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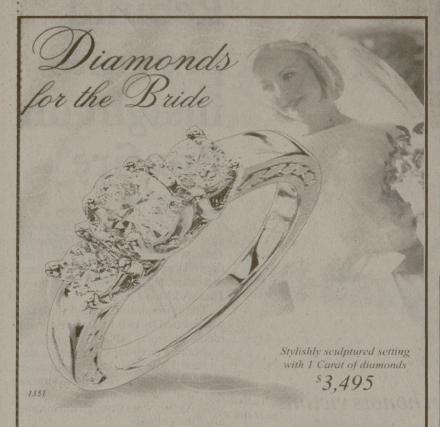
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displayed in the MSC Flagroom, so

it can be viewed easily.
"We wanted it dedicated and housed in the MSC because that is the student center and a high-traffic " said Josh Kaylor, president of RHA and a junior agricultural development major. "We wanted a memorial in place for this year because the permanent memorial will not be in place for a year or two. We wanted a place for everyone to go and honor those injured and who lost their lives. We do not want anyone to think we have forgotten about it since there is no permanent memorial in place.

Hall residents have voiced their support of the memorial to floor and hall representatives, who then dis-

cussed it with RHA directors. Kaylor said RHA has received feedback from students expressing feelings that the plaque will serve well as a temporary memorial, as well as positive feedback from the family of collapse victim Tim Kerlee Jr.

"We've talked with the Kerlees they've been our representa-

tives to all the family members,' Kaylor said. "The families love the ideas. The Kerlees were in on the planning of this memorial, and they agree and think it's appropriate until the permanent memorial comes to be, whatever that is.'

Although the memorial will be dedicated and housed in the MSC, the committee has not determined memorial

"I'm very excited," Kaylor said. "It will be a good thing. A lot of family will be here, students and administrators and the general student population. I think this is definitely the most appropriate thing we can

Thompson shared Kaylor's sentiments.

'This will be the first formal, visible sign of remembrance on campus," Thompson said. "It will be a really special event with lots of different emotions. I'm looking forward to it.'

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if they are concerned about a friend, they might want to bring them over," Birch said.

Though the ceremony may be painful for many, Dr. Steven Strawn, a psychiatrist with SCS, said the ceremony can benefit those who are having trouble coping.

"Grieving is healing," Strawn said. "I think the idea of everyone getting together to grieve and support each other is a wonderful thing. There is a real opportunity for the Aggie community to grieve the loss, and that goes a long way toward healing the situation.

Dr. Anna Sutterfield of the Human Resources Department said proactive steps are being taken to help faculty and staff deal with their

"We have offered a pre-briefing session to remind the employees that they might have anniversary reactions," Sutterfield said. "The big thing is reminding people that, if they find themselves having a deep

sadness or remembering vivid de-

and the Aggie spirit. The inc strength of those bonds as a the collapse was expressed

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universally. "The spirit of this school solutely unbelievable," said President George Bush in part video presentation.

But some said Bonfire ist ultimate representation of that

"Bonfire is not the Aggie said Timothy Kerlee Sr., Timothy Kerlee Jr., who wask the collapse. "The Aggie spirit sense of family unity and acc tion of all the traditions you ha at Texas A&M."

A&M President Dr. Ray Bowen's decision to postpo fire until 2002 was not ment but some students expressed that the moratorium was neo for reasons other than safety.

"It was the one thing everyn the Corps [of Cadets] looked for to," said Ben Johannings freshman environmental des jor and member of K-2, theout lost Christopher Heard to th lapse. "But they would have vain if we had Bonfire this ye

The memory of the 12 s who died was revered by a spoke at the presentation.

"They died doing what loved," said Michael Haughey of '99. "You couldn't ask for than that."

Timothy Kerlee Jr.'s mother. ice, said she appreciated theop nity to speak at the presentation

"This gives us an opportun pass on Tim's feelings about school," she said. "The closest to being in heaven is being in gieland.

Many freshmen felt said th cluding them in the memory collapse made them real member the Aggie family.

"As outsiders, we have now come insiders," said Lauren man, a freshman biomedical sea

"What Bonfire is to become to you," Richard West, fath Nathan Scott West, said, as he white pot representing the B tradition. "It's up to you to pain!

tails of last year, it is normal an is temporary. Members of the Campus Mini Association also are planning around the Bonfire ceremon Mary's Catholic Center will

a.m. Saturday. Other churches will be mai pastors and volunteers available Friday night and early Sam morning.

prayer vigil from midnight un

Birch said it is important that ple take care of themselves ph ly and emotionally during time increased stress.

"During these stressed peri is really important to get amount of sleep," he said. "Ex is very helpful. It is general time to make important dec You should almost be self-indu in the sense of taking really good of yourself."

Strawn encouraged people to away from alcohol.

"I hope people will avoid all abuse during this time of grid said. "Alcohol abuse tends to fere with grieving. Now is time to soberly do the work of g ing and healing."

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