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# Sharing our grie Schools across the nation

send condolences to A&M **BY JEANETTE SIMPSON** gies will bring them through this The Battalion time of suffering.

urrent Texas A&M students are not alone in sharing in the loss of the eleven Aggies who died in the fall of stack, people from throughout the nation shared their condolences and prayers with Texas A&M students, faculty and staff yesterday as news of the accident spread.

Students at Texas A&M University-Galveston have canceled their annual Bonfire, which was scheduled for tomorrow, to show support for the students of A&M.

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Todd Southerland, director of Student Activities, said A&M-Galveston has constructed a Bonfire parallel to A&M's Bonfire for the past seven years. He said the Galveston campus actually travels to College Station to pick up their Centerpole each year.

Southerland said the student body president and student senators were traveling to College Station to offer the support of the Galveston campus.

"We wanted to show our condolences," he said.

Kristine Hiltunen, chair of the Traditions Committee at A&M-Galveston and a junior marine biology major, said the University of Texas Medical Center in Galveston held blood drives yesterday and many students donated blood to help the effort.

[The students] want to show [students in College Station] that the spirit of the Twelfth Man is definitely felt," she said.

Leaders from the University of Texas-Austin, the University of California-Berkeley and Texas Tech University sent letters to A&M expressing their sorrow and sadness.

Robert M. Berdhal, chancellor of the University of California-Berkeley, addressed A&M students directly in a press release yesterday. He said he knows that the strength and spirit of the Texas Ag-

#### The University of Texas Ex-Students Association has canceled the Texas A&M Hex Rally and has replaced it with a candlelight Unity Gathering at the University of Texas Clock Tower. The gathering will be held Monday at 9 p.m. and is open to everyone. In addition, the University of Texas Clock Tower will be darkened Monday in memory the accident victims.

University of Texas President Larry R. Faulkner will speak at the Unity Gathering. Mack Brown, University of Texas head football coach, will also be speaking at the ceremony. Faulkner said in a press release issued yesterday that in the wake of this accident Texans must come together and help A&M students, faculty and family deal with this terrible tragedy.

president for Texas Tech Universitv Student Government, also expressed the deepest regards from the Texas Tech student body in a

Not only did other universities send their condolences, but representatives in the United States government and the Texas Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry, class of '72 also sent their thoughts and prayers to the A&M community.

Perry, class of '72, who spoke at the memorial service held in Reed Arena last night, encouraged all Texans to pray for those impacted by this accident, their families, friends and the entire student body of A&M

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Texas) said in a press release that the sudden loss of young promising students is tragic, and the students and their families are in the thoughts of prayers of everyone.

U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, Class of 72, offered in a press release whatever assistance that he could offer to A&M, along with his most heartfelt sympathy.

> and services for the grieving, and 90 percent showed up to help in the effort.

Cards informing students of the time and location of the memorial service were handed out to students and placed on cars around campus. Maroon and white ribbons were handed out also, Wall said.

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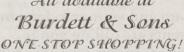
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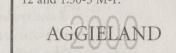
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Kristi Kinard, a junior speech communication major, said Aggies began coming together in aid as soon as the tragedy struck, before police or EMS could respond.

Ashlee Thames, external vice statement to The Battalion.



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Kinard's day began at 3:30 a.m. when a friend who was camping out for football tickets at G. Rollie White called to tell her people were asking for anyone with CPR certification to come and help at the site. Kinard said she and her roommate were put

on standby and prayed together while they waited to go help.

"It was just really unexpected, no one would have thought Bonfire would fall," Kinard said. "It's been really neat to see how everyone has pulled together. It really shows what a good school this is and how much everyone cares.

Joelle Wall, president of the A&M Traditions Committee and a senior psychology major, said the committee notified its 40 members of the need to share the word about memorials camaraderie, and I don't know the word [to describe it]—it's been amazing," she said.

Students asked themselves what was to come of Bonfire.

Jennifer Shoemake, a sophomore general studies major and an EMT, said she was called to the stack site that night and had been there through the afternoon.

She said she left the site, only to return shortly after.

"If half the people on this campus had seen what I've seen, they wouldn't want Bonfire either," Shoemaker said.

Clovis Mitchell, a junior construction science major, said he knew some of those who passed away in the crash.

Mitchell said he didn't know what to do or say about the whole thing after talking to and

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The entire world saw the tragedy at Henderson sion, older Ags share the grief stude and was part-t vividly as journalists captured High School. throughout the day, while the logs we mantled one by one.

Former Redpots were among those into non-stop news coverage and shall same regret and sadness as the studen Mark Pool, Class of '77 Head Civil

pot, said he knows Aggies always on after something like this.

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