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A&M counsels mourners

Students encouraged to show emotions over Sunday's accident

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Counseling and support services are available for students who need help dealing with the aftermath of a car accident that killed one Texas A&M student and injured nine others. The accident involved a truck carrying 10 A&M students who were returning to campus from the fire cut site Sunday evening. Students attended a meeting Monday night in the Commons

Lobby to discuss the accident and learn about counseling services offered by the University.

Representatives from Student Counseling Services, the Campus Ministry and other staff members attended the meeting.

Rusty Thompson, an assistant director for Residence Life and Housing, thanked the group of several hundred people for their concern and support.

"This is a great testament to the Aggie family," Thompson said. "This is a very difficult time for all of us,

and the great thing you all have is your friendship and each other.

"It is important for you all to show your emotions and your feelings."

Thompson encouraged students to take advantage of the resources available through the University.

Ron Sasse, director for Residence Life and Housing, visited families of the victims Monday. He said they are all grateful for the support, but are concerned about the health of their loved ones.

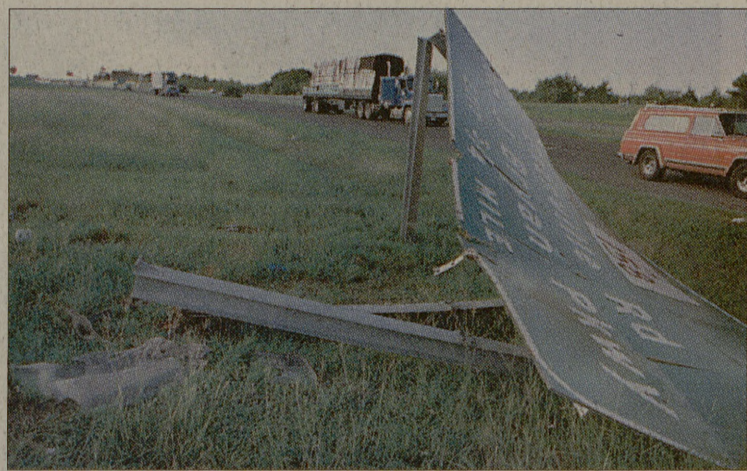
"Each [family] commented on

how important it was to receive all the support," Sasse said. "The families do want to see you all, but there is concern about them (patients) getting enough rest. Let the hospital know before going up there.

"The families are a little overwhelmed (with the support)."

Sasse said everyone who visits the hospital may not be allowed to see the patients, but each may sign a guest book.

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Stew Milne, THE BATTALION

In an accident Sunday evening on Highway 6 a truck veered off the road, rolled and hit this highway sign. One student died and nine others were injured.

Student achieves USMC recognition

By MELISSA NUNNERY
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James Redding, a senior political science major, was awarded the U.S. Marine Corps Commandant's Trophy at the Texas A&M football game Saturday.

Redding, a non-reg at A&M, was the top performer in his Platoon Leader Class at the Marines' Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Quantico, Va., this summer.

The course is designed to commission Marine Corps officers.

A Gulf War veteran who served six years of active duty in the Marine Corps before coming to A&M, Redding will be commissioned as a second lieutenant when he graduates from A&M in May 1997.

Redding was surprised he won the Commandant's trophy. He said he did not attend the school with the expectation of earning an award.

"It's an honor to be recognized for my achievements and the things I did at OCS," Redding said. "I will try to keep up the same level of performance."

Redding also won the Phillip J. Yeckel Award this summer for having the highest leadership score during the 10-week course.

Redding is planning on a career in the Marine Corps. His military career began after one year at Texas Tech University. He decided to join the Marines for confidence and direction.

"I plan to stay in as long as I have fun," he said. "There is always something new and exciting. I can't wait to get back in."

Justin Reetz, a junior political science major, served in active duty with Redding.

"I knew it (the award) was going to happen," Reetz said. "We went to a bunch of different schools together, and he always did well. He excels."

Reetz said Redding is a good leader, and he influenced his decision to come to A&M.

"I'm from Oregon, and he told me about the school (A&M) down here," Reetz said. "I guess he led me to A&M."

Capt. Matthew Blakely, U.S. Marines Officer Selection Officer and an A&M graduate, Class of '90, said Redding's performance at OCS is a good reflection of the students at A&M.

"Obviously it's great for him," Blakely said. "It shows he's performed above and beyond his peers, and it shows we (College Station Marine Corps recruiting office) have a great PLC program. A&M brings top notch people to the table."

Redding is the fourth A&M student to win the Commandant's trophy in three years. Blakely said the awards say a lot for the quality of the PLC program.



Pat James, THE BATTALION

James Redding is the fourth A&M student to receive the Commandant's trophy.

Bush endowment awaits Senate vote

Fellowship would provide about 200 scholarships to A&M students

By MELISSA NUNNERY
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A bill introduced by U.S. Rep. Joe Barton of Ennis could provide \$3 million for the Texas A&M George Bush School of Government and Public Service.

The bill has been passed in the House and Heather Stansell, special projects director for Barton, said the legislation should pass the Senate this week.

Craig Murphy, Barton's press secretary, said the process should be simple since the money is already allocated.

"The funds are set aside," Murphy said. "It (the bill) should have a smooth road."

Stansell said some critics in the House are against creating new education programs. However, she said the bill would not create a new education program.

"It (Bush fellowship) would exist no matter what," Stansell said. "We're providing start-up money and then A&M would endow the program."

Dr. Chuck Herman, director of the Bush school of government,

said the money is a one-time gift given as a tribute to former President George Bush.

"The idea is if the bill passes, the government would create ... \$3 million to be transferred to A&M for Bush scholarships to be combined with private funds we're raising," Herman said.

"[The Bush fellowship] will provide stipends for qualified students to be enrolled and pursue study in the Bush school."

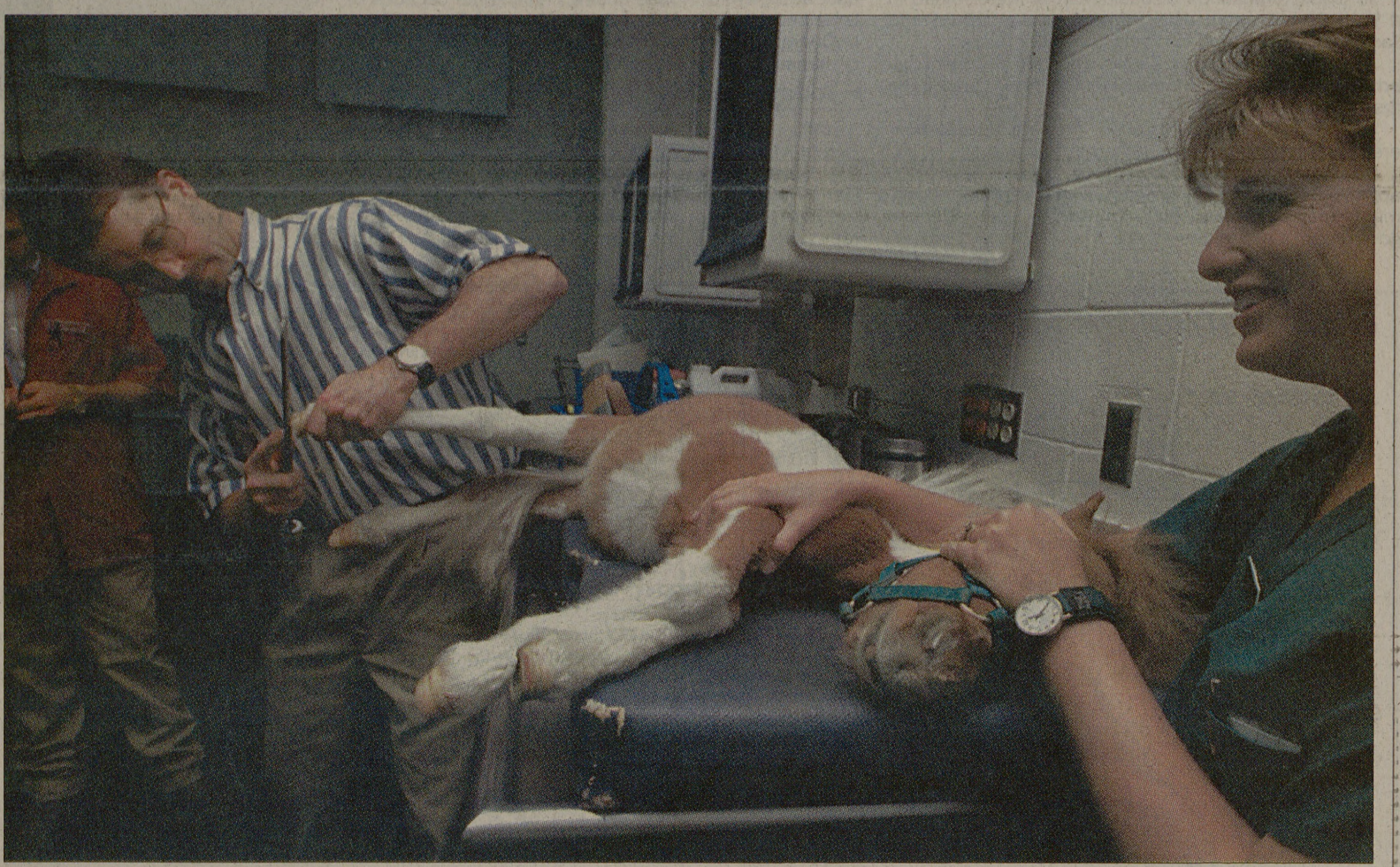
The school is part of the George Bush Presidential Library Complex. Herman said the pro-

gram will train people for both government and non-government careers in public service. It will offer a two-year master's program and will open at the same time as the Bush library.

Stansell said the bill has many student benefits.

"Over 95 percent of the money would go toward students, not administration," Stansell said.

The bill would provide about 200 scholarships to qualified students over the first few years. The scholarships would be \$15,000 each.



Dave House, THE BATTALION

Whoa Nellie

Dr. Jeff Watkins files down the hoof of Buster Brown, a miniature horse, while Dana Conrad restricts his movement. Buster has a limb deformity that can be fixed by installing an extension on the back of his hooves.

Corps encourages membership Commission decision sparks suit by Perot

By WESLEY POSTON
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The Corps of Cadets wants you to spend the night with them, and all you have to do is ask.

Corps Commander Steven Foster, a senior political science major, said the program that invites prospective cadets to spend an evening within the Corps residence halls is expanding to include more students, some of which are already enrolled in the University.

"Why ignore people who have already overcome the largest hurdle in joining your organization — being accepted into Texas A&M University," he said.

Foster said the expansion was prompted by the number of students who have approached him with regrets about not joining the Corps.

"People say to me, 'If I had to do it all over again, I'd have gotten in the Corps,'" he said.

Cindi Ericson, a senior political science and international studies major and deputy Corps commander, said students may join the Corps at any time during the year.

"People think after Freshman Orientation Week

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Cindi Ericson
Deputy Corps commander

(FOW) it's too late to join," she said. "That's a fallacy we're trying to break. It's not too late to join the Corps."

Foster said students already enrolled at the Uni-

versity have an advantage not available to incoming freshmen.

"We wanted to reach a population that doesn't need acceptance into the University," he said. "They're already Aggies. They know the traditions and the spirit and they don't need adjustment to college life."

Ericson said the Corps has several terms for those gaining delayed entrance. "Fish" are cadets entering the Corps as freshmen before FOW, "tadpoles" are cadets joining as freshmen after FOW and "frogs" are those who wait until after their freshman year to join. Most "frogs," Ericson said, join as sophomores.

"It's not a formal label," she said. "It's for want of a specific term."

Both Foster and Ericson began their cadet careers at A&M as tadpoles. Foster joined the Corps in Spring 1994.

"I came from the Air

Force Academy after Christmas," he said. "Honestly, there are people coming into the Corps all the time."

Ericson started her freshman year on A&M's Northside.

"I began as a non-reg in Lechner Hall," she said. "And on October 31 of 1993, I marched into a Corps dorm."

The transition took about a week, she said. Her housing contract had to be altered, as did her deposit. She also had to increase her meal plan to match the Corps' dining policy, send her refrigerator home and pack up her footlocker.

Karl Koehler, a senior education major and Corps recruiting officer, said to arrange a night on the Quadrangle, students may contact the Sam Houston Sanders Corps Center at 1-800-TAMU-AGS or talk to the nearest cadet.

"All they have to do is ask," he said.

Commission decision sparks suit by Perot

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ross Perot sued the bipartisan commission that voted to keep him out of the presidential debates, arguing Monday that excluding him would deepen public cynicism and cause his campaign "incalculable damage."

Shifting strategy, Perot also was negotiating to buy network TV time to air three 30-second commercials denouncing the Commission on Presidential Debates. "Where's Ross?" asks an announcer in one. In another, the announcer asks, "What are they afraid of?"

Perot complained he has been denied desirable broadcast times, and his spokeswoman, Sharon Holman, said a complaint would be filed Tuesday with the Federal Communications Commission seeking "reasonable access to net-



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work facilities and equal time."

Both the private debate commission and the Federal Election

Commission were named as defendants in Perot's suit, which insists that he be included in the debates or the forums cancelled. The debate commission has prevailed twice before, when sued by third-party candidates in 1988 and 1992.

Perot's suit, filed in U.S. District Court, faults the debate commission's finding that he and running mate Pat Choate have no realistic chance of being elected.

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