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FORMER STUDENT

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friend of Kennedy's through the Aggie Band. "He definitely made a difference at A&M."

Cordt Cashen, Kennedy's fish buddy and a graduate student in public service and administration, said said he is still in shock about Kennedy's death.

"Our May class reunion is coming up. And at that time we all sit around the table and talk about which one of us is going to get married and which one of us is going to have kids. We don't talk about which one of us is going to die first."

In October of 1999, Kennedy got married. He was married for only six months. "Sherri is very sweet and they are both dedicated to God," Cashen said. "The whole Kennedy family is very tight."

"There is a saying in the corps that Clay used to mention, 'We are each other's best men and pall bearers.' I just did not think that it would so close together," said David Garner, Kennedy's buddy in B company and a senior industrial distribution major.

Cashen said that the two were as close as two people can get when they spend four years in the corps together.

"We shared a lot of blood, a lot of sweat together," Cashen said. "He was a good Aggie, and he did things because he loved the school, the corps and the band."

"It is unfortunate that he was pulled out at the prime of his life," Garner said. "No one deserves this — especially Clay."

Ring Dance



STUART VILLANUEVA/TheBattalion

Senior journalism major **Kelli Flanigan** was escorted to the 1968 Ford Mustang that she and her date, Class of '98 construction science major **Brad Kammlah**, was driven to Ring Dance in by **Father Mike St. Mary's Catholic Church**. The car will later be raffled off to help fund the church's campus ministry. At Ring Dance, the Class of 2000 street clocks were announced as the official Class of 2000 gift.

CRASH

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In a statement, President Clinton said: "This terrible loss of life is a reminder of how many men and women in the nation's military put their lives at risk, each and every day, so that we might be a free people, and the cause of peace can be advanced throughout the world."

The crash is again raising questions about the safety of the aircraft that has been over a decade in the making.

Former President Bush's administration tried to scuttle the project after early safety concerns, but builders say modifications from the original design make today's Ospreys lighter and safer.

The Marine Corps lists two other Osprey crashes, both early in the aircraft's development: One, in 1991 in Delaware, was blamed on gyro wiring problems; and the other, in 1992 in Virginia, killed all seven people on board after an engine caught fire.

Jointly produced by Bell Helicopter Textron of Fort Worth, Texas, and Boeing Co., in Ridley Park, Pa., the Osprey can achieve speeds of more than 400 mph and an altitude of 25,000 feet. It is designed to carry up to 24 troops or external loads of 15,000 pounds.

The hybrid aircraft flies at twice the speed, has twice the range and carries twice the payload of the Vietnam-era CH-46 helicopters it is expected to replace. The Marines have ordered 360 Ospreys to be delivered by 2014 at a cost of \$44 million each, said Capt. Rob Winchester, a Pentagon spokesman.

Boeing spokesperson Susan Bradley said it was not yet clear whether the company would join the investigation. Bell spokesman Bob Leder said the company will join the investigation if asked by the military.

Military planners see the aircraft as a means of getting more U.S. troops and pilots safely out of danger zones and enhancing drug interdiction, humanitarian and civilian rescue capabilities.

"It's met or exceeded all of the requirements that we've needed," Winchester said.

BUSH

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stabilizing the budget."

Current Chairman of the House Budget Committee, John Kasich, reviewed a proposed retirement plan. It entails giving Americans a small percentage of their retirement fund to put into their personal savings account, to be

invested until they reach retirement age.

"I believe that the American people should have the option to invest their own money," Kasich said. "And not be forced into having the government do it for them."

Robert Reischauer, former director of the Congressional Budget Office, credited President Bush for the current budget surplus today.

While the majority of the audience was composed of Bush

Panel addresses concerns over media, students at bonfire

BY ROLANDO GARCIA
 The Battalion

Though she was careful to keep a respectful distance, the flash on Sallie Turner's camera gave her away, and a group of students huddled in prayer before the collapsed bonfire stack the morning of Nov. 18, 1999 reacted angrily.

"When I started shooting, the students in the photo jumped up and knocked me down," said Turner, a senior journalism major and editor in chief of *The Battalion* during the Fall 1999 semester, said. "That made me realize the amount of respect and sensitivity we needed to cover this story."

The delicate balance between thorough reporting and respect for grieving students was one of the issues addressed Saturday at a panel discussion analyzing the media's coverage of the bonfire collapse.

Cynthia Lawson, director of Texas A&M University Relations, said many students at the stack site that day were "less than friendly" to members of the media.

"The hostility of students to the media was pervasive, and it was a poor reflection of the University," Lawson said.

She added that efforts by student leaders helped ease tensions between the media and students at the site.

During the question and answer period, the panel discussed whether the hostility was reflective of an A&M culture hostile to "outsiders," or an understandable response of grieving students.

"These students just saw their friends fall from the fourth stack and trapped underneath. It's not a situation where people are acting maturely," Turner said. "I can't justify their actions, but won't condemn them."

Megan Stack, a reporter with the Associated Press, said reporters and photographers must remember that the students were private people thrown into a tragic situation, and that for the most part the A&M community was very hospitable.

The panelists also agreed that some members of the media, particularly television news crews, were overly aggressive.

"I saw some deplorable behavior on the part of the media," Stack said.

Turner said she instructed her staff at the site that to be considered and respect the wishes of students who do not want to be quoted or photographed.

"I told them, 'Those are students, and they're hurting as you are,'" Turner said.

Turner also defended *The Battalion's* decision to publish a photograph of the bonfire, one of the 12 Aggies killed, trapped beneath the collapsed log stack.

"We chose to run it because I thought Tim Kerlee was still alive and conscious," Turner said. "This picture shows him as a heroic person, he's being rescued by other injured students. I think that shows what bonfires are all about."

The panel also speculated about the future of Bonfire.

"I wouldn't be surprised if it was taken away with a lot more regulation and supervision," said Kelly Brown, a reporter with *The Bryan-College Station Eagle*.

Turner said that if it does continue, she would like to see a student-led fire with token student participation. "I have the element that made bonfires special, and I think that's sad," she said.

Many on the panel said reporting rate information in the crisis aftermath was a problem.

In one instance, Stack said, she reported the number of fatalities had increased from nine, based on information from the

source. However, the numbers were not immediately updated so the report was discredited.

Lawson said her office was slow in updating the official number of fatalities out of consideration for the families.

"We waited until they were extracted from the pile and pronounced dead by a coroner, and we wanted to make sure families were told personally before they found out from the news," Lawson said.

Also, that day's edition of *The Battalion* reported that the bonfire collapse may have been caused by a crane hitting the stack.

"At 6 a.m., that's what students were saying, that the stack," Turner said.

"These students just saw their friends fall from the fourth stack and trapped underneath. It's not a situation where people are acting maturely. I can't justify their actions, but won't condemn them."

— Sallie Turner
 The Battalion editor in chief during Fall 1999

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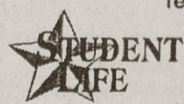
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