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by Kyle w

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and there are no grapes on the vines,  
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and the fields produce no food,  
though there are no sheep in the pen  
and no cattle in the stalls,  
yet I will rejoice in the Lord  
I will be joyful in God my Savior  
Habakkuk 3:17-18

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BY J. GOLDFLUTE

To live in the hearts of those  
you leave behind is to live forever.

Cup of Jo

BY NOTORIOUS L.I.B.

## PLAQUE

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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 area," 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 discussed 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 representatives 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 a permanent location for the 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 do for now."

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."

## COUNSELING

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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 feelings.

"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-

## REBUILD

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and the Aggie spirit. The inner strength of those bonds as well as the collapse was expressed universally.

"The spirit of this school is so unbelievably strong," said President George Bush in part of a video presentation.

But some said Bonfire is the ultimate representation of that spirit. "Bonfire is not the Aggie spirit," said Timothy Kerlee Sr., father of Timothy Kerlee Jr., who was killed in the collapse. "The Aggie spirit is a sense of family unity and a continuation of all the traditions you have at Texas A&M."

A&M President Dr. Ray Bowen's decision to postpone the fire until 2002 was not meant to be a moratorium, but some students expressed that the moratorium was necessary for reasons other than safety.

"It was the one thing every member of the Corps [of Cadets] looked forward to," said Ben Johanningsmeier, a freshman environmental design major and member of K-2, the organization that lost Christopher Heard to the collapse. "But they would have been vain if we had Bonfire this year."

The memory of the 12 students who died was revered by all who spoke at the presentation.

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

Timothy Kerlee Jr.'s mother, Nancy Kerlee, said she appreciated the opportunity to speak at the presentation.

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

Many freshmen felt that including them in the memory of the collapse made them real members of the Aggie family.

"As outsiders, we have now become insiders," said Lauren Coleman, a freshman biomedical science major.

"What Bonfire is to become to you," Richard West, father of Nathan Scott West, said, as he held a white pot representing the Bonfire tradition. "It's up to you to paint the pot."

tails of last year, it is normal and is temporary."

Members of the Campus Ministry Association also are planning events around the Bonfire ceremony. Mary's Catholic Center will hold a prayer vigil from midnight until 1 a.m. Saturday.

Other churches will be making pastors and volunteers available Friday night and early Saturday morning.

Birch said it is important that people take care of themselves physically and emotionally during times of increased stress.

"During these stressed periods, it is really important to get a good amount of sleep," he said. "Exercise is very helpful. It is generally a good time to make important decisions. You should almost be self-indulgent in the sense of taking really good care of yourself."

Strawn encouraged people to stay away from alcohol.

"I hope people will avoid alcohol abuse during this time of grief," he said. "Alcohol abuse tends to interfere with grieving. Now is a good time to soberly do the work of grieving and healing."

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