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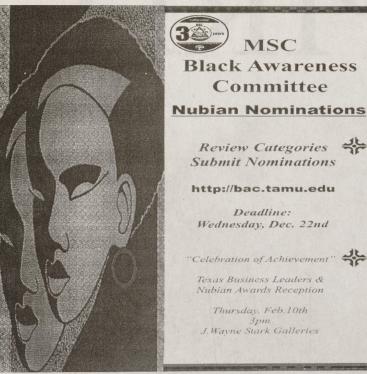
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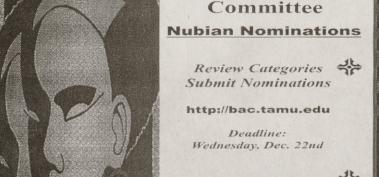
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Seeking comfort from fait

Prayer services help churches, students deal with tragic

BY STEPHANIE DUBE, **CALEB MCDANIEL AND JEANETTE SIMPSON**

n a morning of sadness in Bryan-College Station, there were tearful smiles at several area churches, as students and church members responded to tragedy with faith. Special services were held at Grace Bible Church, St. Francis Episcopal Church and Rudder Fountain.

Nearly 70 people greeted each other with hugs and handshakes at Grace Bible Church in College Station yesterday for a 10 a.m. prayer session.

Senior Pastor Dwight Edwards opened the service by quoting Psalm 46 from the Bible, "We will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea."

Pastors, church staff and students emphasized the importance of prayer in comforting each other.

Leigh Montgomery, a sophomore mathematics major, said she was still in a state of shock but came to offer prayers for those affected by the accident.

'We can comfort them as Christ has comforted us," she said.

Brian Fisher, college pastor at Grace Bible Church, predicted that there would inevitably be feelings of guilt among students who had worked on stack, and many of them would wonder whether they had done something to cause the collapse.

"I anticipate that for their specific questions, I won't have the answers," he said.

But both Edwards and Fisher said the job of church pastors was to be available for students, who constitute about 50 percent of the 2,000 members at Grace Bible Church

'We're mainly just trying to be there to put an arm around them," Edwards said. "There's no need to say why [this tragedy has happened], because none of us knows why. It's the who behind the why that's important.

Some people attending the service were beginning to talk of the good that could come from the accident.

"I think this will be a faith strengthener," Heidi Cook, a staff worker at Grace Bible Church, said.

Fisher said Christians should use this opportunity to share their faith with the grieving.

"I was just imagining how many angry and confused people there are walking around campus," he said. "What these folks need to hear is 'I love you.'

Later in the afternoon, more than 5,000 students joined together at Rudder Fountain to pray for students, rescue workers and family members impacted by the Bonfire tragedy.

The event began with a song by the Singing Cadets and a message from Gregg Matte, director of Breakaway Ministries, which offers Bible studies, worship services and spiritual support to A&M students.

'There aren't any words that can be said that can make this all go away," Matte said, addressing the crowd of students, many of whom were grieving the loss of close "I don't know what to say, but I do know who to point you to - Jesus Christ and God, the Father.'

When the official pro ing ended, the students

singing songs and each other. Abigail Werneke, as tude! chology major, said she about Bonfire collapsing

roommate at 6 a.m. Her

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those gathered in prothey attempted reading the names of all ged dents both injured and Che Wilcox, the accident.

"We must pray for a sees Hall and a ted by this horrible is said many fected by this horrible to only Aggies here, harned of the a around the country prayers also," Doyle said



A crowd of students walks southbound on Wellborn Rd. toward Reed Arena, where over 14,000 gathered last night to reflect on the day's trace Walton. Hall w.

Thousands meet in Reed to begin healing

BY BRADY CREEL AND STUART HUTSON The Battalion

midst tear-filled grief and sorrow, Texas Aggies stood arm-in-arm with friends, I I families and faculty in Reed Arena last night to share their compassion and sympathy in light of yesterday's tragic events.

Tim Hogan, a junior computer engineering major, the service and said it was filled with contemplation and sharing of the Aggie Spirit.

The air was thick with silence, and you could tell that the shock and anger had meltlove and a family spirit.

Hogan said the moment of remembrance was a well-needed step towards recovery from the shocking events of the day

"I showed up [at the Bonfire site], and everything was like a scene out of an old war movie," he said. "People were holding each other, and no one really knew what was going on. I still can't believe it happened."
Texas A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen

said the day was one of unspeakable grief

"No matter how predictable we think life is,

none of us knows what the next hour may bring," he said. "When we went to bed last evening, none of us thought that tonight we would be consumed with the grief that now confronts all of us.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, said he became overwhelmed when he looked out his window from the eighth floor of Rudder Tower and could see only students holding hands in prayer around

"I looked out the window, and there were so many students holding hands and praying der Fountain plaza] beneath their feet," he said. "I wasn't expecting to see the reaction, but the sheer numbers struck me so much that I just lost it

Southerland said that the president and vice president of the University of Texas attended the memorial and ordered all flags on the UT campus be flown half-mast in reverence of those killed in the collapse.

Rick Perry, lieutenant governor of Texas and Class of '72, presented Forrest Lane, Corps of Cadets commander and a senior political science and economics major, and Julie Cast,

president of the Residence Hall Ass and a junior marketing major, with state flag flown at the capitol.

Throughout the rest of the ceremo clutched the flag close to his chest. This is a sign of what those studer to all of us," he said. "It doesn't start

up for the loss, but it still means a lot Perry said he had signed an execut Thursday morning ordering flags at

governmental offices to be flown at 'We will remember them as long as a Texas A&M and the Aggie Spirit, and

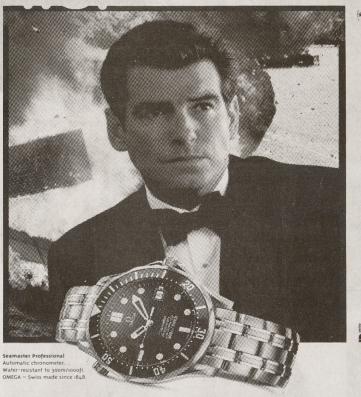
Rev. Larry Krueger of the Campus Association, offered his condolen

large congregation present at the set described the path the Aggies need overcome grief of such magnitude. "May God help us all," Krueger

cause it is a time to mourn, a time to to care and a time to pray.

Before solemnly departing from mony, a soft hush fell over the crowd Are ye distant humming of "Amazing Grace" the audience. They sang together, s shoulder, remembering the fallen Age DO. yo

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