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Fort Hood soldiers depart for Kuwait

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — The first of 3,000 new troops being deployed to

1st Cavalry Division were expected to board a C-5A military aircraft Wednesday morning as the first contingent being deployed for training exercises in Kuwait. They will be joining 1,200 soldiers from Fort Hood already conducting exercises there. The 1st Cavalry was alerted Friday of the deployment,

but was not given final orders until Tuesday. Air Force Tech Sgt. Joe Wyatt, who also will be deploying with soldiers, said the on-again, off-again mission has been frustrating. But he looked forward to spending another night at home. Wyatt was scheduled among the first military per-

sonnel to be deployed and expected to leave early Wednesday from Fort Hood, the largest military installation in the free world. "I am sure the politicians are sending a message that this is just training for us," he said. "It's been emotional, being on-again, off again, but we're always ready."



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Biodome | Jessica Allin, a sophomore environmental science major, waters the plants in the greenhouse next to the Commons Monday afternoon.

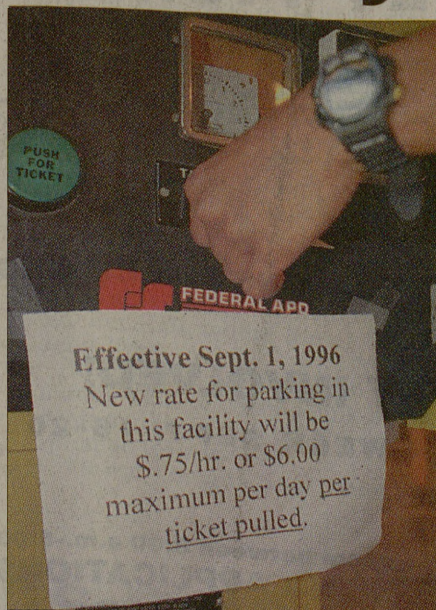
Ride the bus, officials say

BY WESLEY POSTON
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A need to increase revenue is the cause for an increase in the parking garages' visitor fee, University parking officials said. Tom Williams, director of Parking and Transportation, said the increase — from 60 cents to 75 cents — is the "least painful way to increase the revenue stream." Recent construction on campus and general maintenance prompted ITS to look at ways to bring in more money, he said. The increase also makes payment easier, Williams said. It is easier to make change with the current 75-cent fee than the former 60-cent fee. Many students already left the extra 15 cents in coin return anyway, he said. The new fee is still comparable to sitting parking fees of other universities, he said. The increase in visitor parking fees, however, did not affect the price of garage space permits. Permits will remain at the current price at least until

the year 2000, Williams said, but the visiting fee may rise again. "These fees are in the same class as football tickets," he said. "It's not mandatory. It's an option and the prices are adjusted to meet demands on the revenue system." Students who want to park on campus should buy a commuter or night parking permit, he said. Garage visitor parking was "not designed for students to use," he said. "There are times when we have to reserve the parking for its intended use, for conferences and such," he said. This year, the number of parking permits available was cut off when the quantity sold was about to exceed the number sold last year, Williams said. "We only have a certain number of spaces," he said. "We will do our best to accommodate dorm students. But 50 students on a bus is better than 50 cars on campus." Williams emphasized that the same restrictions will probably be enacted next year. Students are encouraged to

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The hourly rates at the parking garages have increased from 60 cents to 75 cents an hour.

Affirmative Action

"After Hopwood, what happens now?" Changes for minority students addressed

BY ERICA ROY
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The Hopwood decision and its effects were discussed by Texas A&M students Tuesday night during an informational meeting held by the Hispanic Presidents' Council.

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HPC president

The meeting was one of the events planned in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs Sept. 16 to Oct. 15.

Adele Duran, HPC president and a junior electrical engineering major, said the meeting's primary goal was to update students about the Hopwood case and how it affects them and others at A&M.

"We wanted to see how students feel and keep them informed," Duran said. "Nobody has really heard much about it since the decision last spring."

Kevin Carreathers, Department of Multicultural Services director, said it is important for students to be aware of the changes and inform others of the effects. He said it is especially important to inform high school students, who may not be aware of the new admission criteria.

Liz Ramirez, a senior electrical engineering major, said one of the main problems at A&M, in light of the Hopwood case, is how to encourage minorities to attend the University. A&M awarded about \$4 million in scholarships, including the Presidential Achievement Awards, to minority students in 1994 and

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"Where do we go from here?" Discussion to explore all sides of diversity issue

BY COURTNEY WALKER
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The pros and cons of affirmative action will be discussed tonight as a panel of 12 local business representatives and government officials debate the issue.

The Affirmative Action Open Forum — "Where do we go from here?" — sponsored by the MSC Black Awareness Committee and Political Forum, begins at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theatre.

Paula Shaver, a sophomore biochemistry and genetics major, said the committee members hope the forum will open the minds of students to both the pros and cons of affirmative action.

"Everyone has heard of affirmative action," Shaver said, "but few people know every facet of the program."

Dr. Marilyn Kern-Foxworth, an associate professor of journalism, will be the program's moderator and will ask the panelists and the general audience questions pertaining to affirmative action.

"People who are specialists in their field will be having an intelligent debate about the good and bad sides of the issue," Shaver said.

A local district attorney, two judges and state Rep. Steve Ogden will dis-

uss the legal aspects of affirmative action. Norwest Bank Chairman Mervin Peters will discuss hiring practices and minority contracts, and Texas A&M administrators will discuss the University's policy.

The Rev. Kevin Washington, local NAACP chapter president, will discuss the NAACP's position on affirmative action.

Stephenie Rhode, Black Awareness Committee adviser, said the forum will explain how affirmative action is supposed to operate. She said the program

has been turned around and people still do not understand what it means to affirm the action.

"The forum isn't about whether someone agrees with affirmative action or not, but instead, we will look at the issues and see how everyone fits in and is involved in the thought process," Rhode said. "Many people don't know the complete history or origin of the action and until they do they won't understand."

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Paula Shaver
sophomore

Reveille VI suffers seizures

A&M's mascot will not be at midnight yell practice Friday

(University Relations) — Reveille VI, Texas A&M's collie mascot, is resting quietly after what University veterinarians said were two epileptic seizures Monday night.

Dr. Claudia Barton, one of two Texas A&M veterinarians who coordinate the mascot's veterinary care, said the 3-year-old female collie does not appear to be in any danger and was kept overnight Tuesday for observation in the College of Veterinary Medicine's Small Animal Clinic.

"We're going to want to keep her quiet for a few days," she said. "But we have no reason to believe that she is in any danger whatsoever."

However, Reveille probably will not attend the traditional midnight yell practice at Kyle Field before Saturday's football game against the University of North Texas, Barton said. Whether Reveille will attend the game itself will be decided later this week.

Reveille was brought to the clinic Monday at about 10:30 p.m. by Mas-

cot Corporal Lance Hill and fellow cadets from Company E-2.

The collie was experiencing muscle tremors from what appeared to be a mild epileptic seizure.

She experienced a second seizure about 15 minutes later, and

"With epilepsy seizures may become more frequent and more severe with age."

Dr. Claudia Barton
Texas A&M veterinarian

a tranquilizer was administered to stop the abnormal activity.

Reveille experienced an earlier bout of apparent epileptic seizures following the Aggies'

Alamo Bowl win over the University of Michigan late last year. Such seizures are often provoked by excitement.

Barton said the collie's lack of seizures in the months since the Alamo Bowl is an encouraging sign.

"With epilepsy, seizures may become more frequent and more severe with age," she said. "The fact that Reveille had seizures nine months ago and has then had such a long seizure-free interval suggests that this will not affect her being able to continue her activities as mascot."

The dosage of Reveille's anti-seizure medication was increased after Monday's episode, Barton said. But she is still in the mid-range of dosages used to treat epileptic animals.

Barton said epilepsy in collies like Reveille is relatively rare, although it is common in other breeds.

"A veterinarian might expect to see four or five dogs a year with epilepsy," she said.

VP to host barbeque

BY ERICA ROY
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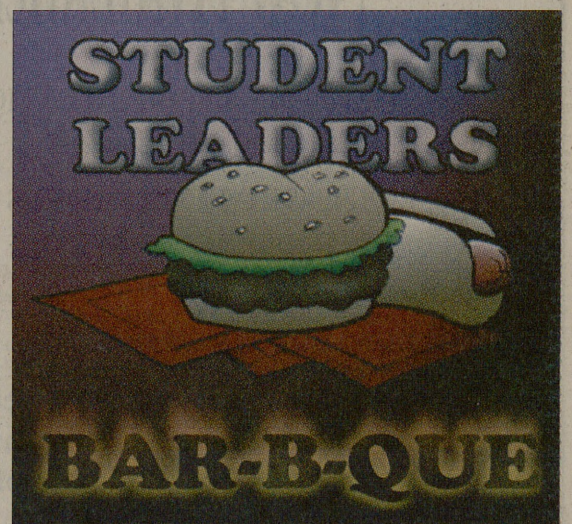
The annual student leader barbeque will draw Texas A&M's administrators and 300 student leaders tonight to the residence of Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs.

The barbeque allows student leaders and administrators to get together and visit with each other.

"It's an opportunity for us to meet a wide variety of student leaders and for them to meet the administrators," Southerland said.

Chris Torn, head yell leader and a senior agriculture development major, said the barbeque is an opportunity for him to meet other student leaders and hear their opinions.

"For any university to function, everyone's got to be on the same page," Torn said. "I come from a Corps perspective. I hope to understand where other people are coming from by going to the barbeque." The dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and will last until approximately 8:30 p.m.



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