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#### **BY RICHARD BRAY** The Battalion

ccupants of Texas A&M resiinued faithfulness dence halls involved with the building of Bonfire during ess is just now goinsterday's early morning tragedy ents are coming ticted with a combination of grief, ger and confusion.

tragedy will affect Students from FHK Complex, Aston and Dunn halls ater in the evening **re** at the Bonfire site at the time e Bonfire tragedygthe accident.

Walking through the FHK Comx yesterday morning, students he Rev. C. Andrew uld be seen mourning together e gathered in prathey attempted to cope with the ing the names of all **B** 

as both injured ad Che Wilcox, resident adviser A) on duty Wednesday night in We must pray for a bses Hall and a junior English mad by this horrible **s**aid many students in Moses Aggies here, h rents and sought their RA's for innd the country ers also," Doyle sai "mation and advice.

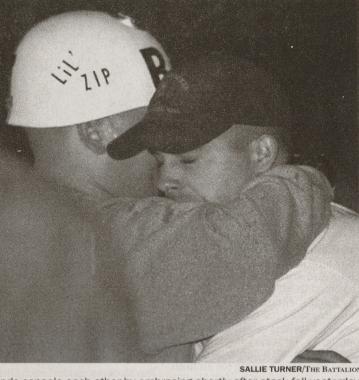
Reactions to the Bonfire accihave been very mixed,' said. "At about 5 a.m., kids alls from their parents and came asking for information. They eally scared.

cox said that since the accistudents have been comforting other and coping with their in the Moses Hall office.

s been really confusing; a lot Iff has happened," Wilcox said. re just watching the news, and not going to class. We're just g to get things under control.' ny Andenoro, hall director for on Hall, said the residents have together to mourn and to help students come to terms with igedy.

We're all pulling together to any Aggies who know somedirectly involved in the situa-' he said.

Andenoro said that although CHAD ADAM ect on the day's trag Walton Hall was prohibited from



Friends console each other by embracing shortly after stack fell yesterday.

working on Bonfire as a group, individual residents did participate and were working yesterday morning when Bonfire collapsed.

"When it comes down to it, [the residents] banded together,and I wasn't about to pull sanction on them," he said.

Andenoro said many Walton Hall residents helped with the rescue.

"Bottom line is: Walton as a whole loves Bonfire," he said.

'Many have been on stack all day." Andenoro said he had not seen many of the residents all day because many of them worked through the night and did not come back to the residence hall

Michael Ginnard, a freshman FHK resident who knew four students injured in the accident, said he was worried about his friends, but he felt that he could do little to help them recover.

Heather Michelle Thompson, an FHK resident who knew one of the students killed and believes another friend was trapped in the rubble, said the accident has taught her the value of each day. To hear about the deaths and

not know if it is your friend or not, it really hits home," she said. Now I have to imagine a life without [my friend].

#### **BY STUART HUTSON** The Battalion

here excitement and anticipation once filled the **VV** quadrangle, now only sadness and despair is felt as the Corps of Cadets morn the loss of fellow members whose lives were abruptly taken in the tragic collapse of stack yesterday.

At least four of the dead and more than 15 of the hospitalized have been identified as cadets. Along the walkway of the Quad,

students could be seen distraught



A Bonfire pot sits unattended on the polo fields in the wake of tragedy.

and crying in one another's arms as member, Bryan McClain, a freshthey were attempting to deal with the fate their friends, brothers, sisters and loved ones were dealt.

Clay Peterson, a flight officer from Squadron 2 and a senior electrical engineering major, said the incident has left an air of remorse among members of the Corps.

"This entire side of campus is in mourning," Peterson said. "You probably won't see a face that does not carry a solemn look for a long time, at least not until the

Peterson said the death of Corps

man agriculture major, will forever leave a link missing in the chain that

made up the family of Squadron 2. "He was a class act all the way, and he was everything the Corps wanted to see in a person," he said. 'The entire outfit is in shock. What can you really say about what we are feeling right now?" Mark Macicek, Deputy Corps Commander and a senior business major, said a pain is felt throughout the entire body of the Corps when-ever one of its members is lost.

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"Everyone is really feeling the pain right now because of the close camaraderie and friendships people make," he said. Mike Antosh, 1st Seargent in Squadron 17 and a junior engineering technology major, said he will forever miss his friend, Jerry Self, a flight Seargent in Squadron 17 and a sophomore engineering

technology major. Antosh said he will always re-member the qualities which made Self a role model for his community.

'He was a loyal, hardworking individual with a huge heart," he said. "He cared deeply about everything he did and he always stood up for what he believed he will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him."

Forrest Lane, Corps of Cadets Commander and a senior political science and economics major, said the goal of the Corps now is to help the friends and families of the deceased get through this time of strife.

"I don't think we could ever do enough to even begin to correct for the horrible tragedy that happened this morning," he said. "But we must try to remember those who have gone on to a better place, and what made them model people and model Aggies





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