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## us threatens A&M computers

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ti ally dangerous virus has  
me computers on the Texas  
us.  
I virus is scheduled to de-  
taturday, Sept. 26.  
id McCauley, coordinator of  
computing for Texas A&M,  
H virus infects Windows 95  
ws 98 EXE files. After an in-  
is executed, the virus will  
come in and be accessed.  
"This guy can't be stopped  
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will function as normal.  
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eggan, technology chair for  
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"It started when a user acquired  
an infected file from the Internet  
which infected other files on their  
computer which were then down-  
loaded by other users, infecting their  
machines too," Keegan said.  
"The virus resides in the comput-  
er's RAM and will infect anything run  
or accessed," he said.  
The Department of Residence Life  
home page said the CIH virus will  
overwrite the "bootstrap" code in  
infected computers' BIOS chip which  
keeps the computer from booting,  
thus disabling it.  
The Resnet home page offers links  
for a free procedure to locate and dis-  
infect all executable files.  
Keegan said the KILL CIHtool will  
download a free version of Norton  
Anti-virus software and will run a  
complete virus scan.  
"This will remove the virus from  
the RAM and also prevent reinfec-  
tion," he said.  
According to the Data Fellows Com-  
puter Virus Information Pages, the CIH  
virus was first located in Taiwan in ear-  
ly June and has been spreading very

quickly through pirated software.  
McCauley said students on a col-  
lege campus naturally share programs  
whether they are supposed to or not.  
"It is not right to share pirated soft-  
ware such as games," he said, "but  
they shouldn't lose their computers  
because of it."  
McCauley said the CIH virus could  
be a hoax, but it will get people to  
take precautions.  
"Maybe you don't have this one, but  
you could have another one," he said.  
Tom Putnam, director of CIS, said  
the key is not to panic over this par-  
ticular virus, but to regularly run  
virus scans on your computer.  
"There are hundreds of viruses out  
there, and you need to always be  
careful when downloading exe-  
cutable files off the Internet and shar-  
ing floppy disks with others," he said.  
The KILL CIH tool can be down-  
loaded at [http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/kill\\_cih.html](http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/kill_cih.html).  
The free version of Norton Anti-  
Virus software can be downloaded at  
<http://www.symantec.com/nav/navc.html>.

## Bonfire Dates

### CUT DATES

- Oct. 3, 4, 11, 17, 18, 31
- Nov. 1, 8, 15
- Oct. 25 - Father/son cut

- Oct. 30 - Centerpole arrives
- Nov. 6 - Centerpole erected
- Nov. 24 - Bonfire burns



## New cut site chosen for Bonfire

BY BETH MILLER AND SARAH GOLDSTON  
The Battalion

Groups on campus and  
throughout the community have  
been regulating Aggie Bonfire  
since its beginning, and this year  
more regulatory logs have been  
thrown onto the fire.  
Head stack Blaine Lewis said  
Bonfire cut will be at a different  
site this year, and new rules  
against profanity will be enforced.  
Lewis said this year's cut site  
is on FM 1361 between Snook  
and Somerville.  
"The property is owned by  
Charles Wessling and George  
Wight; site is about 20 miles  
from campus," he said.  
First cut is Oct. 3, but Lewis

said before people can go out  
to the site, they must attend cut  
class to learn basic safety rules of  
the cut site.  
Cut class is scheduled for Sept.  
28 and 29 at the Polo Fields at  
6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. each day.  
The Corps cut class is Sept. 30 in  
Rudder Auditorium.  
"At cut class we teach stu-  
dents how to cut down trees, the  
proper way to be safe on site and  
we get people motivated about  
Bonfire," he said. "Our first goal  
is safety. We can't have Bonfire if  
people aren't safe."  
Brad Mauritzen, a senior red-  
pot, said the new rules ban any  
type of profanity on clothes or  
pots and are designed to elimi-  
nate offensive words and actions  
that would cause others to not

want to participate.  
He said he felt the rules will  
be effective.  
"They're going to go over well  
because we have the authority to  
regulate people," Mauritzen said.  
"They can either follow them  
(the rules) or not participate."  
He said some of the more re-  
cent regulations placed on Aggie  
Bonfire include no students being  
allowed to ride in the back of  
pickup trucks to and from the cut  
site; all students having to wear a  
pot when cutting, unloading and  
stacking the logs; and all students  
having to wear safety glasses  
when cutting logs.  
Lewis said approximately  
5,000 participants are expected  
to participate in this year's build-  
ing process.

## up and away



McHam, a senior industrial distribution major, comes in for a safe landing at Coulter Field in on Saturday morning. McHam is a member of Texas A&M skydiving club.

## Maroon Out serves to unite Aggies

BY NONI SRIDHARA  
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ea that originally started as a  
r the Class of 2000 Council in  
ner of 1997 has now become  
gaining national prominence.  
on Out, sponsored by the class  
and supported by The Zone  
2th Man Foundation, is a pro-  
gred to promote current and  
udents to wear maroon to the  
braska game on Oct. 10.  
Valentine, Class of '00 pres-  
id the goal of Maroon Out  
fy the student body.  
ems like recently we are sepa-  
rselves into different groups  
reeks, the Corps, etc.," Valen-  
l, "and our goal is to bring

everyone back together and remind  
everyone that we are all still Aggies."  
Local radio stations and newspapers  
will also be running advertisements.  
Valentine said Maroon Out was  
mentioned during the nationally-tele-  
vised Texas A&M-Mississippi game.  
Brandon Neff, head yell leader,  
said he supports this project be-  
cause Aggies need to get back into  
the practice of wearing maroon.  
"Everyone knows the A&M col-  
ors are maroon and white, but Ag-  
gies have to remember that the  
maroon comes before the white."  
Neff said wearing maroon would  
make it easier to see the waving of  
the 12th Man towels.  
"In the past, most fans have  
dressed in white, and it's hard to see

the towels. The combination of the  
maroon T-shirts and the movement  
of the towels will make the union of  
the student body very visible, and it  
will show the true colors of A&M."  
In order to participate in Maroon  
Out, one does not necessarily have to  
purchase a shirt but just wear maroon.  
The class councils have already sold  
5,000 Maroon Out shirts and Valentine  
said they have a goal to sell 15,000.  
Profits from the sale of the T-  
shirts will be evenly distributed  
among the class councils and will be  
used for class gifts to the University.  
Maroon Out shirts are \$5 and are  
available in the main hallway of the  
MSC and at the two remaining  
home games including the Nebras-  
ka game.

## Committees stand as key to Bonfire success

BY SARAH GOLDSTON AND BETH MILLER  
The Battalion

This year's Bonfire activities  
will begin on Oct. 3 with first  
cut, and Bonfire will burn on  
Tuesday, Nov. 24.  
Blaine Lewis, head stack,  
said senior redpots are the over-  
seers of Bonfire.  
"Senior redpots are in charge  
of supervision, administration  
and coordinating the events,"  
he said. "The junior redpots are  
like the foremen out at site or  
any activity with Bonfire."  
Lewis said centerpole pots  
make sure centerpole is erected  
correctly and assist in the duties  
of the other pots.  
Brownpots assist the junior  
redpots and at cut they operate  
the chain saws and do mainte-  
nance on all equipment, he said.  
Lewis said yellowpots are in  
charge of coordinating Bonfire  
activities for the dorm they live  
in and making sure people are  
organized while the maroon  
buttpots coordinate the Corps  
outfits Bonfire activities.  
Brad Mauritzen, a senior

redpot, said women's roles at  
Bonfire have increased over the  
past 20 years.  
He said women were first al-  
lowed to take part in Bonfire ac-  
tivities in 1979 and have pro-  
gressed from only being allowed  
to carry water to participating in  
every step of the Bonfire process.  
The Women's Bonfire Com-  
mittee coordinates much of the  
female involvement in Bonfire  
activities.  
Erin Ressler, senior pinkpot,  
said many women are planning  
to participate in Bonfire this year.  
"At our first meeting we had  
over 125 women show up;  
we're getting excited about Bon-  
fire," Ressler said.  
"We drive water out to site  
along roads the tractors have  
left, and every Friday before  
the weekend of cut we meet at  
3 p.m. in Duncan to make  
lunches for the people out at  
site," she said. "At the Coke  
shack at stack we provide free  
water and donuts and people  
can buy Cokes."

## Business Career Fair set to begin today

BY NONI SRIDHARA  
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The Business Student Council  
(BSC) is sponsoring the Fall Busi-  
ness Career Fair '98 this week to-  
day through Sept. 24.  
Approximately 140 compa-  
nies will be recruiting for full-  
time employment, co-ops and in-  
ternships. The fair kicks off today  
with an informal reception at the  
Hilton Hotel at 7 p.m.  
Bryan Sweeney, the career fair  
vice president and a junior ac-  
counting and finance major, said  
the career fair is an opportunity  
for students to find out about dif-  
ferent companies.  
"These receptions are for  
students to come and initially  
talk with and meet the compa-  
nies in a relaxed atmosphere,"  
Sweeney said.  
Tuesday through Thursday,  
the companies will have set up  
booths in the Wehner building  
for students to come by and  
visit with the companies at  
which time they can also drop  
off their resumes.  
Sweeney said the career fair is  
beneficial to students because of  
the contacts that are made.  
"This fair is the initial step in  
a job search for students, and it  
also gives them the opportunity  
to meet companies that they  
could eventually work for some-  
day," he said. Sweeney said  
freshmen should not hesitate to  
attend the career fair due to lack  
of experience.

## Garrity sees doors of Corps opening for women

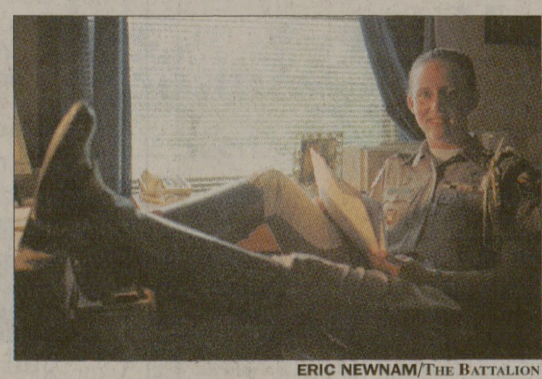
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Corps of Cadets is open  
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ty, a senior journalism  
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o young women enter  
A&M because, she  
is a tremendous confi-  
ilder.

"I entered the Corps for  
three reasons: to have someone  
to look after my grades, to stay  
in shape, and to be a part of a  
close-knit group," Garrity said.  
Garrity has watched the role  
of women in the Corps expand  
greatly in the four years she has  
been at A&M.  
"When I came here there  
were only three outfits I could  
join as part of the Army pro-  
gram. Now I believe there are  
nine integrated outfits in the  
Army program alone," she said.

An East Coast native, Garri-  
ty did not know anyone in  
Texas before she came to A&M.  
"My company nurtured me  
along," Garrity said. "My up-  
perclassmen encouraged me  
to excel."  
Garrity admits that there  
are challenges for women in  
the Corps, but says they can  
turn those challenges to their  
advantage.  
"It's harder to be female  
when you're a freshman," Gar-  
rity said. "There are a few things

that the men can do that you  
can't. When you screw up, you  
stand out. But when you surpass  
the men you stand out, too."  
"There's room for progress  
for women in the Corps," she  
said.  
"There's always room for  
progress in anything, but the  
progress already has been  
enormous.  
In the past, every so often a  
girl would make it. Now that  
doesn't seem extraordinary. At-  
titudes have changed."



Kelly Garrity, a senior journalism major, is the highest-ranking female in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M.

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