

# THE BATTALION

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## Car accident claims 6 lives

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Six students were killed and two were injured in a car accident outside the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity house on FM 60 Sunday morning.

Maj. Mike Patterson of the College Station Police Department said Brandon Kallmeyer, an 18-year-old freshman animal science major, was driving on FM 60 after stopping off his girlfriend when he fell asleep at the wheel. Patterson said Kallmeyer's Ford Ranger ran onto the shoulder and struck eight student pedestrians. Patterson said the eight students had parked on the shoulder while they were preparing to cross the road to attend a party being held at the TKE house.

Arissa Hill, a freshman at Blinn College, attended the party and said an Associated Press article that she



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saw the aftermath of the accident. "Their shoes were in perfect place from where they were walking," she said.

The individuals killed were Ted W. Bruton, a 21-year-old A&M agriculture and life sciences major, Baylor students 18-year-old Tricia Calp, 18-year-old Emily Hollister, 18-year-old Erika Lanham and 22-year-old Dolan Wastel and 22-year-old William Flores from Southwest Texas University.

The two students injured were 22-year-old David Gamradt and 20-year-old Erik Garea. Both were taken to St. Joseph's Regional Health Center with non-life-threatening injuries.

Daniel Lara, a TKE house neighboring resident, said in an Associated Press article that he and his friends went out to investigate the accident after hearing screaming. "We walked out and saw bodies all over the place," Lara said.

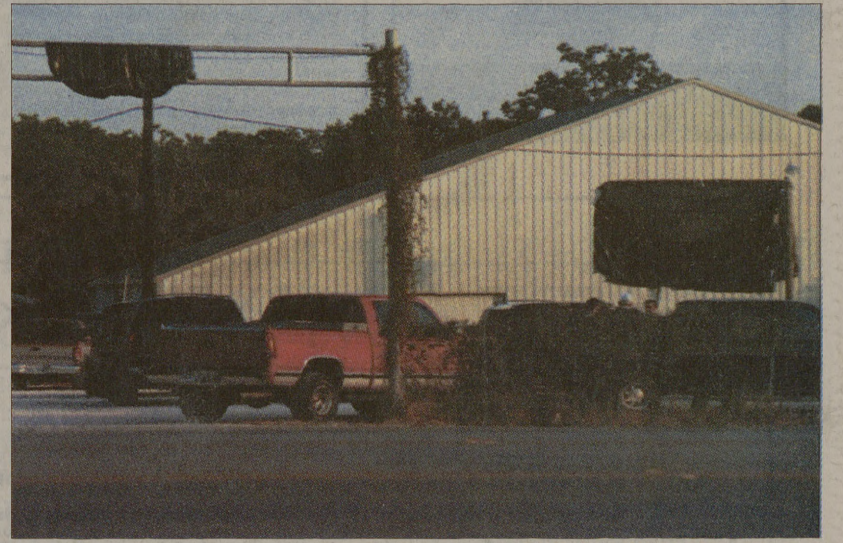
Patterson said Kallmeyer volunteered for and passed a blood alcohol test after the accident. However, blood tests for the six students killed have been ordered by Justice of the Peace Ervin Cain.

Patterson said there are no charges against Kallmeyer or the TKE fraternity, but there is still an ongoing investigation into the incident.

"There won't be any alcohol-related charges against the driver, but we are looking into other charges, and those will be forwarded to the prosecutor's office when they're ready if we decide to file any," he said.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, said A&M and Baylor are joining efforts to offer services to facilitate the healing process for students affected by this tragedy.

"Our hearts go out to the family and friends of all the students involved," he said.



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The accident occurred near the Tau Kappa Epsilon house on FM 60 early Sunday morning. Six students were killed and two were injured.

"We are doing all that is possible to assist students who need help in any form, including counseling."

Sgt. Donnie Andreska of the College Station Police Department said parking cars on the shoulder of the road outside the TKE house should

be considered a hazardous situation. "There is always potential for an accident when you have students between and near cars that are parked that close to a roadway, with vehicles that are traveling at that high of a velocity," he said.

## A&M names building for Nobel-winner prof

BY STUART HUTSON  
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A Texas A&M professor credited with saving lives of millions of starving people in underdeveloped countries, will lend his name to A&M's new state-of-the-art crop-improvement facility.

The Norman E. Borlaug Center for Southern Crop Improvement was dedicated Friday in honor of Borlaug. Borlaug, an international agriculture professor at A&M, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 for developing a high-yield, disease-resistant wheat that was sent to Third World countries to feed the hungry.

John Mullet, a professor of agricultural biology at A&M and director of the Crop Biotechnology Center, said he could think of no one else he would rather see the new facility named after.

"It is impossible to measure all the good that Borlaug has done in this world," he said. "But you could count them all up, I'm sure you would

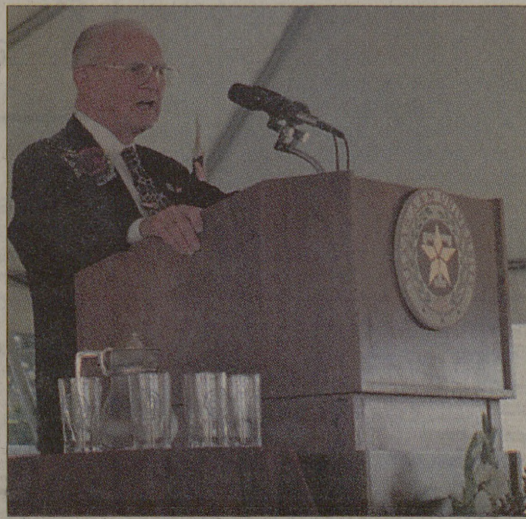
find that he has saved millions of lives through his work in places like India and Mexico."

A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen said the facility will be rooted in the founding principle of A&M, the advancement of agricultural science. Mullet said the dedication marks the end of a \$15 million effort by the state and federal government to develop a crop-research and development program which began in 1992.

Patricia Klein, an associate professor of biochemistry and biophysics, said the center currently provides space for 10 biotechnology research groups from both A&M and other research organizations, who can pay to use their amenities.

"This facility really offers state-of-the-art technology for gene-mapping and other endeavors which lead to advancements in the field of biotechnology," she said.

Robert Klein, research geneticist for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), said the facility's technology, will of-



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Norman E. Borlaug, an international agriculture professor, speaks Friday at the dedication of the new Center for Southern Crop Improvement, which was named in his honor.

fer valuable resources to state USDA facilities including state-of-the-art equipment.

"This equipment paints a picture of the most advanced technology available today," he said. "This will be a big boost to all the researchers who have access to it."

## Meeting to discuss future of garage

BY ERIKA DOERR  
The Battalion

A green hang-tag may not guarantee a parking space in the Southside Parking Garage if parking spaces are changed from numbered to first come-first serve contact spaces.

A forum to discuss and hear student opinions about randomizing the Southside Parking Garage will be held today at 4:30 p.m. in the Governance Room of the Koldus Building. Lorenzo Gonzales, a Southside senator and a sophomore environmental design major, said he would

like to see students and student senators generate possible solutions instead of reshaping the same concerns the forum.

**Voice Your Concerns Today**  
Southside Garage Overbooking

**4:30 p.m.**

Students can share ideas and discuss their opinions about randomizing the Southside Parking Garage.

Governance Room - John J. Koldus Bldg.

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"The idea of changing the Southside Parking Garage from assigned

parking spaces to randomization is still in its exploratory phase," he said. "The fact of randomization, mathematically, guarantees a parking spot."

Gonzales said the meeting will help students share ideas amongst senators and other students.

"We want to clarify any ambiguities that may arise and be able to make educated decisions on the fact of randomizing the parking spaces in the garage," he said. "There are new developments each day with this issue."

Justin Strickland, chair of the Student Senate's services commit-

tee and a junior political science major, said the meeting reach out to students.

"I think this will be a meeting [at] which students will be able to feel more accountable," he said. "It is important to have senators and students express their feelings and thoughts on the matter. This meeting will help solidify student's positions."

Gonzales said Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS) has been generating numbers indicating the use of the

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## Corps awards Cadets at annual Fall Review

BY KENNETH MACDONALD  
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The Corps of Cadets assembled on O. R. Simpson Drill Field Friday afternoon to receive annual awards and perform for spectators at the annual Fall Review.

The awards presentation was followed by a "pass and review" of the Corps. North Georgia College President, Dr. Nathaniel Hansford and Maj. Gen. Jerry Allen of Virginia Tech served as reviewing officers.

Allen and Hansford were among a group of senior military-college representatives on campus for a two-day conference this weekend. Other senior military schools represented at the forum included The Citadel, Virginia Military Institute, North Georgia College, Virginia Tech, Norwich University and the Virginia Woman's Institute of Learning at Mary Baldwin College. Fifteen cadets were honored

with the Wofford Cain Boot and Saber Award for outstanding performance in the Corps.

Company E-2 was awarded for the highest outfit grade point ratio for the spring 1999 semester and received the J. J. Sanchez Award for recruiting and retention.

The second year in a row for E-2 to earn the recognition. The winning outfit must perform well in both recruitment and freshman retention.

The Sanchez Award is given in memory of Jose Sanchez, Class of '93 and a member of the Corps of Cadets, who died in a car accident on his way back from spring break during his junior year.

Sanchez's father attends each Fall Review.

"I am proud because he is being recognized in several ways, in the flag [that the winning outfit carries] and in the scholarships," he said.

Carlton Johnson, commanding officer of E-2 and a senior business



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Members of the Corps of Cadets participate in Fall Review Friday afternoon. The annual event, held at O.R. Simpson Drill Field, gives the cadets a chance to perform for spectators and receive awards for their performance throughout the year.

major, said he is proud and honored to again win the award.

"If every cadet in our outfit is not inspired each day to act with the same honor that this man [Sanchez] portrayed, we will have done him and his family a great disservice."

## Groups gather for Coming Out Week

BY DIANE XAVIER  
The Battalion

Today marks the 11th anniversary of National Coming Out Day, established to increase awareness of the diversity of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community.

Gender Issues Education Services, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Aggies (GLBTA), ALLIES, faculty and students who offer support to students, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and Student Life Services are sponsoring Coming Out Week Oct. 10-17 and with numerous special events.

Activities run for one week at Texas A&M in celebration of this event, a time for gay and lesbian people to openly announce their sexual orientation.

Megan C. Wright, GLBTA vice president and a junior sociology major, said the purpose of the week is to inform students with sexual-orientation issues of the resources available to them.

"A lot of students who go into the coming-out process aren't aware of the support available at campus," Wright said. "This is really a good opportunity to find out who is out there."

Kim Novok, GLBTA adviser, said activities will begin today at 3:30 p.m. in 321 YMCA with a video presentation telling the story of the "coming out" of several young people.

"Really, the message is two-fold," Novok said. "One is an

awareness issue. It's extremely important on a college campus to enhance your awareness on social issues. That's part of the purpose of getting an education. Also, this is a time for people struggling with their sexual orientation to get help and resources."

**Coming Out Week**

**National Coming Out Day**

Video Presentation 321 YMCA @ 3:30 p.m.

PFLAG Open House Friends Congregational Church @ 7:00 p.m.

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Jordan Davis, GLBTA secretary and a sophomore political science major, said the week will provide support for the gay community.

"This event is a way for our organization to get the word out that there are gay people at Texas A&M who are open about it," he said. "Being gay at A&M is not something you have to be afraid of. Hopefully, the students that are questioning their sexuality will be inspired by others who have already chosen to come out."

Davis said coming out means no longer hiding or being ashamed of what and who one is. Davis said he came out when he was 14 years old.

"I told my parents, friends and people I knew," he said. "It's something I am not ashamed of. I am

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## Leaders meet for retreat on diversity education

BY BROOKE HODGES  
The Battalion

Student leaders learned to better use their organizations' diversity at the University Awareness for Cultural Togetherness (U-ACT) Fall Leadership Retreat this weekend.

Breeana Busch, U-ACT chair and a junior biomedical science major, said the retreat focused on offering organization leaders a different view of the diversity within their groups.

"We presented [the idea of being] an inclusive leader and reaching out to everyone, really trying to accommodate everyone and getting input from everyone," she said.

"The retreat focused on what the student could bring back to campus and to their organization to improve it."

She said the organization puts on two retreats per semester and will present workshops for any organization and the community.

Erica Vhora, vice president of the Hindu Student Council and a junior biomedical science major, said the retreat helped her escape her "comfort zone" and interact with other people.

"Your experience depends on the people at the retreat and with different people the experience will be different every time," she said.

Vhora said she plans to attend next semester's retreat, because of the positive experience this weekend offered.

Busch said students who have been through a semester-long class with U-ACT presented workshops

on organizations' need to increase diversity.

She said workshops focus on what each specific group's needs.

"The workshops deal with everything from racism, sexism, sexual orientation, to handicapped persons," Busch said.

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— Breeana Busch  
U-ACT chair

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