

## Aggie crowned Miss USA Journalism senior will compete for Miss Universe

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Kandace Krueger, a 24-year-old journalism major, was crowned Miss USA Friday night, coming the eighth Lone Star delegate and second Texas A&M student to win the title.  
"The whole night is a big blur," Krueger said. "It is hard to put into words."  
Krueger began preliminary competition for the Miss USA contest Monday and was crowned during the televised final round of competition.  
"Going into the finals, I felt like I had done my very best," Krueger said. "I knew I could only do my best, and the rest was in God's hands."  
Since her coronation, Krueger said she has not stopped moving. She has held a press conference, re-

turned home to New York and has been preparing for Monday-morning interviews on CNN and Live,

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— Kandace Krueger  
Miss USA

with Regis and Kelly.  
Krueger said she someday hopes to work as a sports broadcaster.  
"This is going to be a fabulous opportunity, career-wise," she said. Krueger won Miss Texas in

July and has been on a school sabbatical since then.

"I chose to take the year off and focus on my responsibilities as Miss Texas," she said.

Krueger said she will take off another year from school as she travels the nation as Miss USA and prepares to compete for the Miss Universe crown in May. She only needs 13 hours to graduate.

"I do hope that I am able to return to A&M," Krueger said.

Despite her new titles and responsibilities, Krueger has not forgotten her ties to A&M. She said her Aggie ring was one of the only pieces of jewelry she wore for Friday's telecast.

"As I was getting ready Friday night, I decided I should probably wear [my Aggie ring] because it brought me good luck as Miss Texas," Krueger said. "I think that

was a good decision."

Krueger said Friday night's event was the 50th anniversary of the Miss USA pageant, and many former queens were there. Among those was Kimberly Tomes, also an Aggie. Tomes won the pageant in 1977.

"She wasn't aware going into the pageant that I was from Texas A&M," Krueger said.

Krueger said Aggies should set goals and pursue them.

"What is important is that you achieve your goals on your own merit, keeping your own morals," she said.

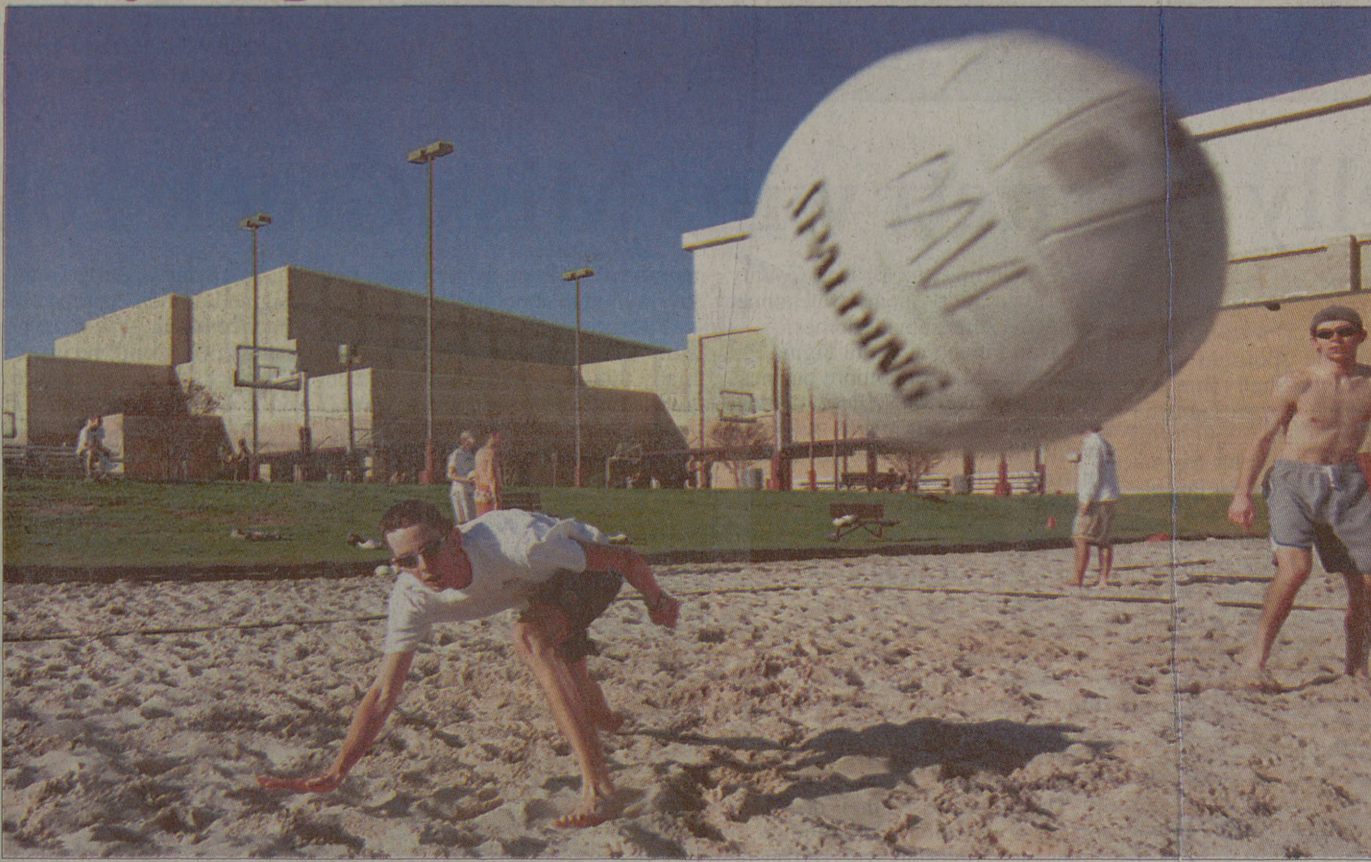
Krueger said she will continue to fight for breast and ovarian cancer awareness as her cause during her reign as Miss USA.

"I set a goal after I won Miss Texas to touch as many people as I could," she said.



Kandace Krueger, a senior journalism major, beat out 50 other women for the title of Miss USA. Krueger will compete for Miss Universe in May.

### Can you dig it?



BERNARDO GARZA/THE BATTALION

Josh Poole, a freshman general studies major, digs for a volleyball as it comes over the net at the Student Recreation Center sand volleyball court Sunday.

## Airplane crash kills 21 people

UNADILLA, Ga. (AP) — Military crews battled slick, muddy conditions Sunday as they tried to recover the remains of 21 National Guard members killed when their twin-engine C-23 Sherpa crashed in a field in heavy rain.

Officials were not sure how long the recovery would take because of deep mud in the area, which has had nearly 4 inches of rain over the weekend.

"It's a quagmire," said Lt. Col. Deborah Bertrand, a spokeswoman at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins that had tracked the plane.

Although the rain had stopped, winds were expected to force crash site crews to halt work overnight, said Faye Williams, a spokeswoman at Robins Air Force Base. "You're trying to get big flat beds, heavy equipment in and out," she said. "You don't want to have a problem with stabilization."

Three Florida Army National Guard personnel and 18 Virginia Air National Guard members were killed when the transport plane crashed Saturday morning south of Macon and burst into flame.

Officials said there were two debris fields: one 400-feet-by-400-feet and a smaller one about a quarter-mile away. On Sunday, skies were overcast and winds were strong as about 150 workers searched slowly through the wreckage.

"They're far more concerned with safety at this point, than speed," said Maj. Randy Noller, spokesman for the National Guard Bureau in Washington. "Slippery mud makes it a relatively dangerous site."

The bodies will be taken to an Air Force casualty center in Dover, Del.

In-flight data and voice recorders have been found, but investigators do not know yet if they were working, said Col. Dan Woodward, an Air Force spokesman.

The Army Safety Center's investigation team from Fort Rucker, Ala., "will require a significant amount of time" to investigate the crash and determine the possible cause, Noller said.

"Obviously there was bad weather when the crash happened, but at this point we don't know if it was a factor," Noller said. "It's an obvious criteria to look at."

Air Force officials escorted reporters and photographers Sunday past dozens of muddy all-terrain vehicles and Humvees to a command post about a half-mile from the main crash site. The area could be reached only by a dirt road marked by gullies carved by the heavy weekend rains. Water stood in ditches and fields that had been plowed 3 feet deep in preparation for spring planting.

## Resnet hosts study-group site

BY EMILY HENDRICKSON  
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Finding a study group is now easier thanks to a new Website created by senior computer engineering major Dallas Ramsey. Students can submit their schedules online and find others with the same classes. They then have the option to contact each other and form a study group.  
The Website was created last year but was only accessible to Aston Hall residents. This semester, it is available campus-wide, Ramsey said. Students can submit their courses and find students with the same classes, along with their email addresses and phone numbers.  
Ramsey said everyone can benefit from this site if many students use it and contact each other.  
"There are approximately 1,000 en-

tries right now, but there could be a lot more if students knew this site was available to them," Ramsey said.

Anyone can access this site and email questions to another student in the same class. Another benefit of the site is that it provides the student's residence hall addresses, so students will know if they live in the same area on campus.

The site was awarded "Program of the Month" by the Department of Residential Life in September 2000.

"It may not be a flashy Website, but it gets the job done," Ramsey said.

Fliers were placed around campus and in the residence halls so that students would know this site is available.

More people need to use this site in order for it to be more successful, Ramsey said. Some students have not yet received

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**Online Study PROGRAM**

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<http://study.resnet.tamu.edu>

- Helps students find study partners in their classes
- Provides a listing of student emails, phone numbers and physical addresses

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## Police arrest Corps scholastic officer

BY BRADY CREEL  
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Philip Carson, Corps of Cadets scholastic officer and a senior economics major, was arrested Saturday and charged with providing alcohol to a minor.  
The Corps scholastics officer is a Corps Staff position responsible for the academics of all cadets in the Corps.  
According to the College Station Police Department (CSPD) significant activity report, Carson was arrested at

217 University Dr. just before midnight Saturday.

"Saturday night, I was at Shadow Canyon, and I poured a beer for a friend of mine," Carson said. "It was a mistake."

He said he did not think to ask his friend whether he was of age before he poured the beer.

Mark Welsh, Corps commander and a senior finance major, said he has not made any decisions on disciplinary action or the future of Carson's position on the Corps staff.

"I am sure [Carson] will be given a chance to tell his side of the story," Welsh said.

He said the situation is unique because it involved a cadet, and the charge was not for a minor in possession. Carson's case will go through the same disciplinary channels as any other alcohol violation, Welsh said.

Welsh said that in the eyes of the Corps, Carson will be innocent until proven guilty, but he will await the results

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## Students brave bad weather to plant more than 300 saplings

BY ANDY HANCOCK  
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While most students were sleeping this past Saturday, a number of Aggies braved the cold, rainy weather to participate in Replant.

Three Replant sites were chosen for 2001 Replant: a tree farm in Somerville, Tiffany Park in Bryan and the Bryan Regional Athletic Complex. At the Somerville site, volunteers potted more than 1100 seedlings, and about 300 trees were planted at the two Bryan sites.

A tradition started in 1991 as a way to compensate for trees that were cut down for use in Bonfire, Replant has now grown into a tradition focused on environmental issues.

"Replant is now totally for the environment," said Replant director and senior educational health major Leanne Hall.

In the past, seedlings and trees were planted at old Bonfire cut sites, however, in recent years all trees have been planted at various locations within the B-CS area, Hall said.

Originally the majority of trees planted were young small trees. Now, though fewer trees are planted, they are bigger. The trees that were planted stood on average of 5 feet tall according to Hall.

Bigger trees are planted for a number of reasons, Hall said.

"We began planting larger trees because they have a higher survival rate and also from advice from the Texas Forest Service," Hall said.

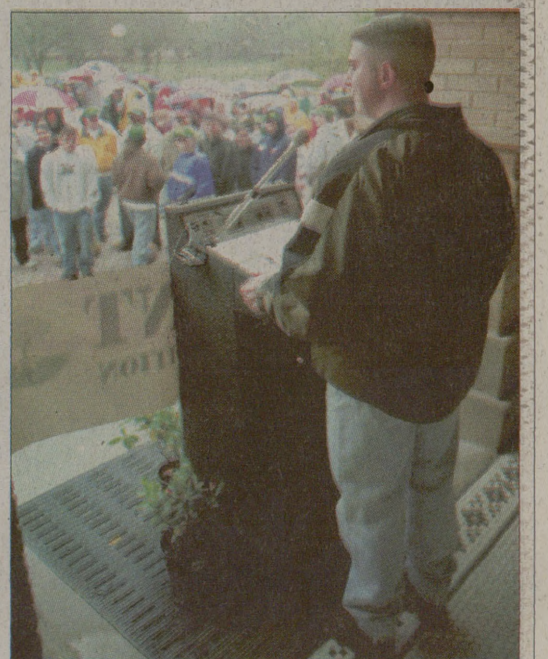
The Texas Forest Service suggested that beginning in Fall 2001, future Replants will be held in late October rather than early spring due to better chances of tree survival.

Replant participant and Student Body President Forrest Lane spoke at this year's kick off to the rain-soaked crowd, as those with umbrellas

huddled beneath them.

"It is all about giving back to the environment and the community," Lane said. "I have been coming out since 1996."

Approximately 1,300 volunteers participate in Replant each year.



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Forrest Lane, student body president and senior political science major, addresses Replant participants Saturday. Over 300 trees were planted around the area.