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tball Replant honors 12 Aggies

Softball Team will ding into this weeke Invitational II at the

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Men's tennis team upsets Gators

Vinning six consecutive Men's tennis team upsets Gators

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nning Friday night's erative for A&M. critical that we wi "Holt said. "It's no d, but going into Bay ce to play. They have hat seats about thre and it's going ! ink it's pretty impor t Friday game so we

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The Battalion The sun shone brightly on Polo Street aturday morning as Texas A&M Uniersity students gathered for the ninth an-

ual Replant. This year, in addition to trees, the Replant Committee sowed memories deeply ooted in tradition.

BY ANNA BISHOP

Prior to meeting at their designated anting spots, students gathered on Polo treet, behind the bonfire site, to pay tribute to the 12 students lost in the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse.

Three separate services were held to lant twelve live oak trees, which will serve living, growing memorials to these fall-

The 12 Aggies honored were Chad well, Jamie Hand, Michael Ebanks, Tim Kerlee, Christopher Breen, Jerry Don Self, remy Frampton, Lucas Kimmell, Miranda Adams, Bryan McClain, Nathan West and Christopher Heard.

Family and friends of these students ere present for the tree-planting

Speakers for Saturday's memorials included A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen, tudent Body President Will Hurd, Vice esident of Student Affairs Dr. J. Malon Southerland, Director of Student Activities Kevin Jackson and Pete Smith of the National Tree Trust.

Bowen said Saturday morning's memorial services provided a time and opportunity to honor the lost Aggies and a legacy pass on to generations to follow.

First time Replant participant and senior ociology major Jacki Franzen said she hought it was very important to plant the oaks.

"I find it a blessing that people have donated these trees to contribute to the beauy of the University," said Franzen. "Today's ceremonies and tree plantings are the least we can do to honor our fellow classmates lost in the collapse."

Following each memorial, Replant

BY AL LAZARUS

The Battalion

NCAA singles champion in junior Jeff Morrison.

ough to spoil the Aggies' home opener.

his Center crowd of 502.

ting to be here at home."

gainst top-15 teams.

The University of Florida men's tennis team boasts

he nation's fourth-best ranking and a defending

High rankings and national titles would not be

The 18th-ranked Texas A&M men's tennis team —

fresh off a three-week, five-match road trip — opened

is home schedule with a vengeance Sunday afternoon,

rouncing the Gators, 5-2, in front of a rowdy Varsity

"Our team's effort was just unbelievable today,"

&M junior Shuon Madden said. "We played our

earts out for the whole match, and it paid off for us."

The Aggies evened their record at 3-3 with the win,

ith all three of their losses coming on the road

"We've been playing on the road a lot, and this

st home match was just unbelievable," said A&M

shman Ryan Newport, who joined the Aggies in

uary after graduating from Houston's Cy-Fair

igh School in December. "All the fans made it so

Madden, ranked No. 8 in singles play, helped key







Twelve trees were planted Saturday in memory of the twelve Aggies killed in the collapse of the Bonfire stack last fall. (From left clockwise) Janice West places a sign in front of the tree she planted in memory of her son Nathan Scott West. Corps members from Company D2, (left to right) Jacob Shelton, a freshmen business administration major, Nathan New, a freshmen civil engineering major and Robby Acosta, a freshmen biomedical science major, plant a tree in memory of Lucas Kimmel who was a member of Company D2. Melissa Hand, an junior agricultural business major (third from left) stands with friends (from left) Jennifer Johnson, a sophomore business major, Lori Makarski a junior animal science major and Sara Gasaway, a sophomore Health Education major, in front of the tree planted in memory of her sister, Jaime Hand.

Regional Athletic Complex (BRAC), over 2,000 students volunteered in this Lake Bryan or Lake Somerville. There they planted large trees and repotted oneand two-year-old trees to be used in next year's Replant.

Replant organizers said more than 200

da's Troy Hahn, 7-5, 6-4.

Justin O'Neal and Marcos Asse.

Mann and Morrison.

match with a No. 7 ranking. Madden broke serve in

the first game and rarely looked back, cruising to a

Junior Cody Hubbell and Newport also grabbed

6-2, 7-5 victory over the defending NCAA champ.

quick leads in their singles matches. Hubbell coasted to

a 6-0, 6-2, victory at No. 4 singles over Florida's Olivi-

er Levant, while Newport — whose victory clinched

the match for A&M — knocked off UF's Dylan Mann

at No. 5, 6-2, 6-3. Sophomore Jarin Skube added a fifth

point for the Aggies at the No. 6 spot, defeating Flori-

three doubles matches to clinch the doubles point.

The 12th-ranked duo of Madden and junior Dumitru

Caradima was victorious in the No. 1 spot, 8-6 over

secured the doubles point with an 8-5 victory over UF's

who now has three victories over top-10 teams since ar-

riving at A&M in 1996. "I was really pleased with our

p.m. against No. 51 South Alabama at the Varsity

composure when we got into pressure situations."

Playing in the third doubles spot, Hubbell and Skube

"We did a great job of getting the momentum early

The Aggies took control early, winning two of

year's Replant.

"This is my second year to participate [in Replant]. I always have so much fun out here replanting trees. I feel this is a small way for me to help give back to the enviparticipants left to go to either the Bryan trees were planted in Bryan alone, and ronment and community," said Deserea

Wirtz, a sophomore mechanical engineering major.

"Replant has proven itself to unify students in one common goal," senior biomedical science major Leroy Cortinas said. "To sustain tradition — to let the memory

Student dies in car wreck

BY MEREDITH HIGHT The Battalion

Texas A&M student Charles Williams II was involved in a fatal car wreck Friday.

Witnesses said Williams' Ford Explorer was southbound on Highway 6 when the back right tire blew out, causing him to lose control of the vehicle.

The Explorer then went onto the shoulder of the highway and rolled several times. Williams was then transported to the College Station Medical Center by ambulance.

Williams, a junior political science major, returned to A&M this semester after a year at the University of Houston. Williams, originally from Galveston, was diagnosed with leukemia his sophomore year and transferred to the University of Houston so he could be treated for leukemia in Houston.

At the time of the accident, Williams' leukemia was in remission. Williams' mother died of cancer during his freshman year at A&M.

Williams was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity at A&M. "He was a very determined and strong individual. He had a lot of goals," said Curtis Pete, president of Kappa Alpha Psi and a senior civil engineering major. "He had been through a a lot, and he didn't let that stop him."
[His death] was a shock to us. It came so sudden," he said.

Metric Manning, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, said Williams worked for cancer awareness.

"He was a very strong-willed individual. He was a hard worker, especialon the cancer issue. He pushed for public awareness," Manning said. Part of the proceeds from the recent Greek Olympiad show are going to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

His father could not be reached for comment. Williams will be honored at Silver Taps on Tuesday, March 7.

Candidates file for 2000 election

BY KENNY MACDONALD The Battalion

Four student body president and 11 yell leader candidates have officially filed for the spring elections.

Ashlea Jenkins, election commissioner and a political science major, said Brandon Garrett, a senior international studies major: Forrest Lane, a senior political science major; Corey Rosenbusch, a junior agricultural development major; and Jeff Schiefelbein, a senior marketing major, will be running for student body president, pending confirmation of their eligibility.

REUBEN DELUNA/THE BATTALION "On Monday, I will go and check their grades and make sure they are high enough to qualify. Until then, it is not official vet," she said.

Candidates were required to file by Friday, March 3.

Candidates need an overall grade point ratio of 2.5 to run and must post a 2.0 GPR while they are in office. Candidates must also be in good standing with the University and be here for three full semesters.

While the eligibility check is required, Jenkins said she doubted that anyone would take the trouble of applying if they knew that they did not meet Campaigning for spring elections will begin March 19, the Monday after

spring break.

Voting will take place on March 29 and 30.

Jenkins will determine Monday if online voting will be allowed in the

See Election on Page 2.

e victory by dominating Morrison, who entered the 5-2 victory over the fourth-ranked Gators. International Week ends with talent show, parade

in the match and keeping it," said A&M coach Tim Cass, Eighth-ranked Texas A&M junior Shuon Madden returns

The Aggies return to action Wednesday at 6 Sunday afternoon at the Varsity Tennis Center. Madden

BY DANA JAMUS The Battalion

In celebration of the unity of their diversity, students om around the globe filled the seats of Rudder Auditorim to watch fellow international students bring alive a host cultures last Friday.

Winners for the talent show performances included the rican Student Association, China Club, Philippine Stuant Association, Indonesian Student Association and the mezuelan Student Association, according to talent show rector Maria Morgun.

The judges were nominated officials from the Univery, including professors and officials with University-reed organizations.

The judges chose the best five performing associations ith no ranking order. International Student Association SA) President Gustavo De Sousa said this is to ensure hat no chosen cultural performance is referred to as the est," and [it] is a method voted on by all the association

Fidel Moreno, Venezuelan Student Association coornator and a graduate student, said winning one of the talt show awards "was great.

"We've been celebrating all weekend," he said, exning that the group of 25 performers had been practicgtwo or three times a week, and on weekends, since the ginning of January.

In the dress parade, the top five winners were the Innesian Student Association, the China Club, the Chinese Adent Association, the India Association and the Indian Student Asso-

tion, according to Reny Vargis, director of the dress parade. Although 13 clubs or associations participated in the dress parade,

JP BEATO/THE BATTALION The India Association present "Scenes from an Indian Wedding" at the International

a serve from seventh-ranked University of Florida junior

and defending NCAA singles champion Jeff Morrison

defeated Morrison, 6-2, 7-5, in the 18th-ranked Aggies'

Talent Show Friday night in Rudder Auditorium. not all the clubs or associations in the talent show participated in the

> dress parade. Mohamed El-Ahmady, an Egyptian graduate student, felt that the belly dancing by the Arab Association "does not represent the Arab culture."

Nivin Aziz, president of the Arab Association, said she agrees that belly dancing is a small part of Arab culture, but "this is a talent show," and belly dancing is a traditional dance in most Arab countries and is the most "well known."

Aziz learned to belly dance when she was 12 years old during one of her six visits to Egypt. She learned from the women in her family who are all exceptionally good at it, she said.

"Belly dancing is a type of art form that is very difficult to do," she said, not just "a neurotic dance as some people see it.'

Aziz said that a lack of people willing to participate was also a hindrance in deciding what to display. The association is made up of 12 people, and only five participated.

"This is one type of dance of many," she said. "It was just the easiest to do with limited people.' The shortage of participants contributed to the Arab Asso-

ciation's absence in the dress parade. El-Ahmady said the performance was a "representation of

what the West believes that Arab culture is." There are 23 Arab-speaking countries, he said, with a long history and a whole array of cultures. Overall, the performance

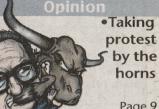
was a disappointment at having this broad culture reduced to a few men clapping at one girl dancing, he said. Aziz said she believes that many international students lose

their identity because of A&M's strong traditions and feel "pressure to take on this Aggie image that A&M tries to impress on everyone." She said she does not feel that there is enough representa-

tion for international students here as in other universities. This could be due to the small number of international students that attend A&M, she said.

However, she feels that A&M has "greatly improved its accommodations and friendliness for international students," than in the past.





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