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#### By Wesley Poston THE BATTALION

Monday, September 9, 1996

Dedicating a living memorial of trees and a special plaque on Saturday, the Texas A&M Class of '69 honored 11 of its members who lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

The triangular memorial lies west of the Quadrangle near the corner of Joe Routt Boulevard and Coke Street.

The names, ranks and hometowns of the fallen Aggie soldiers are etched in the plaque with the following inscription:

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Senior accounting majors Wendy Harker, Reagan Harrison and Melissa Love

kick back and watch football to pass time while waiting in line for tickets to

Lisa Kelley, an agricultural

development major, tries to

find volunteers for the Aggie

Recruitment Committee.

This Memorial Site is dedicated to honor those 11 fellow classmates who made the supreme sacrifice while defending American ideals

of freedom and democracy during the Vietnam Era."

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Families and classmates of the soldiers gathered at the Sam Houston Sanders Corps Center for a reception preceding the dedication. The guests reminisced and viewed the many exhibits.

Youngsters studied pictures of cadet life and gazed into cases of medals and sabers, while other guests talked in small groups about old times and shared memories of the absent.

Marvin Fletcher, class agent for the Class of '69, said since the project to build the memorial began two years ago, \$14,000 in donations has been raised.

Half of the money was

and the other half will be used for maintenance.

Col. Jim Ray, the guest speaker and a former prisoner of war, discussed the lesson to be learned from "the 11 who paid the ultimate sacrifice.'

These men were willing to follow the prescriptions laid down in the Bible, in the Gospels," he said, quoting the verse inscribed at the entrance to the Quad, John 15:13.

Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." Ray also alluded to President Abraham Lincoln's dedication of the battlefield at Gettysburg.

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Pat James, THE BATTALION Cindi Ericson, a senior political science and international studies major, cuts the rib-

## Flood threat continues on devastated N.C. coast

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Their neighborhoods in tatters but their resolve largely intact, residents of hurricane-battered areas turned Sunday to cleaning up formidable messes, watching swollen waterways and adjusting to life without electricity. At least six people were still reported missing.

Four electric utilities reported a total of 596,000 customers still without power. Water, and especially ice, remained crucial commodities and lines formed at stores offering supplies - many for free.

With many areas flooded with sewagetainted water and thousands of trees on the ground, life was hardly returning to normal. But, on a muggy, torrid day, people ventured out with rakes and chain saws, and utility and municipal crews and private tree-clearing contractors plied the streets and back roads.

Hurricane Fran slammed into coastal North Carolina late Thursday and turned north, cutting a capricious swath of destruction as far inland as Raleigh and Winston-Salem before flooding Virginia and West Virginia with heavy rain.

The storm and its aftereffects killed at least 22 people — 17 of them in North Carolina mostly by falling trees, flooding and traffic accidents. The Federal Emergency Management Agency had declared 34 North Carolina counties disaster areas as of Sunday afternoon. A 60-member team on Topsail Island, in the hardest-hit coastal region, searched for five people reported missing, emergency officials said. On evacuated, sealed-off North Topsail

Beach, state Emergency Management spokesman Tom Hegele described by telephone a scene of devastation: trailers stacked atop each other, collapsed houses, cars buried in sand.

In Washington, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman planned a trip for today to inspect storm damage and flooding. The department has a number of assistance programs that could aid hurricane victims, including an emergency food-assistance program.

Evacuees jammed hotels across the state's central region. One Raleigh Ramada Inn also held 62 tree surgeons from Alabama.

The Winn-Dixie supermarket chain gave away six truckloads of ice in Raleigh alone during the weekend before running out, and was still handing out water - two gallon bottles per adult - on Sunday afternoon.

The hardest-hit electrical utility was Carolina Power & Light, which serves the eastern part of the state; it reported 432,000 customers without power as of Sunday morning.

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easily be slipped into any type of drink ten times more powerful than in a discreet manner. Rohypnol is im, has entered the college scene odorless, tasteless and colorless.

Dr. Dennis J. Reardon, coordinator of Alcohol and Drug Prevention Programs for the Texas A&M Department of Student Life Programs, said when combined with alcohol, Rohypnol produces a multiplicative effect that can be fatal.

"For instance, if you were to mix one beer with one Valium, you wouldn't get the combined effects of just one beer and one Valium," Reardon said. "Instead, you get a multiplication effect of the two drugs that is unpredictable."

Reardon said the human body systems that respond are expected to adReardon said. "They may have a lifethreatening crisis occur as a result of the alcohol and Rohypnol.'

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Because victims are often unable to identify their attackers due to memory loss induced by the drug, potential offenders can use Rohypnol to their advantage.

Linda Castoria, executive director at the Brazos County Rape Crisis Center, said each of the sexual assault victims described similar conditions about feeling "out of it." They left their drinks unattended and could not remember if they drove or where they went.

"They don't know what hit them," Castoria said. "It literally puts them out." Castoria said since the three victims

Castoria said it is difficult to deter mine if Rohypnol is used in rape cases since it does not stay in the body for a long period of time. A drug test has to be done within 48 hours, but even then, medical examiners may not know what drug to look for.

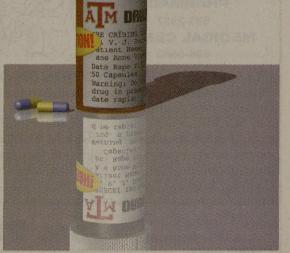
Bert Kretzschmar, supervisor of the University Crime Prevention Unit, said in sexual assault cases where Rohypnol is used, victims may not want to report it to authorities.

'In the case of Rohypnol, they may not remember and they want to forget about it," Kretzschmar said. "They don't want to report it. They're in denial.'

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### **Alvis encourages graduate** students to get involved

BY ANN MARIE HAUSER THE BATTALION

Former jobs with General Electric, Houston Lighting and Power Company and Pacific Northwest Laboratories

John Alvis, president of the Graduate Student Council, wants to work together with Student **Government** to achieve shared goals.

could not keep John Alvis away from College Station.

When he is not working on his dissertation in health physics, Alvis is tending to Graduate Student Council. Alvis, who is entering his third year of the nuclear en-

gineering doctoral program, said he left his job because he was discouraged with the progression of his career.

always wanted to teach," he said.

A native of College Station, Avis received both his undergraduate and master's degrees in nuclear engineering from Texas A&M.

As GSC president, he sees an opportunity to give something back to A&M. With two research pro-

jects and his position with the GSC, Alvis faces a challenging semester.

"It's going to be busy," Alvis said. "But I have a good group of officers that I can delegate a lot of responsibility to. Alvis was elected presi-

dent last spring after serving the GSC as department his duties as president of the of nuclear engineering rep-

#### resentative.

Alvis said there is more to a university than academics and he wants graduate students to become more involved.

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Alvis said a lack of compression on Dr. Ronald G.



mitment is a problem Douglas, executive vice president and provost.

Douglas accepted the offer to become the University's second highest-ranking official, he said, because he is interested in undergradu-See ALVIS, Page 12 | ate studies and was im-

pressed by the school. "What I learned in visiting

diverse student population

**Douglas aims to maintain** 

was [A&M] has a wonderfully The staff, students and talented, motivated student faculty of Texas A&M wasted body and a strong faculty dono time in making an iming wonderful research and scholarship and that is dedicated to teaching," he said. "I've been able to appreciate

how true it all is. Douglas, who assumed his new title only six months ago, came to A&M from State University of New York Stonybrook. There he served as dean of science and vice provost for undergraduate studies.

Douglas grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio. He attended Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. He holds a doctorate in mathematics from Louisiana State University.

As a mathematician, Douglas likes to keep up with his research and stays involved in scientific policy issues. Douglas said he has not

seen many changes in his six months at A&M. However, he is interested in the impact of some current issues.

He is concerned about the cost of education, faculty salaries and the Hop-

Dr. Ronald G. Douglas, executive vice president and provost, is concerned about the effects of the Hopwood

wood decision, a federal court decision which struck down using race as a basis for admission to Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana

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