

Texas students killed, injured

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Texas A&M students had been working dilligently for the past two months to build a pyramid of 7,000 logs, logs in which students, alumni, families and the community gathered in order to build the pyramid.

The pyramid is for the traditional bonfire held every Thanksgiving night. It's a pep rally for the big football game between Texas A & M and the University of Texas.

Students worked on the project at night to avoid conflicting with their classes.

Tragedy struck at 2:30 a.m. Nov. 18, when more than 60 students were atop the 40-foot structure placing logs with the

help of a crane. The students reported that they heard a snap and within seconds the log structure had tumbled inward taking several students to their deaths.

"I heard a snap. (The) center pole cracked and all of the stack came down faster than anyone could move," sophomore Aileen Drydeu told reporters in the aftermath. "The next thing I knew people were going crazy and their were bodies on the ground."

According to published reports, rescue workers were at the scene immediately to free survivors.

They worked for the next few days, to clear the logs and free students trapped, some dead and some alive but injured.

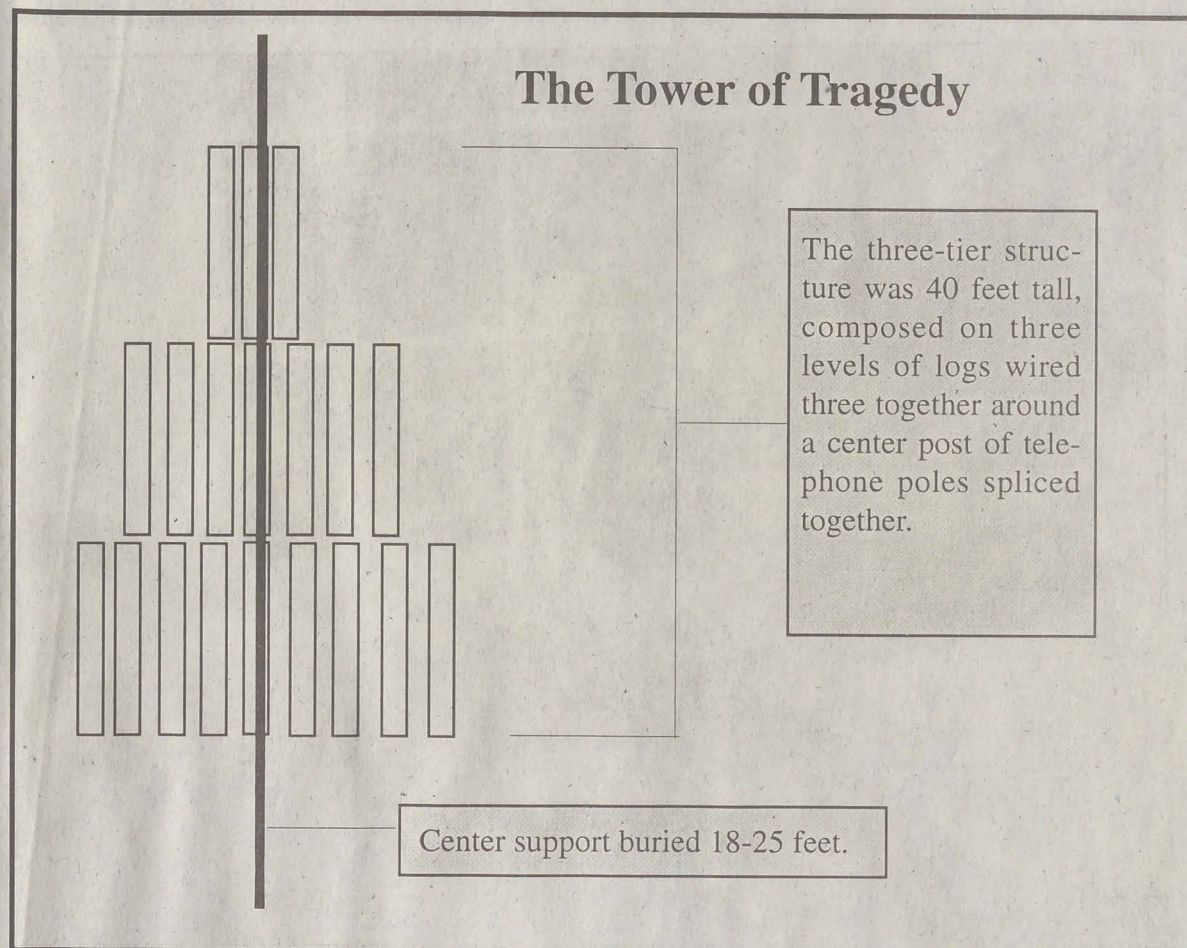
In published reports, one rescuer compared the rescue to playing "pickup sticks."

Nine students were immediately confirmed dead, but the toll mounted to 12 in the days after the tragedy as some of the 28 seriously injured died as a result of their injuries.

The tragedy left the university and the state of Texas in a state of shock and perhaps took a bit of intensity away from the sixth-ranked Texas and the 20th-ranked Texas A & M's rivalry matchup game.

Texas coach Mack Brown told reporters, "When I heard this, there was a tear in my eye....Neither I or the team is thinking about football."

The game continued, but the bonfire was cancelled for the second time since 1909.



The last cancellation was due to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963 in

Dallas.

The stack has collapsed two other times, once in 1957 and in 1994, but no injuries

occured either time and the stack was reconstructed both times.

Lumsden joins ACC women's basketball coaching staff



Kay Lumsden

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ACC welcomes an assistant coach. Kay Lumsden is the new women's assistant basketball coach.

Lumsden is a 1988 graduate of Alpena High School and a 1990 graduate of ACC with an associates in science. She then transferred to Michigan State University and graduated in August of 1992 from the college of agriculture and natural resources with a bachelor in science.

While at ACC she played basketball and would have

liked to play at MSU, but the size of the school and East Lansing was a huge adjustment from Alpena. Also, the team only had walk on tryouts her first year, so she couldn't try-out her next year at school. After graduation, Lumsden worked in Lansing for two years and then moved back to Alpena.

An Alpena native, Lumsden is 29 years old. Her parents reside in Lachine, Tom and Grace Lumsden. She has two older sisters. She enjoys riding her bike in the summer,

traveling and being a referee at the Thunder Bay Basketball Association games. She also serves on the TBBA board of directors.

As for her coaching background, Lumsden coached TBBA third and fourth grade boys from Hubbard Lake Elementary School for two years. ACC is her first college coaching job.

Along with being an assistant coach, Lumsden works for the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service

Agency. She manages programs that subsidize area farmers to keep them working and get them loans when disaster strikes.

Lumsden said she wants to "help with the communication between the coach and players." The team is small and coming off a losing year.

She wants the team's record this season to be over .500, which she doesn't think will be a problem.

For her first year, she wants to be able to learn a lot from Head Coach Mike Kollien and the team.

Student Spotlight Mike Kenney

Home Town: Boyne Falls
Year: Sophomore
Major: Criminal Justice
Sports: Cross-Country



Mike Kenney

Kenney came to ACC after a high school career which included many awards.

He earned three All-Conference, one All-Regional and four trips to the state championship meet and helped pick up a team regional championship as well.

After his success in high school, Kenney came to ACC

to join the likings of his former high school teammates Kurt Hanson and Alan Massey.

Kenney added captain sta-


tus to his resume this season to make three consecutive seasons that a Boyne Falls harrier led the ACC team.

He noted that the trio's success to be his most memorable moment at ACC. Kenney finished 34th at the NCJAA regional meet on Oct. 29.

Kenney says that his biggest challenge at ACC has been adjusting to college level practices and harder classes.

"I have gained a base for me to take the next step to the university level," he said.

He intends to transfer to Grand Valley State University next fall.



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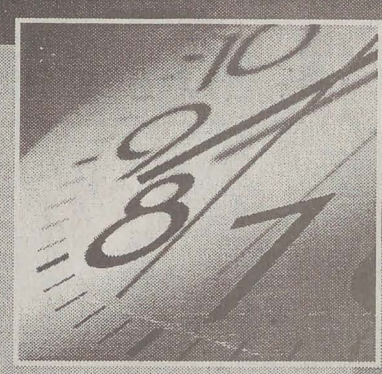
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