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after 9-11 was our family's first outing since we got home," Debbie said. "Only at A&M could you hope to achieve that kind of participation. (Our family) holds (the event) so dear that until we could have something that would rival that or come up to that standard, I (worry) that the students set the bar very high."

Tonia Grigg, Class of 1998, wrote a mail call that ran in The Battalion Thursday expressing her disappointment that the Red, White and Blue Towel Out was canceled.

"I remember thinking that there's got to be something else behind (the canceling of the event)," Grigg said. "Certainly knowing what that reason is — we need to back off. (The victims and survivors) are the ones who have every right to tell us please don't do it."

Grigg said she is currently working as an instructional designer with an anti-terrorism class that teaches that memorializing and commemorating is the best way to help victims of terrorism get closure.

The Red, White and Blue Towel Out was originally planned by Freshman Aggies

Spreading Tradition (FAST) who decided to seek the help of the 12th Man Student Foundation. After learning about the Sept. 11 survivors' opinions, FAST passed its idea to the 12th Man Student Foundation, which opted to promote new 12th Man towels that simply had a commemorative ribbon on them.

"We wanted to bring back the 12th Man Student Foundation towel," said Jacob Scher, director of FAST. "It's not really cheapening anything, just honoring (those affected by the tragedy)."

Debbie said she has "some very sweet memories" of the event and that she is appreciative of all the support that Aggies give. The Capps family has also started a fund that will help firefighters pay for their education. She said her family decided to start the scholarship to honor the memory of those firefighters who helped rescue the Trade Center victims.

"I guard the memory of what was accomplished on Kyle Field," Debbie said. "The last thing we want to do is have anyone's feelings hurt or feel like we're not supportive of them. Believe me, we are. Our hearts are on our sleeves this week. We know that (all their efforts) are done with the best intent in our mind."

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that will be included in the exhibit.

"There was a note attached saying (the children) had received comfort from the bear and hoped we would too," Cook said.

Menarchik said he thinks this is going to be a powerful exhibit that will receive a powerful response from the Brazos Valley.

"Americans have an attachment to this piece for what it represents," Menarchik said. "People will want to come here and touch a piece of their 21st century."

Menarchik said that after the exhibit is taken down from the Bush Library, it will be handed over to Texas Task Force I.

"They will keep the steel stored until it is ready and prepared to be put on permanent display at the College Station Veterans Memorial Park next year," Menarchik said.

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and early 1973, why he skipped the required medical exam and whether he was investigated or punished for skipping the exam and six months' worth of training in 1972.

Bush was adamantly denied that any strings were pulled to get him into the guard. Yet, former Texas House Speaker Ben Barnes, a Democrat who now supports Kerry, has stepped forward to say he helped Bush and the sons of other wealthy families get into the guard so they could avoid serving in Vietnam.

Bush completed basic training in August, 1968, and by early 1970 was assigned as a pilot of F-102 interceptors in the 111th Squadron at Ellington Air Force Base. Killian, the squadron commander, ordered Bush in May, 1972, to undergo his annual physical, the new memos show.

Later in May, Killian said in his memo that he'd had conversations with Bush "of how Bush can get out of coming to drill from now through November" because Bush wanted to go to Alabama to work on a political campaign.

Killian wrote that they talked about Bush getting his flight physical and that Bush said he would do it in Alabama if he remained in flight status. But he said Bush said he "may not have the time." The memo said Bush was "talking to someone upstairs" about the Alabama transfer.

The same memo also made clear that Killian was concerned about the fact that the military had spent a substantial amount of money training Bush to fly.

"I advised him of our investment in him and his commitment," he wrote in the memo.

On Aug. 1, 1972, Killian ordered that Bush "be suspended from flight status due to failure to perform to (United States Air Force/Texas Air National Guard) standards and failure to meet annual physical examination (flight) as ordered."

Killian said he wanted a formal inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the flight suspension. No records have surfaced that one was ever conducted.

NEWS IN BRIEF
Armstrong absent at Issues Forum

Anne Armstrong, former U.S. ambassador to Great Britain and featured speaker at the George Bush Presidential Museum Issues Forum, was unable to attend due to a family emergency. Her daughter Katharine Armstrong spoke in her place about her mother's place in politics. Katharine Armstrong was appointed as chair of the nine-member Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in 2001. She is a former vice president of Dallas Zoological Society, a previous member of Central Park Conservancy in New York. Anne Armstrong is the chairwoman of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C. Armstrong was a former counselor to Presidents Ford and Carter and held cabinet rank in both administrations.

Ruth Harrington dies at age 96

Ruth Norris Harrington, widow of former president and chancellor of Texas A&M University Thomas Harrington, died at 96 on Aug. 30.

Harrington was the recipient of the President's Distinguished Service Award and the Ruth Harrington Chair in Educational Leadership was established in her honor.

Harrington attended the late Joseph Macon College at Baylor University. Throughout her life, she was active in the A&M Mother's Club and taught a class at the First Baptist Church in Bryan.

"She gave her life to supporting A&M (and) embraced the role of being the First Lady of A&M," said her grandson, Thomas Harrington, Class of 1989.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 3 at Hillier Funeral Home in Bryan, Texas.

Chairs

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students to voice their opinions and give their senators feedback. Renfrow said there were several issues that the Senate is looking into consideration.

"We're going to bring the public servant aspect back to the Senate," Renfrow said. "The officers have been talking a lot about the about turning this organization back into what it used to be, to simplify, which was statesmanship."

Renfrow said there are several issues the Senate is working on this year, from pushing for free textbooks to working on tuition deregulation to get undergraduate appointments to study search committees.

"Students will be able to see more visible Senate that is going feedback and opinions from the students and representing issues and concerns to the Administration and others," he said.

Nichols said this semester would be one of extensive internal change for the Senate that students could expect to see complete overhaul of the bylaws and constitution. Nichols said the rules and regulations are looking at re-apportionment soon as the respective enrollment numbers were made public.

"In the spring, when we do enrollment numbers for the selective colleges, we're going to see at which colleges gained students, and then re-apportion accordingly," Nichols said.

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