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Reveille VII will debut Saturday at Reed

Four-month-old collie to arrive with breeders from Florida

Reveille VII will quickly realize that has big paws to fill when she arrives College Station this afternoon. Her rival in Aggieland marks the beginng of Reveille VI's last chapter as the st lady of Texas A&M.

The process of finding a successor

Craig Serold, mascot corporal in 98-'99 and a senior computer engiering major, spent the last year and a homore biohalf examining collie breeders throughof the mod t the country to find a suitable match the needs of Texas A&M. nts to view for

"Our No. 1 priority in this whole deal as to get a healthy dog," Serold said. alth is important because of the large amount of traveling that Reveille must

do each year, he said. Dr. Claudia Barton, the official veterinarian of Reveille VI, found an article about Dr. Cyndi Bossart, a collie breeder and veterinarian in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Serold said. The article said Bossart is a specialist in genetic engineering for collies. Her research in the field is highly acclaimed, and the University was confident it had found the right breeder, Serold said.

With the help of her husband, Jim Efron, and Nancy McDonald, a collie breeder, Bossart was able to engineer a 'perfect" collie. Collies bred by Bossart, Efron and McDonald consistently rank among the top in the nation,

Donald. Her value as a show dog is an estimated \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Efron said they decided to give away such an expensive collie because of the myth and folklore surrounding the Aggie mascot.

'We were absolutely impressed in the tradition with this collie. We are very excited for her, and she is looking forward to her new home," Efron said.

It took eight months and two litters before breeders had the perfect dog, Serold said. Reveille VII was the only puppy in a litter delivered Oct. 9, 2000, by a collie owned by McDonald.

Kevin Graham, 1999-'00 mascot corporal and a junior marketing major,

Reveille VII is being donated to the University by Bossart, Efron and Mc-

"They come on campus when they're three weeks old, as little fuzz balls, and they're real cute, and everybody loves them," Graham said. "But, we've kind of had the dilemma of whether we wanted to have that.

After consulting with the veterinarians in Florida, Corps of Cadets Company E-2, the outfit that handles Reveille, decided to let Bossart keep the puppy for a few extra months and begin some basic obedience training.

'For the past several months down in Florida, they've had her through some extensive training, obedience training

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Reveille VII arrives from Florida today and will make her Aggie mascot debut at Saturday's basketball game.

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The Miss Black and Gold pageant tted the bodie y, but it took held annually by the 15 Texas unremains and regraduate chapters of the Alpha Phi ers initially pha fraternity.

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> - Michael Broussard Alpha Phi Alpha member

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ed for the title of A&M Miss k and Gold in January. Selection s based on introduction, model-, talent and a question-and-answer he Bahan

Diallo won the title and a \$1,000 esters sto olarship. If she wins Saturday, she I compete at the regional pageant, p Satan wich will be held in March in Little his is right ck, Ark. The winner of the regionor, Mary Dageant will advance to the nationimpetition in August.

We are very optimistic about the te pageant coming up this weeksaid Evan Gentry, president of pha Phi Alpha and a senior indusdengineering major. "Texas A&M won the state pageant the past ee years in row, which I think says about the quality of students at as A&M, specifically minority ican-American women.

Alpha Phi Alpha was founded in and is the first historically an-American Greek-letter orga-

All that jazz



Jazz saxophone players and members of the Texas Lindsay Lambourne, a freshman general studies A&M Jazz Society David Simmons, a senior biology major; Derick Sager, a graduate student; and ble rehearsals on Thursday night.

major, perfect a jazz number during jazz ensem-

Opening delayed again PTTS sectioning lot into student, event parking

By Amanda Smith

The Battalion

The opening of a new parking lot adjacent to the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum has been delayed for the second time in three weeks. The additional parking spaces will be available to students with commuter tags on a limited basis.

PTTS decided Tuesday not to open the lot today because

Providing a total of 327 spaces, the parking area is divided in four sections.



Bush Presidential Library to students has been delayed

The opening of the parking lot adjacent to the George

Sherry Wine, executive associate director of Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS), said the conference center's demand for additional parking prompted the construction of the parking area.

"In the past, there has not been enough parking to support [the conference center]," Wine said. "Generally, we are trying to dedicate quadrants two and four to the museum and quadrants one and three to conferences and student parking.

Conferences at the complex will be given priority usage of the new parking lot. Previously, PTTS has encouraged riding buses to the conference center to handle the parking demands for large conferences.

The largest conferences draw approximately 800 attendees, who usually bring between 200 cars and 250 cars.

Currently, there are 267 staff spaces in Parking Area 111. the yellow lot at the Academic Building West. Wine said the 50 to 75 spaces that are usually vacant in the lot are reserved for conference center events.

"It is a shared facility," Wine said. "First of all, it is an exceptional area because of the multiple uses: the University users, the state users and the federal users included. The way it is set up is unique to the entire complex. This is another parking situation where it will be more art than science.

When quadrants one and three of the new lot are not being used by guests of the conference center, Wine said, PTTS will encourage commuter students to use the parking area.

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support of its own bill that created isportation Fee Referendum, the A&M Student Senate approved a ion Wednesday urging the student to vote in favor of the fee during

ecial elections next week.
e special elections will be held ay and Wednesday so that the fee,

if approved by the student body, can appear on the Board of Regents' agenda for its March meeting.

Online and on-campus voting will be available for the special election.

The resolution urged the Election Commission to advertise the special election and applauded Bus Operations and Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS) for working with the student the Association of Former Students.

would provide extended bus services for students both on and off campus and provide for the purchase of new buses.

In other business, the Student Senate passed a resolution demonstrating appreciation to Patrick A. Williams, Class of '92, for his work with student government as the campus programs director for

body. The proposed \$50 transportation fee Wednesday was Williams' last day at the Association; he has taken a job in Dallas.

Finally, the Senate approved a resolution expressing its concern about the situation in which students' voter registration cards were allegedly misplaced or discarded by the Voter Registrar's Office of Brazos County during the registration process for the November 2000 presidential election.

Task forces hear Aggie concerns

Committee stresses safety

By SOMMER BUNCE The Battalion

Students looked to Bonfire 2002 committees Thursday to explain how the void caused by Bonfire's absence on campus could be filled.

In an open forum held Thursday afternoon in the Memorial Student Center, task force representatives met with students to reiterate the goals of Bonfire planning and hear the students' concerns.

Bonfire Steering Committee co-chairman Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs,

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- Josh Kaylor co-chairman of Student Leadership and Participation Task Force

said he recognizes that changing Bonfire means changing the way students relate to one another.

'When this enormous tradition and event was not there, the vacuum [it left] was enormous, absolutely enormous," Southerland said. "Maybe for student leaders and the staff of residence halls, that was 100 percent clear. But as far as the reaction time of filling that void is concerned, we're not all the way through that [time] yet. We still need to be hav-

ing these conversations." Students who are concerned that Bonfire has taken on a negative meaning on campus asked the committees what could change that and asked when the idea of Bonfire would no longer be taboo. Southerland said students should think of Bonfire in a positive light, beginning now.

"In the Bonfire committees, it's our goal [to be] extremely connected to the past," Southerland said. "We have to remember this enormous tragedy as we move forward so that we can move forward in the right way, [but] we also have to keep the positive aspects of Bon-

A top priority of the Student Leadership and Participation Task Force is to create a plan that will allow the same amount of camaraderie

from the past in 2002. "It wasn't the love of waking up at 4:30 every morning to go cut wood that got you to go out [to cut], said co-chairman Josh Kaylor, a junior agricultural development major. "It was going out there with the 15 or 20 people from your dorm that you had built a bond with. That's what got you out of bed, because you didn't want to let them down. And that's what we want to preserve.

Student involvement in Bonfire is paramount to the committees' plans, Kaylor

However, so is keeping those students safe, said Safety Task Force co-chairman Chris Meyer, director of Environmental Health and Safety at A&M.

Meyer said the design of Bonfire 2002 must be safe for students. He said he will challenge the engineering team chosen to design the structure to create a stack that is "inherently collapse-

"We need to build safety in from the ground up, not have it as an afterthought,"

Risk is present in any situation, said Design and Construction co-chairman Jim Smith. The safest way to move a log between two points is with a crane — but a design plan will have to include a safe way for students to move the log, he said.

"There's no way 20 Aggies can't pick that log up and move it from point A to point B," Smith said. "The designer is going to be challenged to come up with maximum student participation to make it safe for 20 Aggies to move a log or to do whatever needs to be done. I am confident in this next Bonfire. It will be different, but it can be made safe. We're obviously looking for a firm that's got some imagination and ideas about how they can make this next Bonfire truly unique," he said.

Thinking of Bonfire as a symbol for A&M, one must also see Bonfire's collapse as a signal to the University that it is time to change the

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