

Aggie indicted, faces charges in accident, death

BY BRIAN RUFF

The Battalion

Scott Leslie Barrow, 20, of College Station was indicted Thursday on charges of failing to stop and render aid when his 1995 Ford Explorer collided with a Yamaha motorcycle on Sept. 3. One of the motorcycle's riders, 18-year-old Jonathan Graham Hatfield of Kingwood, Texas, was killed in the accident.

Hatfield, a Baylor freshman, was taken to the College Station Medical Center after the accident and was pronounced dead at 2:32 a.m.

Barrow, a sophomore business major, had just pulled out of Treehouse II apartments when the motorcycle struck the Explorer. Barrow's roommate was riding in the vehicle and was knocked unconscious. Barrow reportedly then left his vehicle on foot but later agreed to meet with College Station police officers.

Barrow was arrested and released on \$20,000 bail five days after the accident occurred.

The motorcycle's driver, freshman Heath Keagan Davis, was charged with intoxicated manslaughter for having a blood alcohol level of .16, twice the le-

gal limit in Texas. If convicted, Davis could face a sentence of two to 20 years in a state prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Barrow's blood alcohol level was measured during his meeting with police after the accident. Sgt. Dan Jones with the College Station Police Department said Barrow could not have been charged with intoxicated manslaughter if he was over the legal alcohol limit.

"The case would be very difficult to prove, because he could have consumed alcohol after the accident had occurred," said Jones.

"The failure-to-stop-and-render-aid case is pretty clear-cut and easy to prove," Jones said. "We have witnesses to prove that he was not there after the accident."

Jones said the punishment for failing to render aid can range from no more than one year in a county jail to no more than five years in a state prison.

"The punishment is sort of a hybrid that could range from a Class A misdemeanor to a third-degree felony," Jones said.

Jones said the court date for the case has not been set.

Gobble 'em up!



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Dale Hyatt, manager of the Poultry Science Center, watches Shane Matthews, a senior poultry science major, feed two turkeys at the Poultry Science Center

on Monday. These broad-breasted white variety turkeys are commonly found on the dinner table this time of year.

A&M-UT yell practice to be held at Kyle Field

BY STEPHEN METCALF

The Battalion

Although the annual football game against the University of Texas is usually held when Aggie Bonfire burns, Texas A&M will hold its pre-game yell practice Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Kyle Field this year. The location may have changed, but yell leaders said it will have a traditional sense of motivation.

"This yell practice is to help show the team the support we are giving them to go up there and beat Texas," said head yell leader Ricky Wood.

Senior yell leader Bubba Moser said this year's yell practice will be similar to previous Bonfire yell practices.

"Obviously, the main difference is we are having it at Kyle Field this year, but it will have the same purpose that it had in the past — to motivate the Twelfth Man and the team for the game on Friday," Moser said.

Rusty Thompson, yell leader adviser, said not much will change other than the location.

"The entire team will be there. The band will be there. The yell leaders will recite the Last Corps Trip," Thompson said. "Dr. Bowen will be there to speak, along with R.C. Slocum and senior representatives of the football team."

Wood and Moser said they are unsure what to expect Tuesday night. In past years, the yell practices held before the Texas game boasted crowds of more than 70,000. However, the absence of Bonfire this year, combined with the fact that the game will be in Austin, makes this year's turnout more unpredictable, they said.

Wood said the yell practice will be on the field instead of the track to provide better acoustics to people on the third deck.

Moser said the collapse of the 1999 Bonfire affected the mood of yell practice before last year's UT game.

"Last year, we had to combine the memorial and the motivation in one event. Bonfire is fresh on people's minds again, but we were prepared and were able to have two services," Moser said. "Last Friday night, we had the memorial, and now we are able to focus on the motivation."

A second yell practice will take place at midnight Thursday on the steps of the capitol in Austin.

Elephant Walk Class of 2001:

10:01 A.M. PRE-ELEPHANT WALK GAMES AND PICTURES AT LAW/PURYEAR FIELD

12:01 P.M. SENIORS MEET AT KYLE FIELD TO START WALK

E-Walk Class of 2002:

10:02 A.M. GAMES AND PICTURES WITH ELEPHANTS

11:30 A.M. FAJITA LUNCH

1:30 P.M. WALK, SPEAKER AND CLASS PICTURE



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Seniors prepare for Elephant Walk

E-Walk tradition allows Aggies to reflect on recent years

BY BRYAN BLANTON

The Battalion

Load, ready, aim, fire. Boom!

Today marks the beginning of the end for many Aggies who have spent at least four years at Texas A&M, as the Class of '01 participates in the November ritual of Elephant Walk.

Elephant Walk is the end of the Aggie seniors' student role as the Twelfth Man. Like the dying elephant that is no longer useful to the herd and wanders the jungle aimlessly looking for a place to die, the Class of '01 also will walk alone, separate from the rest of the student body. The seniors will walk around campus, visiting landmarks for the symbolic last time.

The event, which occurs before the University of Texas football game, will allow the senior class to remember events from their college years.

Activities will begin at 10:01 a.m. with games, food and pictures with elephants at Law/Puryear Field (near All Faiths Chapel). At 12:01 p.m., the seniors will continue their

festivities at Kyle Field with a yell practice, performances by the Singing Cadets and guest speaker Dr. Ben Welch.

At 1:01 p.m. the seniors will leave Kyle Field

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and begin their journey throughout campus, led by the senior yell leaders.

"This is a time to reflect on just how great the past few years have been," said Ben Cholick, senior yell leader and a construction science major. "Now it's our time to move on."

The walk will begin at Kyle Field and will stop at Fish Pond, the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue and the Corps Quadrangle for brief yell practices.

"I'm looking forward to this experience," said Ashley Messersmith, a senior elementary education major.

"It will be a time to relive old memories, hang out with old friends and new ones," she said.

Elephant Walk began in 1922, when two Aggie Band freshmen from the Class of '26 wandered out of Kyle Field after the football team lost for the second time in the first two weeks of the season. The two freshmen began to play a mournful funeral march, intending to break the jinx of several Aggie football losses that season. Others began to join the march, resulting in a spontaneous parade through campus. For the rest of the season, the two freshmen continued their walk, regardless of whether the football team lost. After that year, the Class of '26 discontinued marching throughout campus.

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MSC received renovations in '70s

\$8 million improvements not received well by students

BY JOSEPH PLEASANT

The Battalion

Thirty years ago, the living room of Aggeland, or "the C," as the Memorial Student Center (MSC) was known in the 1970s, got a new look and was expanded. When the \$8 million renovation was complete, the MSC had many new features, including the newly constructed Flagroom, but it was not well received by students.

Jane Bailey, assistant to the director of the MSC, said the decoration of the Flagroom caused controversy on campus.

"The Flagroom was unpopular because it had a number of animal heads mounted on the wall," Bailey said.

Bailey said that a survey showed 92 percent of the student body did not like the Flagroom.

"One person in a Battalion article de-

scribed the MSC as a cheerless, drafty, mausoleum — built as a showplace with little thought for the need of students and faculty," Bailey said.

After the survey was published, the heads were promptly removed from the Flagroom, but they continued to cause conflict for the University. The University and its interior decorator engaged in a dispute over the ownership of the heads.

"The University said the heads belonged to the decorator; the decorator said they belong to the University," Bailey said.

The University finally gave in and kept the heads.

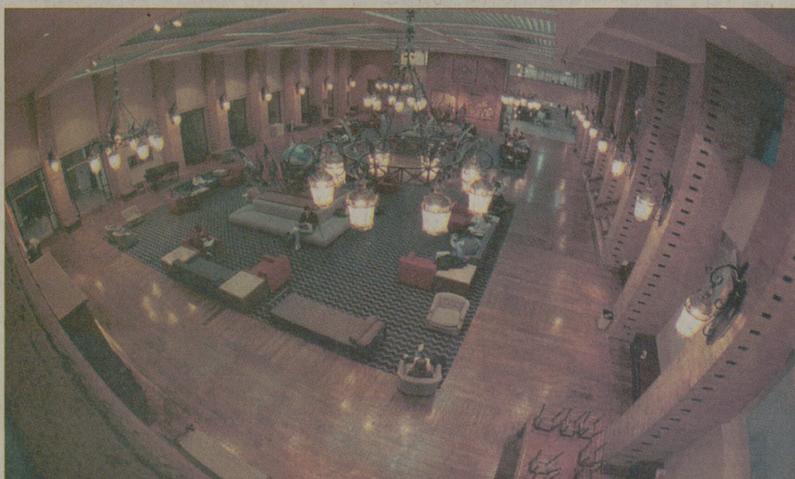
"In the end, the heads were stored in a hangar somewhere on West Campus, where they still reside today," Bailey said.

The MSC also added a new bookstore, meeting rooms, expanded recreation facilities and a remodeled hotel.

In January 1971, Guion Hall — which had been used since 1917 for theater arts — was destroyed when the MSC began expansion. Students' feelings were mixed as they watched the old building removed to make room for the new.

The University spent more than \$100 million on construction throughout the decade.

Dr. Arnold Krammer, a professor of history, came to the University in 1974



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U.S. History	Texas A&M History
• National Guardsmen kill four students at Kent State University anti-war demonstration	1970 • Mary Henak becomes the first woman to serve on the Civilian Student Council • KAMU-TV makes its debut on the A&M campus • Guion Hall is demolished
• Nixon ends U.S. offensive role in Vietnam	1971
• Nixon becomes the first U.S. president to visit China	1972
• U.S. Supreme Court rules 7-2 in Roe vs. Wade that women have the unrestricted right to have abortions in the first trimester of pregnancy	1973
• Richard Nixon becomes the only president to resign, following the Watergate scandal; Gerald Ford becomes the only president never elected as president or vice president	1974
• U.S. Supreme Court rules the death penalty constitutional	1975
• U.S. military service academies admit women for the first time	1976
• Elvis Presley is found dead of a drug overdose at his Graceland home in Memphis, Tenn.	1977
• A partial meltdown occurs at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania	1978
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• The first female Corps of Cadets outfit, W-1, is started
• Student is convicted of assault after quizzing a fellow student

• Novelle III is led to rest in Kyle Field in front of thousands of mourners

• It is reported that 2,000 out of 28,000 A&M students are alcoholics

• Sigma Phi Epsilon becomes the first fraternity to ask for University recognition

• The first senior class of women Corps members gets their senior boots

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