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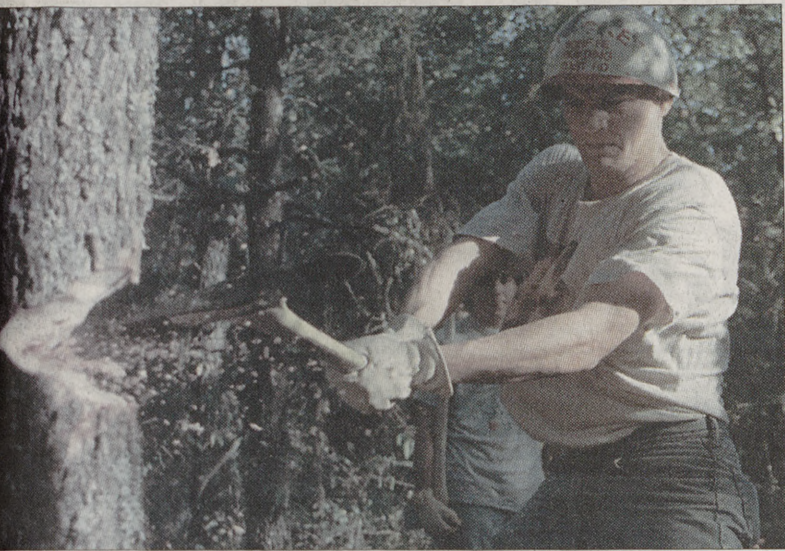
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## First Cut draws record-high attendance



BRANDON BOLLOOM/THE BATTALION

Brandon Bolloom, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, takes down a tree at Crocker Hall at First Cut early Saturday morning.

By KARIE FEHLER  
Staff writer

The first trees for Aggie Bonfire fell as Texas A&M students participated in First Cut Saturday and Sunday.

At cut site near Hearne in Milam County, students cut down trees that will be used to build Bonfire, set to burn Nov. 27.

Workers from residence halls, Corps of Cadets outfits, Women's Bonfire Committee and Off-Campus Aggies volunteered time and support for Bonfire.

Brad Weber, a crew chief for Dunn Hall and a sophomore poultry science major, said First Cut ran smoothly.

"It was a long day, but everything went fine," he said. "There seemed to be a lot more people in the woods this year. We were really motivated by the big turnout."

Weber said the best part of First Cut is the motivation and camaraderie of students.

"We were really proud of our fish," he said. "They cut down a dorm log and got it out of the woods by themselves — that's usually the tractors' work."

Jennifer King, a Bonfire co-chair for Hobby Hall and a sophomore education major, said Hobby's partnership with Moore Hall at cut was productive.

"It is so cool to go in there and see how full the woods are," she said. "There is virtually no space for all of the trees. When you leave in the afternoon, you can actually see your progress."

Ruth Wallace, a freshman psychology major from Hobby, said she enjoyed her first time at cut.

"I had so much fun," she said. "We got a lot of people together and it was neat to surround a big



tree. We each took 10 power hits and had races to cut down trees."

Hart Hall and Krueger Hall both set hall records for highest attendance and most logs pulled.

Andrew McDow, a crew chief for Hart and a sophomore agricultural economics major, said he was proud of the two halls.

"There was lots of motivation to come out to cut and I think it worked," he said. "Things went pretty much the same as last year, and we really made some progress. I'd really like to thank everyone for working so hard — it's really hard work, but it's worth it."

## A&M renames building to honor former president

By JENARA KOCKS  
Staff writer

The 63-year-old Administration Building has been renamed in honor of Dr. Jack K. Williams, president of A&M and the Texas A&M University system from 1970 to 1977.

The building is at the end of the entrance to campus on New Main Drive. The Texas A&M Board of Regents approved last month A&M President

of the University during the period of its greatest growth. He said A&M had an enrollment of 10,000 students when Williams became president, but more than 20,000 students at the end of his presidency.

Dr. Kenneth H. Ashworth, former commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, said he worked with Williams when Williams was the first commissioner of the board from 1966 to 1968. He said Williams was a good president to follow A&M President Earl Rudder.

"He added degree programs and built the academic reputation of the University," Ashworth said.

He said Williams helped start some of the first doctoral programs and liberal arts degree programs at A&M.

"I knew him as a man of high integrity, and he was very caring with the students," Ashworth said. "His great concern was maintaining the quality of programs at A&M."

Williams also is credited with expanding Evans Library and its collection, creating the Texas A&M University Press, recruiting National Merit Scholars, attracting the Institute of Nautical Archaeology and bringing in the Navy ROTC as a part of the Corps of Cadets.

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## Slippery when wet



ROBERT MCKAY/THE BATTALION

Darren Williams, a senior business analysis major and a member of the Texas A&M Waterskiing Club, practices his slalom technique at Century Ski Lake Saturday afternoon. Williams will travel with the club to compete in the slalom event at nationals. The club defeated the University of Texas to earn their place at nationals, the first time in its 23-year existence the team has reached the national competition.

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COORDINATING BOARD

Ray M. Bowen's proposal to name the building the Jack K. Williams Administration Building.

"He had a distinguished career," Bowen said.

"We decided he should be recognized on campus for that career," Bowen said Williams was president

## Coming Out Week

### Groups promote sexual tolerance during annual event

By BRANDI BALLARD  
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It's Coming Out Week at Texas A&M, and a full calendar of events has been planned by Gay Lesbian Bisexual Aggies (GLBA). This annual event coincides with National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11.

The purpose of National Coming Out Day is to encourage lesbian, gay and bisexual people to "come out of the closet" and declare or affirm their sexual orientation.

Nancy Tubbs, a graduate student in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education, said National Coming Out Day commemorates the 1987 march on Washington D.C. for lesbians' and gays' equal rights.

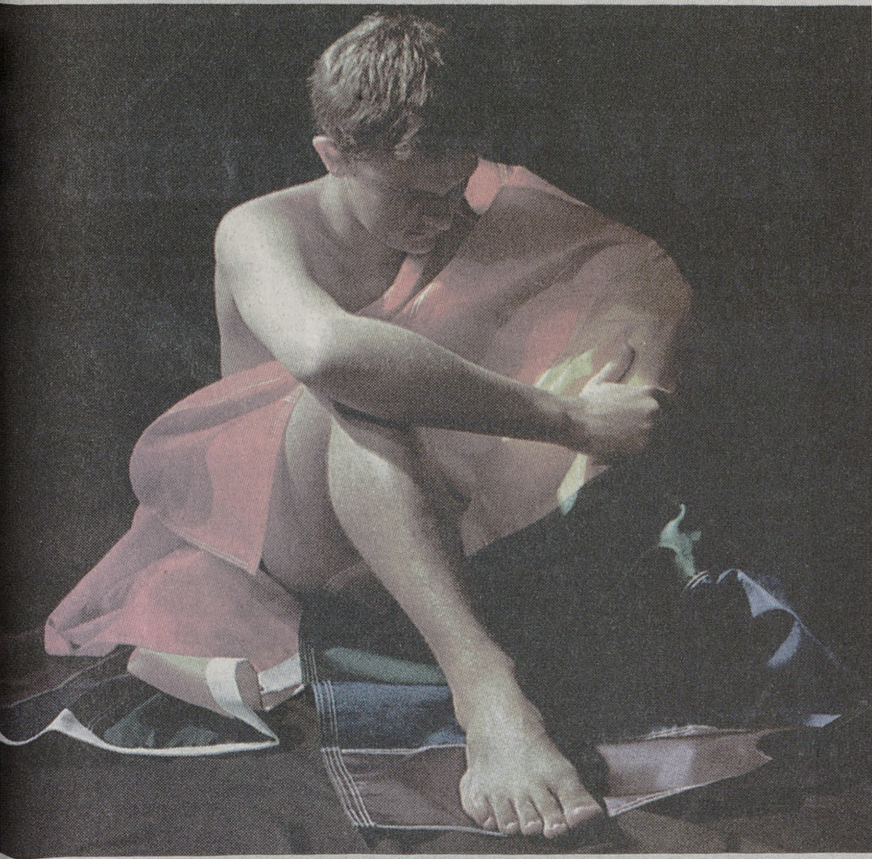
Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), GLBA, Rainbow Christians, Allies and the Gender Issues Education Services all work together to help gay, lesbian, and bisexual students take that next step in coming out.

These organizations provide speakers and resources during Coming Out Week. "Coming out is a process, not a single event," Tubbs said.

Michael Moore, a graduate student in computer science, is the president of Rainbow Christians.

"We're a support group that deals with religious issues of gays, lesbians and bisexuals," Moore said. "You can be gay here and it not be an issue."

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DAVE HOUSE/THE BATTALION

Coming Out Week will be hosted by Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Aggies

## Students seek aid for wounded dog after hit-and-run

By AMANDA SMITH  
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The rescue of Marlin, a 3-year-old Great Pyrenees injured in a hit-and-run accident, is a modern-day story of the first Reveille.

Two Texas A&M students saw the wounded dog in Marlin, Texas as they were returning to College Station from Texas Stadium, where the A&M Football Team had played the University of North Texas.

Ryan Wiley, an educational kinesiology major, and Robert Roubion, a MBA operations graduate student, said Marlin was bloody and malnourished when they stopped to help him.

"As we drove by, we saw this big white dog," he said. "His face was bloody, so we decided to turn around. We were kind of scared to move the dog because it was obvious that his left front leg was broken. I cut a piece of carpet out of the bottom of the trunk and used that like a stretcher."

Marlin now is recovering at the Kingdom Animal Hospital in Bryan. Dr. Renee Lara, a veterinarian at the hospital, said Marlin is eating well and recovering from operations on a fractured jaw and broken front leg.

However, Marlin needs orthopedic surgery on his leg. "He has a splint on his leg right now," Lara said. "It may heal, but it will take a longer time. We have done like \$400 to \$450 worth of work in supportive care, X-rays, splints and sedative treatment. We are trying to find a foster home for Marlin."

The Texas A&M Small Animal Clinic is the only hospital in the area with orthopedic specialists who can perform the operation.

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