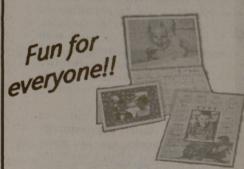


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#### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Bonfire fund still accepting donations

An endowment fund established before the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse to provide a self-sustaining source of money for future Bonfires currently is dormant but still accepting gifts.

A&M Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. J. Malon Southerland said the fund, managed by the A&M Foundation, has about \$300,000. The original goal was a \$1-million endowment, Southerland said, but since the collapse, active fundraising has been on hold. Those wishing to make a donation may write a check to the A&M Foundation with "Bonfire Endowment Fund" in the

A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen is expected to decide in January whether there will be a Bonfire next year. Recently, Bowen said the \$1.5-million price tag of Bonfire 2002 may be too costly and may force the University to end the tradition. If Bonfire is held next year, the University will pay for it from its reserve fund, Bowen said, but other sources of funding will have to be found for future

If Bowen approves Bonfire 2002, Southerland said he would likely begin a fundraising campaign for the endowment fund. About 5 percent of an endowment fund's principle is spent, Southerland said.

#### FAMILIES

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three lawsuits in progress against several University administrators who some families say are liable for the deaths.

'I still don't think ignoring [the collapse] will make it go away,' Kerlee said.

The family of 1997 graduate and 1999 Aggie Bonfire victim Christopher Breen filed suit against University administrators in October, claiming Chris Breen and 11 other Aggies died on University ground doing something for the University's students, wanting someone to "take responsibility," said Breen attorney Steve DeWolf.

When Sean Breen, Christopher Breen's brother, heard the University was not going to hold a memorial event on Nov. 18, he said he was more than disappointed.

"I've given up trying to figure out why the University does what it does,"

Both the Breens and Kerlees said they will have personal memorials.

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like it's open to A&Ms the Aggies' community said. "I really can't what this group's mo - to tell people about but then not invite the makes me nervous that would open themselv situation that could ho

students. Dr. Malon J. Sout vice president for studen said A&M administration not confirmed the valid

off-campus Bonfire.
"We have not receive from a student or a staff about a bonfire," Soil said. "You have heard student about a bonfire really respond to that."

Jackson said the clan stack is still representat Bonfires that have burn tionally the night ber football game again University of Texas-Au

"I don't know the de of a renegade fire, but is was built by all age Jackson said. "Just because off campus doesn't mean an Aggie Bonfire."



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