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FAMILIES

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said. "I lost a lot of work to be with my wife and attend funerals and such, so we asked for \$50,000. It is not a sum someone is going to retire off of or get rich from, and it was coldly turned down the very next day they received the request."

Other families are concerned about the expenses caused by the collapse. Nancy Braus' son Dominic, who was injured in the collapse, has already had several surgeries and probably will need more to repair his arm. She said that although the University told her to keep her bills so she could be reimbursed, she has received nothing in writing.

Braus said she received \$20,000 from the University for medical expenses but can barely pay for her son's tuition and is concerned about long-term medical expenses. She has not decided whether to sue the University.

Heard questioned the University's decision to provide the University of Texas with a \$50,000 scholarship for its support following the Bonfire collapse before helping the families of students who were injured or killed.

Although he is not actively planning to pursue legal action against the University, Heard said, the possibility remains.

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"Has the administration gone forth with any effort to approach legislation that says this Bonfire Relief Fund is not going to be enough and is there any way we can appropriate legislation to help these families on a one-time basis? Has the administration done any

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— Les Heard Christopher Heard's father

proactive actions at all? I think you will find the answer is no."

Heard said the Bonfire collapse could have been prevented by the University, but that he believes the University was motivated to continue the tradition for financial reasons.

"Red pots have been telling me that Bonfire has become a fund-raiser for the University, and [following the collapse] the University wanted to take the stance that Bonfire was strictly a student

operation, and they didn't have any say control over it," Heard said. "That's an engineering school, and they built a monster on the lawn while everybody drove by it every day. That wasn't a one-time accident. That emerged over months and years to do what that took passive negligence."

On Nov. 17, the Heards sent letters to the other victims saying they intend to urge the state to grant them an exemption from the state limits judgments against state institutions to \$5 million, according to a Houston Chronicle article. Reed, a Harlingen attorney, and Sen. Eddie Lucena have shown support for them in this cause.

The Breen family, whose son Christopher was killed in the collapse, filed a complaint in November with the Texas Board of Professional Engineers against the University, University President M. Bowen, Southerland and assistant director Memorial Student Center Rusty Thompson regarding state engineering laws.

"It was certainly a very difficult decision for the family to make to do this," Sean Breen, Christopher's brother, told the Austin American-Statesman. "The issue as we saw it was, there had been time for the University to come forward and take responsibility ... and they didn't."

The board has not decided whether to take any action. Last month, the board found that those who were involved in the collapse had broken the law because they had an engineering license. The board did not impose any penalties.

American people," Clark said. "I think we have to understand and see the consequences of the new age of conflicts in countries and terrorist threats."

Participants in the conference, which included other nations, makes it essential to consider all possible avenues of intervention.

"Europe is the center of America's influence in the world," Clark said, "and our allies expect to lead."

Nonetheless, both sides of the military intervention argument agree that whoever becomes president, he will face challenges in redefining the nation's foreign policy.

MILITARY

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intervention should take place. The final panel addressed the consequences of overseas military intervention.

Former President George Bush was on hand for the opening luncheon and delivered the opening address. The two scheduled keynote speakers were former National Security Adviser Gen. Brent Scowcroft and former NATO Supreme Allied Commander Gen. Wesley Clark.

For each panel, papers were prepared by some of the leading national security analysts and political professors in the nation. Commentators from the Brookings Institute, U.S.

Naval Academy, Stanford University and other institutions addressed each paper and answered questions from conference attendees.

"Military intervention is the perfect topic for the Bush School to host," Clark said. "We really are at a critical time in our nation's history."

One of the most important issues addressed at the conference was when U.S. forces should intervene in an overseas conflict. Michael Brown, director of national security studies at Georgetown University, wrote that, with the end of the Cold War and the breakup of the Soviet Union, many believe the need for U.S. intervention in international security affairs has largely disappeared.

"I don't think it is right for the United States to impose on other countries," said Leslie Scheuermann, a freshman political science major who agreed with that rationale.

However, Brown wrote that others think U.S. decisions about force should be based largely on American values and moral and humanitarian obligations, with an intent to promote international peace security and justice.

In his keynote address, Clark said decision makers and the American public have continually been underinformed, which has led to a misunderstanding of military intervention.

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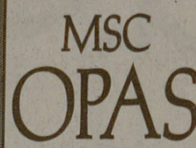
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