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Gen. Schwarzkopf to visit A&M

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Heroes are all around us, but retired Army Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf does not count himself as one of them.

"I don't consider myself a hero, and that's the important thing," he said yesterday in a phone interview. "I've been given a wonderful opportunity to give something back. If I'm a role model for other people, I hope it's a positive role model."

Although he has retired from military service, Schwarzkopf said he will continue to be a public servant.

"It may not be in the military service, but it is in service of the country," he said.

Schwarzkopf serves on the boards of several corporations and Richmond University, and is an advocate of environmental conservation and prostate cancer awareness.

After retiring in 1991 and writing his book, *It Doesn't Take a Hero*, Schwarzkopf began his rounds on the speaking circuit. Adding to a seemingly endless list of honors, he was named Toastmasters International Best Speaker for 1992.

"I say to my wife every day, 'I can't believe how lucky we are,'" he said. "If six years ago someone had told me I would be living the kind of life I'm living and be able to have the influence I have today, I would have told them they were crazy."

But Schwarzkopf has drawn large audiences since his retirement, and Wiley Lecture Series chair Chris Hable said he expects a large crowd for Saturday's address in Rudder Auditorium.



Schwarzkopf

Schwarzkopf said he will talk about the fundamentals of leadership in Saturday night's speech, discussing some of the everyday heroes in America.

"There are people that every day are out there doing great things, performing heroic acts, which they themselves may not view as heroic," he said. "And they're providing great service to their country and great service to their fellow human beings. And that all speaks very well for the state of this nation."

He said all good leaders have one thing in common.

"The most important element of leadership is something called character, and that's something only you can give yourself," he said. "Character is alive and well. I run into people everywhere who still believe in all the fundamentals that have made America the great nation it is."

MSC Wiley Lecture Series brings 'On the Front Line'

By ERICA ROY
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Retired Army Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf will discuss leadership and foreign policy goals Saturday, Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

The MSC Wiley Lecture Series is sponsoring Schwarzkopf and his speech, "On the Front Line." Chris Heble, chair of Wiley Lecture Series and a senior bioengineering major, said Schwarzkopf will speak about foreign policy and its implementation in the state, abroad and on the front line.

"It's an opportunity to hear somebody speak that has a breadth of knowledge on foreign policy," Heble said.

Schwarzkopf was commander of operations in Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

After Iraq invaded Kuwait, Schwarzkopf coordi-

nated the efforts of the allied forces in Kuwait from August 1990 until his retirement a year later.

No live questioning will be permitted Saturday night, but questions may be submitted in advance. The questions submitted will be previewed by the Wiley Research Committee and then given to Schwarzkopf.

His speech will last approximately 45 minutes, and the pre-screened questions will be answered for 15 minutes afterward.

Ticket prices are \$20, \$15 and \$10 for students and \$25, \$20 and \$15 for non-students. They are available through Rudder Box Office.

Heble said Schwarzkopf can offer insight to A&M students on foreign policies.

"It's a great opportunity for the University with such a strong military background to have a speaker of this caliber to speak to the students."

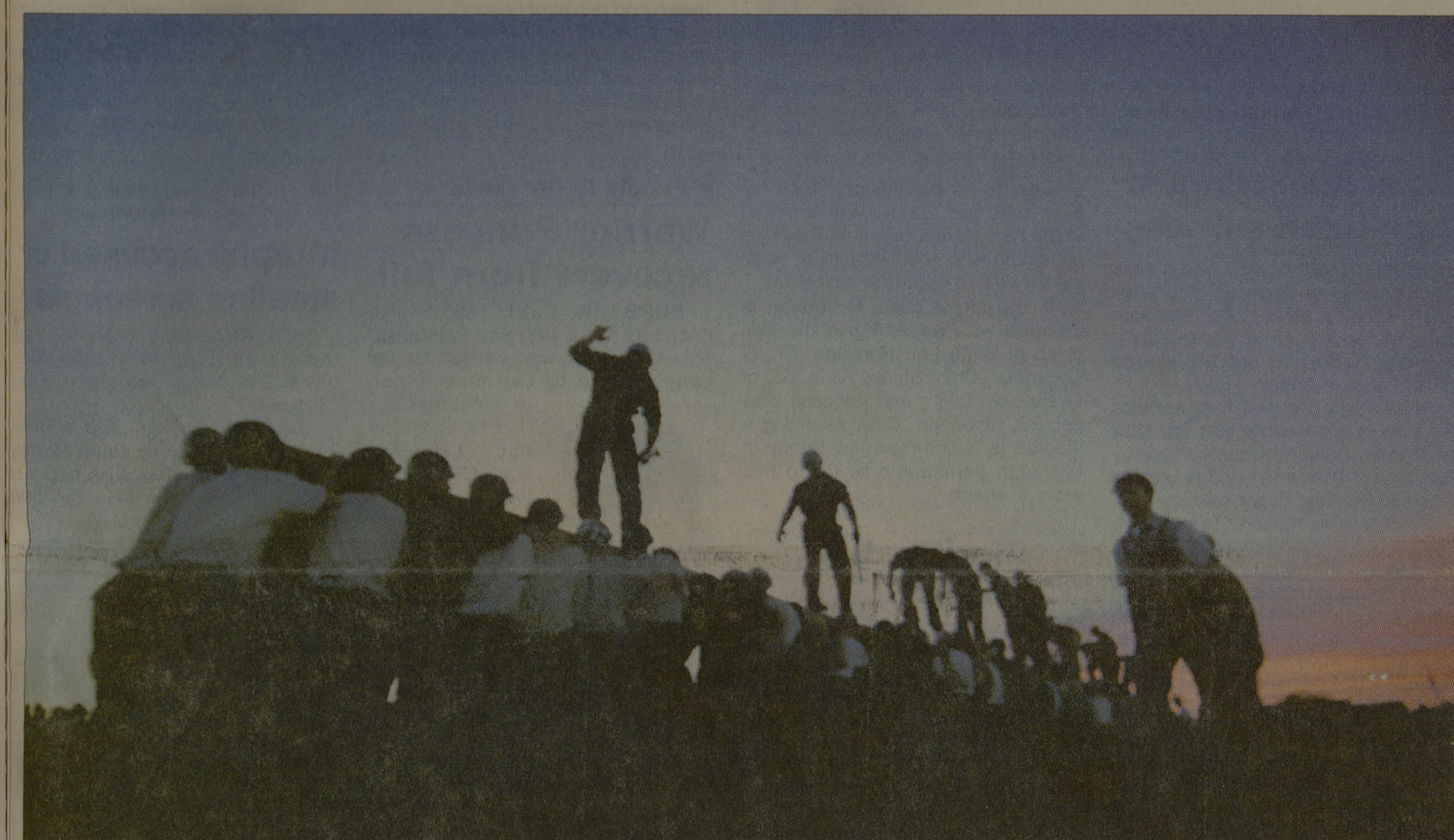
The retired general finds examples of good leadership both in and out of the armed forces.

"The Army is a cross section of the American people on all levels,

as well it should be," he said. "There are literally millions of people all across this country that have the fundamental value systems that make America great."

Saying that leadership requires personal integrity, Schwarzkopf credits his father for instilling such values in him. His father, like

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Directing Traffic

Senior Redpots, standing atop part of centerpole, point to where one of the pieces is to be set. The two logs that make up centerpole will be wetted down for a week to make sure they do not shrink. The logs will be put together next week and raised Thursday afternoon.

Bowen looks forward to OSU game

By WESLEY POSTON
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Texas A&M will take on the Oklahoma State University Cowboys in a game that will be a homecoming for at least one Aggie.

Dr. Ray Bowen was interim president at OSU before he became president of A&M two years ago.

"One of their colors is orange," he said. "I have some orange shirts that

I don't have any use for at all."

Bowen said he and his wife, Sally, are looking forward to visiting the campus. They plan to have dinner with friends and may place a wager on the game, he said.

"We'll gossip and tell some lies," he said. "I think they'd rather see her (Mrs. Bowen) than me."

A stop at the famous restaurant, Eskimo Joe's, is also on the itinerary, Bowen said.

"It's sort of like the Dixie Chicken," he said. "I couldn't go to Stillwater without going to Eskimo Joe's."

Bowen travels with the football team for all out-of-town games, and will be watching Saturday's game from the visiting athletic director's box.

"I think we can beat them," he said.

The Aggies have yet to play a team better position-by-position

than themselves, Bowen said.

"We've been our own worst enemies."

A&M was defeated when they last played OSU in Oklahoma and Barry Sanders was on the OSU team then. Bowen said Sanders was a strong addition to the team's offense. Sanders is now a star running back with the Detroit Lions.

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A&M hosts robotics competition

By COURTNEY WALKER
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Regional champions from high schools across the state will meet at Texas A&M this weekend for the "Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology" state team competition.

Each team was supplied with identical kit parts, game task descriptions and game rules. They had six weeks to design their robots before the regional playoffs.

The students were paired with volunteer mentors from the engineering industry to coach them. A&M engineering students were mentors for the area high schools that participated in the competition.

Tom Talley, an associate professor of electrical engineering, said the students that served as mentors related well to



the students.

"We're (professors) pretty far removed from the high school age," he said. "Even though three or four years may seem like forever to a college student, it's a lot closer than a professor or teacher."

The volunteers serve in a mentor capacity to students who will be building the remote-controlled robot vehicles.

The vehicles are then given limited time to complete specific tasks.

Before each level of competition, the robots are measured to make sure they meet the requirements of being able to fit in a 24-inch cube and weigh no more than 24 pounds.

Jason Cole, a senior electrical engineering major and mentor, said A&M students developed good

relationships with the students. He said now they can joke around while they are working.

"At first they were like, 'Who are these guys?'" he said. "But after a while a lot of them would bounce the ideas off of us to see if it would work."

The mentors were not allowed to help with the projects, and could only make suggestions on ideas that would work or not.

Talley said building an electric prototype is a requirement for his engineering class, but serving as a mentor was a great way to experience teaching.

"When you learn for yourself, you learn only what you need to solve the problem," he said. "But when you're teaching you learn a broader foundation because there's no telling what kind of questions will be asked."

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DAB undergoes restructuring

Program in need of funding

By BRANDON HAUSENFLUCK
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DAB Transit is restructuring its service to make it more convenient to the public and ensure its future existence.

Matthew Kenyon, executive director of Designate a Bus and a senior biomedical science major, said there is always room for improvement.

"Ridership has increased every week," Kenyon said. "But we're still trying to make it more convenient."

Kenyon said the biggest problem right now is the lack of funding.

"We need to get more funding so we can provide and improve [DAB] for the spring semester."

"We are trying to make it where (bus) passes will be good around town for discounts," he said. "We also plan to ask insurance companies to provide their clients with free passes."

DAB's operation cost is around \$10,000 per month.

Alex Cates, owner of Dream Associates Advertising Agency, has donated his time and advertising expertise to DAB. Cates said funding is vital to the future success of DAB.

"It all boils down to the economics of the deal," Cates said. "Corporations need to see a track record before they decide to support us. We should've started a little smaller."

Downscaling is part of the operation's restructuring.

The number of buses that travel a scheduled route will be reduced to three. A fourth bus will be used as a "demand response" bus. This bus will transport riders to requested locations, including bars and residences.

Kenyon said DAB is working with College Station to get approval to use the parallel parking spaces on University Drive in front of Northgate. The bus servicing Northgate would then be able to use that space for boarding passengers.

The buses would all leave

at the same time to run through their respective routes, then return to pick up more passengers.

The route that would service The Tap, J.D. Wells and Sidepockets will also stop at the Commons on campus.

A second bus will run from Northgate to downtown Bryan, servicing Carney's, the Ptarmigan, 3rd Floor Cantina, Hurricane Harry's and the Dixie Theatre.

The third bus will service residential areas that have produced the most riders.

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Director of DAB

Buses will still stop for people who flag them down.

Kenyon said on-campus residents can benefit from the service.

"We are targeting campus now ... so people who don't have cars or who don't feel like driving can get around town," he said.

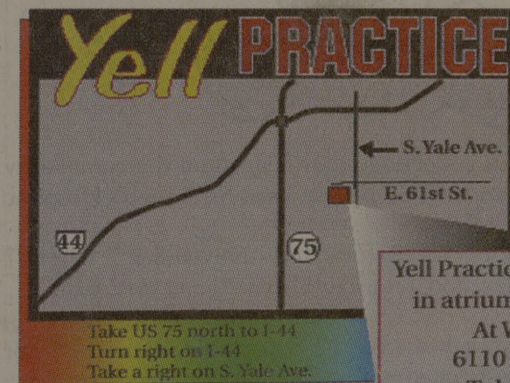
Kenyon said DAB has made an impact on drunken driving in Bryan-College Station.

"Even if people don't ride the bus, more B-CS residents are designating drivers because they don't want to feel stupid getting a DWI when they could've taken a bus," he said. "But as an option, the success of DAB has gone above and beyond that which was previously expected."

Bonfire night, which is Nov. 26, spectators will be able to ride the buses free of charge.

Cates said DAB is not only a convenience, but a necessity.

"It's impractical not to have a nighttime shuttle bus service provided," he said.



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