the end of the century. He said the endowment will help improve recruiting and retention because the Corps will be able to offer well-developed leadership and academic programs, as well as scholarships. Bowen said in a press release Monday that he is confident Dar-

ling will make the fund-raising campaign a success. "I feel good knowing the campaign is in Tom Darling's very capable hands," he said. "He's made major improvements in the Corps on all fronts. "Now he has the opportunity to fortify those gains by ensuring the Corps of a solid financial footing for the 21st century." Bowen said private funding for

the Corps has become a necessity because the University is no longer capable of supporting all of the Corps' goals and programs. Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, said in a press release Monday that Darling, who is a member of the Class of '54, has provided cadets with a superior role model and has successfully positioned himself to take over the fund-raising effort. "In the past nine years," Southerland said, "he has made great strides in improving the Corps of Cadets and mustering an organized base of Corps supporters."



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APRIL SHOWERS

Jerry Caperton, a junior environmental design major, plays an April Fool's Day prank on his friend Jorge Rousselin, a senior environmental design major, while another friend distracts Rousselin.

Resurrection re-enacted

Students of Christian faiths come together in celebration

By Erica Roy
THE BATTALION

Various events from March 31 to April 4 are bringing Texas A&M Christian students together to celebrate the cornerstone of their faith, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Resurrection Week events began Sunday at 5 p.m. with a free barbecue at The Grove, where two Christian bands, Jackson Swing and Me Three, played. Grant Teaff, former head football coach of Baylor University, spoke Monday night at Rudder Auditorium to a group of 600 students, and

Rich Mullins, a contemporary Christian singer, is performing Tuesday night at Rudder Auditorium. Wednesday night activities include two speakers, David Smithers and Pam Moore. The men's speaker, Smithers is the editor of "The Watchword," a periodical focused on bringing about revival through prayer. Pam Moore, the women's speaker, is the director of Intercessory Prayer Ministry at Dallas Baptist University. Wednesday is also designated Resurrection Week T-shirt day. The shirts are on sale for \$10 in the MSC.

Resurrection Week will end with a crucifixion scene and skit performed at Rudder Fountain. Gregg Matte, minister of Breakaway Ministries, will speak immediately following the dramatic performance. Steven Woodward, Resurrection Week president and a senior computer engineering major, said the week is meant to spread awareness of Easter's meaning around campus. "The purpose of Resurrection Week is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and the freedom of His resurrection," Woodward said. Resurrection Week began

four years ago, when Bobby Dean, the Corps of Cadets chaplain, traveled to Washington, D.C., for a prayer conference. At the conference, Woodward said, Dean saw diverse people unified on one foundation, Jesus Christ. This inspired Dean to create a similar experience at A&M to bring dominations of Christians together. This year's Resurrection Week was organized by a staff of ten people led by Woodward and Russ Klawitter, vice president of Resurrection Week and a junior agricultural systems major. See Resurrection, Page 6

Riverside Campus soil to be tested for contamination

By Eleanor Colvin
THE BATTALION

Testing is underway at Texas A&M's Riverside Campus to determine the severity of soil contamination thought to have resulted from governmental practices when the site was used by the military. Brown and Root Environmental of Houston, under contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will conduct lab tests of soil and ground water for two to three weeks. Charles Darnell, A&M Physical Plant energy manager, said the tests are part of a federal government program to investigate and clean areas used by military base agencies. "It's a good thing that the federal government is taking responsibility for the old field sites," he said. "It's commendable that they are taking steps to come out and remedy problems that they may have caused." Mary Jo Powell, associate director of

University Relations, stated in a recent press release that the Riverside Campus was considered for testing because it is the site of the former Bryan Air Base, a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps facility. Mark Simmons, chief of the Environmental Design Branch of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Ft. Worth District office, said the Corps of Engineers has investigated formerly used defense sites, or FUDS, for 10 years because of a congressional mandate to do so. "It has been our task to see if there are any environmental problems left behind by the government," he said. "We look at any Department of Defense property that has been surplus, regardless of size. We've studied quarter-acre lots to multi-thousand acre sites." Simmons said his office conducts site visits and researches drawings, maps and reports of nearly 200 test areas before determining if a clean-up is needed. See Soil, Page 8

MOSAIC gives attitude adjustment to sexism, racism

By Courtney Walker
THE BATTALION

Workshops on communication skills, management and new technologies can be found almost everywhere on the Texas A&M campus. But a team of campuswide staff members will soon serve as facilitators for a different kind of workshop — a workshop on attitudes. Through the Department of Human Resources, any University department or organization can request a workshop about cultural stereotypes and opinions. Maximizing Opportunities for Staff to Achieve an Inclusive Campus workshops will begin this month and will be organized by full-time staff members of several campus departments. During the workshops, staff members and facilitators will discuss stereotypes, See MOSAIC, Page 8

Students to vote on constitution

Student Government's constitution expired and was added to the run-off elections ballot.

By Kasie Byers
THE BATTALION

After realizing the constitution under which it operates expired Sunday at midnight, the Texas A&M Student Government decided to place a referendum on Thursday's run-off elections ballot for students to approve or disapprove the current constitution. The constitution states that "every two years the Student Government Constitution will be placed in the general student body elections for approval by the student body." Since the constitution was approved March 31, 1994, its two years have ended. Matt Mayfield, Student Senate rules and regulations chair and junior animal science major, said that if taken literally, the Student Government is now operating without a constitution. If the constitution had been approved during last week's elections, Student Government would have avoided its current dilemma. However, Mayfield said the constitution does not specify the referendum cannot be included in the run-off elections. See Constitution, Page 6

"The referendum should be in the general election, but the constitution doesn't really specify which," he said. "If you were to follow the constitution in literal terms, really, right now, Student Government doesn't have a constitution." Student Government has determined that run-off elections can be considered a part of the general election. Gary Buffington, Judicial Board chair and management information systems graduate student, said that although the constitution has literally expired, Student Government is still an operable organization under University regulations. "Under University Regulations, an organization's constitution must be ratified internally for them to be recognized," he said. "(The clause for students to approve or disapprove the constitution in a referendum) was put in the constitution just so students would have input on their Student Government." A copy of the constitution will accompany the referendum on which the students will vote. Buffington said if the referendum

UH regents vote to combine chancellor, president positions

Board members said the decision was made to eliminate redundancy within the system.

HOUSTON (AP) — University of Houston System regents voted Monday to merge the jobs of chancellor and main-campus president into one CEO-style position, a decision long feared by some at the system's three satellite campuses. Board chairwoman Beth Morian said the management restructuring is part of an overall strategy to smooth decision-making within the four-university network and begin paring the system bureaucracy. "Our new structure will make us more streamlined and more agile," Morian said. "It will eliminate redundancy and unnecessary bureaucracy." Current Chancellor William P. Hobby and UH President Glenn A. Goerke, whose contracts run through August 1997, will remain in their posts as regents search for someone to fill the newly created post, Morian said. A search committee should be formed by the end of this month, and regents hope to fill the new post by the time Hobby's contract expires. Hobby, a former Texas lieutenant governor who took the chancellor's job last year to provide a stabilizing force, has said he would

not be interested in the new post. The job of chancellor/president will manage and oversee both the UH system and the main university campus in Houston, reporting directly to the Board of Regents. Little else about the new structure has been decided, including the critical question of how UH-Clear Lake, UH-Downtown and UH-Victoria will relate with the system office and the main campus. The autonomous satellite campuses now report to the chancellor. "I know that everyone wants an instant answer as to how this new structure will run," Morian said. "No one here today is in a position to answer those questions. And I believe that if we did, we would be asking for a disaster." "The final implementation of this structure will be developed by all of us working together to determine the critical questions and the appropriate answers." Hobby said a steering committee will meet later this month to begin discussing specifics. Both he and Morian promised the new structure doesn't mean less See UH Merger, Page 8