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Linebacker transfers to Abilene Christian

The Texas A&M football team has lost one of its players after declining to offer his brother a scholarship.

Sophomore offensive lineman Britt Lively says he is transferring to Division II Abilene Christian University to play with his brother.

Lively says he was upset that Texas A&M did not sign his brother and he would prefer to join him at Abilene Christian rather than remain at A&M.

However, Lively says he has no ill will toward the A&M football staff.

Lively and his brother registered at ACU Friday.

Lively saw action in three games last season, while spending the majority of his season backing up right guard Taylor Whitley.

Lively's father, Mike Lively, played football at ACU and earned all-conference honors as a defensive lineman there.

Mike Lively was a member of ACU's 1977 National Championship team.

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Police officer killed in traffic collision

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Lubbock motorcycle patrolman involved in a traffic collision while escorting a funeral procession last week died from his injuries on Sunday, police said.

Rodney Kendrick, 33, is the first Lubbock officer to die in a motor vehicle accident while on duty, police spokesman Bill Morgan said.

The officer was injured Monday when his motorcycle collided with a pickup truck and had been hospitalized in critical condition at University Medical Center for the past week.

Morgan said Kendrick lost control of the motorcycle as he tried to move ahead of the procession to block traffic, then hit the oncoming truck.

Kendrick suffered a punctured lung, broken ribs and a severe head injury, despite wearing a helmet.

Kendrick, father of two daughters, was a 12-year veteran of the force.

Baylor student wins Miss Texas crown

FORT WORTH (AP) — Stacy James, Miss Lake O' The Pines, was crowned Saturday night as Miss Texas 2001.

James, a recent political science major at Baylor University, will compete this fall in the Miss America Pageant.

Her talent was singing, and her platform was "Alzheimer's Awareness."

James, 22, of Texarkana, said her biggest accomplishment was graduating from Baylor with honors and being accepted to law school.

Football ticket sales leads to higher hotel room rates

Elizabeth Raines
The Battalion

For the last five years, senior accounting major Daniel Puls' grandparents, George Jr. and Lafern Puls, have been making a 50-mile drive for every A&M home football game. They are not coming from home, however, but from their hotel room in Brenham.

"They stay in Brenham for two reasons," Puls said. "One is that it is much cheaper, and two, they have a much easier time getting a room."

Puls said usually they drive up for the day and attend the 12th Man Foundation lunch and then the game before heading back to Brenham.

Other out-of-town season

ticket holders, like the Puls, are having to travel further to find available hotel rooms. Now, with the addition of The Zone, it is getting harder to find rooms.

As of June 10, the A&M athletic ticket office said the

general public season ticket orders reached a record high at 34,179. Last year's record was 30,337. This means that more than 3,000 more people are looking for a place to stay during football game weekends.

Puls, who is also an employee at the Ramada Inn said that even before the addition of The Zone there were not enough rooms to accommodate everybody.

J.B. Garza, guest service agent for the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center and a senior agricultural development major, said that the Hilton has been full since before The Zone.

"We could sell our hotel about three times over," Garza said. "We have so many people that want to stay here during football season that we started taking reservations for the upcoming football season a month after last season."

Because of the high demand for rooms during the football

season, hotels as far as Navasota increase their room rates and require a two-night stay minimum.

"My dad knows people who travel in from as far as Houston to avoid the increased hotel price and two-night minimum stay," said Ramada Inn front desk employee and sophomore history major Katie Othold.

Othold said that even though the Ramada Inn fills up one year in advance, they still have people calling for rooms.

"We advise people to go to Navasota for the football weekends," Othold said. "We tell them good luck and suggest to

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	Regular Rates	Rates During football season
Ramada Inn (College Station)	\$59 - \$70	\$115 : two night minimum
Hilton (College Station)	\$119 - \$139	\$219 - \$239 : two night minimum
Best Western (College Station)	\$72	\$105 : two night minimum
Super 8 (Navasota)	\$44.95 - \$49.95	\$64.95 - \$69.95 : no minimum

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Dat Nguyen gives back

Mark Passwaters
The Battalion

Dallas Cowboys linebacker Dat Nguyen, one of the most famous alumni of Texas A&M's "Wrecking Crew," returned to College Station on Saturday for an appearance benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Bryan-College Station.

"It's been a while since I've been back (to College Station)," Nguyen said. "This year has gone by fast."

After struggling with injuries during his first two seasons in the NFL, Nguyen is expected to anchor the Cow-

Cowboys linebacker makes charity appearance Saturday

boys defense as the team's starting middle linebacker.

"It's a great opportunity," Nguyen said. "That's the great thing about this game. If you go out and really work and you have a bad year, you don't get a second chance ... I've been real lucky."

Nguyen scoffed at naysayers who predict that the Cowboys are in for a rough season.

"We're not rebuilding, we're reloading. If we stay

healthy, we'll be okay. We still have a lot of players that are as good as anybody," he said.

Nguyen attributed much of the Cowboys' problems from last year to the injuries that plagued the team for the entire season.

"We never had a chance to get any chemistry as a team," Nguyen said.

"We were never able to get a feel for each other last year. What can you do when you have things happening like losing both of your wide receivers (Joey Galloway and Raghbi Ismail) for the whole season?"

Nguyen said he was happy to be able to come back to College Station and be able to do something for underprivileged children.

Before signing autographs for an hour, Nguyen talked to a group of children from the Bryan-College Station Boys and Girls Clubs and gave each of them a new pair of tennis shoes.

"It's special to be able to give something back," Nguyen said.

Nguyen remembers his days growing up as the son of Vietnamese refugees in Rockport and is glad to be in position to help others.

"It's unbelievable to have a chance to help these kids out the way I got helped out," he said.

"Just patting them on the back and telling them 'hi' can change some of their lives ... you're always watched by these kids on TV and some of them idolize you."

"I would have been the happiest kid if (former Baylor and Chicago Bears linebacker) Mike Singletary had said 'hi' to me."

Left: Nguyen greets fans after arriving in College Station. Below: Lisa Rowan and her daughter Sybil get a Dallas Cowboys helmet signed by Cowboys linebacker Dat Nguyen Saturday.



BERNARDO GARZA/THE BATTALION

Evans' funeral Tuesday

Library namesake dies at age 101

Stuart Hutson
The Battalion

Many students only knew him by the Main-Campus library that bears his name. But Sterling C. Evans, who died Thursday from an infection at the age of 101, will be known to many Aggies as a man who changed the face of the University more than geographically.

Evans served as a chairman of the A&M Board of Directors,

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A&M president

the precursor to the Board of Regents, in the '60s, where he was instrumental to the admission of women to A&M and the end of mandatory military training.

"The University has lost a great champion and benefactor in Sterling C. Evans," said A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen. "He had vision and determination in his quest to make Texas A&M what it is today. We will miss him and his indomitable spirit."

Since retiring from the Board of Directors, Evans and his wife have donated more than \$10 million to the University, much of which was specifically targeted at A&M's library system.

Evans' last visit to the campus was last October, when he cut the ribbon on the newly renovated Sterling C. Evans Library.

"He was the heart and soul of this library," said Dr. Fred Heath, dean and director of the A&M library system. "It was a glorious moment last fall when he cut the ribbon at the renovated Evans Library. We were looking forward to his 102nd birthday in August. We plan to unveil a new portrait of him this fall for the University's 125th anniversary."

Evans graduated at the top of his class from A&M in 1921 with a degree in animal husbandry. He went on to make his fortune in real estate. Among his many estates was his residence — a 20,000-acre ranch that he donated to A&M.

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Supreme Court will decide if paper swapping violates rights

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When Alicia Bata needs quick results from a quiz in her Spanish class, she has her students pass their work to classmates and then goes over the answers with them. In a few minutes, she knows who understood the lesson and who did not.

"They are paying a lot more attention when they are correcting each others' (papers) in the classroom together than if I were," said Bata, who teaches in Cavalier, N.D.

That practice could be in

jeopardy because the Supreme Court has agreed to decide if swapping papers to correct them violates students' privacy rights.

Teachers gathered for the National Education Association convention last week were divided on the issue. They said they regularly must balance the need to give students timely feedback with the confidentiality of their grades.

The issue arose in 1998, when Kristja J. Falvo sued the Owasso, Okla., school district,

contending that her three children were embarrassed when classmates graded each other's work and called out grades to the teacher.

A federal judge rejected her claim. The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, however, ruled last year that the grading practice violated the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, which prohibits schools from releasing students' records without parents' written consent.

Officials with Oklahoma

school district and at the NEA say the case raises doubts about many other forms of exhibiting or releasing students' work.

"I think it can be read to cover any work," said Michael Simpson, the NEA's assistant general counsel.

He said the case could prohibit teachers from allowing parent volunteers to check papers. It could also prevent schools from displaying graded student artwork and science projects.

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