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Former student being held captive by Serbs

BY MEREDITH HIGHT
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A former Texas A&M student is one of three American soldiers who was captured last Wednesday near the Yugoslavia-Macedonia border and is being held by Serbian forces.

U.S. Army Spec. Steven Gonzales was a mechanical engineering major and lived in Lechner Hall when he attended A&M in the 1995-1996 school year on an academic scholarship.

Gonzales graduated in the top-10 percent of his class from Palestine High School in 1995, where he lettered in soccer and track.

Gonzales' parents work for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Huntsville. The family, which includes Steven's 8- and 14-year-old brothers, was moved to Huntsville in 1995.

Glen Castlebury, a spokesperson with

the criminal justice department, said Gonzales planned to come back to A&M after serving his two-year re-enlistment.

"Steven went to A&M for a year and then entered the Army in September of 1996," he said. "He re-upped in September 1998 for a two-year enlistment and planned to return to Texas A&M and stay in the Army after that."

Gonzales' parents, Gilbert and Rosie Gonzales, spoke at a press conference in Huntsville Thursday.

"Steven and the other soldiers don't deserve this," his mother said at the press conference. "They're young men with their whole lives ahead of them. They were put in a bad situation, and we just pray ... for their safe return, all of them."

"These soldiers are not criminals, and they should be dealt with as such. They're innocent young men who were over there as part of a duty to their coun-

Guidelines for Treatment of Prisoners of War

The guidelines for the treatment of Prisoners of War were established at the 1949 Geneva Convention:

- POWs must be at all times humanely treated
- POWs must be protected particularly against acts of violence or intimidation and against insults and public curiosity
- No physical or mental torture nor any other form of coercion may be inflicted on POWs to secure from them any information of any kind.

Courtesy of the CNN Website

try." Gonzales was described by friends and family as intelligent and deeply religious. The three soldiers, cavalry scouts for the U.S. Army, were sent to Macedonia

on a United Nations peacekeeping mission.

Milan Bozic, Yugoslav federal government minister and deputy mayor of Belgrade, said Sunday on ABC's "This Week" and CNN's "Late Edition" that the soldiers would not face trial.

"The army is under the control of the [Yugoslav] federal government, so we will treat them along the lines of any conceivable international agreements — first of all, the Geneva Convention," Bozic said. "They will receive the best treatment. They will be held [in Yugoslavia], and we strongly believe that this madness with the bombing will stop very soon, and they will be at their homes as soon as possible."

Yugoslav Foreign Minister Zivadin Jovic, speaking on CNN's "Larry King Live" Friday night, said the soldiers would be safe.

"I can tell your fellow Americans that

American prisoners of war, the three American soldiers, are safe and treated in a civilized manner," he said.

However, Jovic said on "Fox News Sunday" that the soldiers might stand trial.

"Whether they are going to be brought to justice before the military court, it will depend on the result of the investigations that are now under way," Jovic said. "Those investigations are routine whenever you capture infiltrated enemy soldiers in your territory."

President Dr. Ray Bowen responded to Gonzales' capture in a press release.

"We are saddened by the news that three United States Army members of the NATO peacekeeping force in Macedonia have been taken prisoner by Serbian forces," Bowen said, "and it is even more distressing to learn that one of the young

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Regents promote A&M faculty

BY APRIL YOUNG
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The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents approved promotions for 81 Texas A&M faculty members Friday March 26.

According to the University Statement on Academic Freedom, Responsibility, Tenure and Promotion, tenure is defined as the "entitlement of faculty members to continue in academic position held, unless dismissed for good cause ... tenure is based on the need to protect academic freedom and is irrevocable except as outlined in policy."

Ann Pittman, manager of faculty programs and services, said the process of deciding who receives promotions and tenure begins with a probation period.

"Faculty come in under a seven-year probation period," Pittman said. "After five years of probation, they are considered for tenure and promotion to associate professor."

Janis Stout, dean of faculties and professor of English, said faculty members not promoted during the seven-year probation period are asked to leave.

Pittman said the board acts on recommendation from the president of the University when faculty members are considered for tenure.

"The process begins in the pro-

fessor's academic department, then it goes to the dean of the faculty's respective college, then to the provost, and finally to the president," Pittman said.

Pixey Mosley, assistant professor at Sterling C. Evans Library, was granted tenure this year.

Mosley said she will use the experience of receiving tenure as an opportunity to further her research. She said it is like a validation of her accomplishments.

Stout said students should not be concerned that professors with tenure will neglect their jobs.

"Future promotions, future salary raises and a number of other things depend on their performance and research, so very few professors will let up because they were granted tenure," she said. "Professors are relatively not very well paid, so their drive to excel and the trade-off that as long as they are doing a good job, they can count on keeping their job is what many of them depend on."

Stout said faculty members are evaluated annually to determine whether or not they are developing and improving their teaching and research.

After faculty members are promoted to associate professor, Stout said it is typically another six or seven years before being promoted to professor.

Fenced in



MIKE FUENTES/THE BATTALION

Trey Flesher, a sophomore electrical engineering major, paints a fence with a sock at the Parsons Mounted Cavalry Complex Monday afternoon. Flesher said the fence was being painted in preparation for Parents Weekend.

A&M societies designate April as Greek Month

BY LISA K. HILL
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Texas A&M Greek societies have designated April Aggie Greek Month to promote community service and unity among the Greek systems and other student organizations.

Jenna Brummett, Greek activities chair, said she along with Panhellenic committee members organized Aggie Greek Month with the community in mind.

"Throughout the month of April we are challenging all student organizations to collect three items: baby items, canned goods and school supplies," Brummett said.

Brummett said any student organization is welcome and encouraged to participate.

"We hope to unite the different areas of the Greek system with other campus organizations," Brummett said. "We also want to draw attention to the community services we do that are not recognized."

Donations will be collected April 30 on campus and then given to community charities and the Bryan Independent School District.

Meg Manning, Panhellenic adviser, said Aggie Greek Month will promote the positive aspects of Greek life.

"The multicultural fraternities and sororities, the Inter Fraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic and Panhellenic will unite as Aggies, not Greeks, to help local charities," Manning said.

An awards banquet April 22 will recognize outstanding efforts by members of the Greek system.

"Mr. Greek and Ms. Greek will be crowned, a faculty appreciation award will be presented as well as the presidential achievement award," Brummett said.

Organizations interested in participating in Aggie Greek Month can contact the Panhellenic office in the Koldus Building.

Shipbuilding key to understanding wrecks

BY SAMEH FAHMY
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A nautical archaeologist said in a speech Monday that understanding the basic concepts of shipbuilding is essential to reconstructing shipwrecks.

Brad Loewen, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Laval in Quebec, Canada, spoke to more than 30 people in a lecture designed by the Nautical Archaeology Program to evaluate potential faculty members.

Loewen's speech focused on ships of the Renaissance and texts written about them. Loewen said shipbuilders used simple geometry, similar to that used by the Greeks, in designing their vessels.

"The methods that shipbuilders used had been around for a very long time," he said. "It's remarkably simple, and it works."

Loewen said most texts on

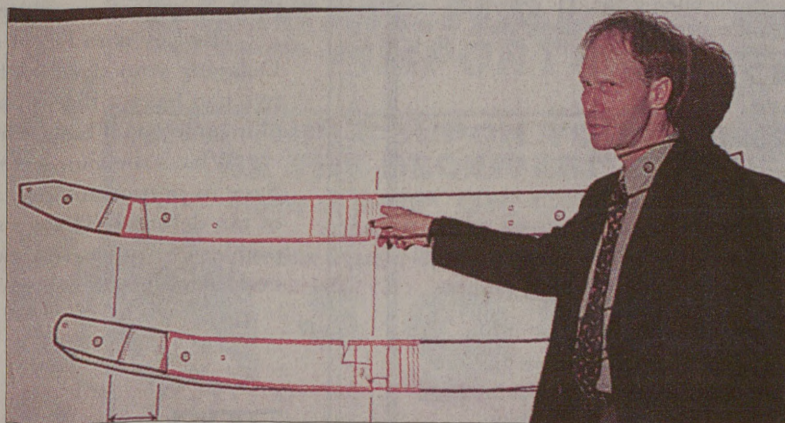
shipbuilding broke the process down into three major steps: designing the proportions of the hull, designing the central section, and fashioning the rear of the ship.

Loewen said both large and small ships had similar proportions and that the central section was designed using a series of arcs. Loewen said the rear of the ship was designed by making the floor higher and more narrow. He showed diagrams of Renaissance ships and photos of shipwrecks.

Loewen said shipbuilding was an important industry during the Renaissance and that writing texts on shipbuilding could be lucrative.

"There was money to be had," he said.

Loewen said the knowledge included in shipbuilding texts did not come from the authors, but rather from observations about techniques used in the past.



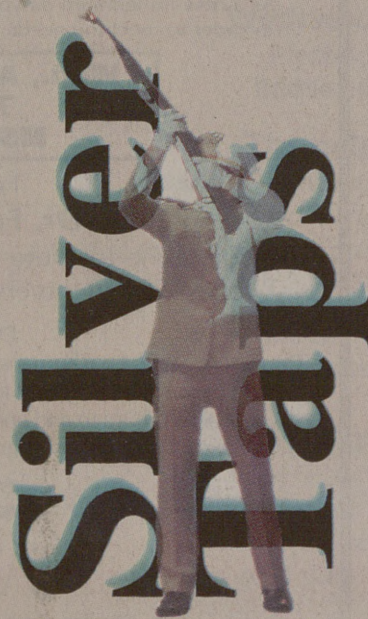
GUY ROGERS/THE BATTALION

Brad Loewen, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Laval in Quebec, Canada, speaks at the Nautical Archaeology Program Monday night. He focused on ships of the Renaissance.

"They were simply describing what was going on in the world," he said.

Loewen's lecture was followed by a question-and-answer session.

Loewen has worked on ships from the 16th and 17th centuries. He will discuss late medieval navigation Tuesday in 111 Koldus.



Silver Taps tonight at 10:30 in front of the Academic Building will honor the memory of

- **William Elton Berry Jr.**, a freshman agricultural engineering major
- **Pauline Lizette Derby**, a junior information and operations management major
- **Amber Donn Lightwine**, a junior health and kinesiology major
- **Melissa Renea Morrow**, a junior international studies major
- **Chau Buu Tran**, a freshman general studies major.

All lights on campus should be turned off from 10:20 to 10:50 p.m. The Ross Volunteers Honor Corps will march across campus to the Academic Building where they will fire a volley salute. Buglers from the Aggie Band will play a special arrangement of "Taps."

The Albritton Tower bells will toll to end the ceremony.