## Local

## Debate team places first, defeats five SWC teams

Southwest Conference Debate participate, Kraemer said.

Tournament Sunday. This is the first time since 1959 that Texas A&M has won the tournament.

The team defeated five conference teams, including Baylor University, Texas Tech University, the University of Houston, the University of Texas and the University of Arkansas.

Texas Tech hosted the 10-hour

tournament. Mike Shelby, a senior from Victoria and Ruby Daniels, a sophomore from San Antonio, both members of the varsity debate team, won first place for Texas A&M in the negative division of the debate.

The debate centered on arguments about the United States significantly increasing its foreign military commitments.

Daniels was the second place speaker in the tournament.

Junior varsity team members Jeff Rouse, a freshman from Bryan and Mike Feeny, a sophomore from Santa Fe, N.M., placed third for Texas A&M in the affirmative

The tournament was judged by debate coaches from the Southwest Conference.

Wayne Kraemer, director and coach for the debate team, said the team has received an invitation to participate in the "Heart of America" debate tournament at the University of Kansas March 7-9.

This is one of the oldest and most prestigious tournaments,' Kraemer said.

The director said the invitation is usually extended to the top de-

## Small cars helped less by barriers

By KATHLEEN WIATREK

As smaller car numbers increase, so does the concern that auxiliary safety structures, such as breakaway signs, crash cushions and guard rails may not protect small cars as well as loaded trailer

"Roadside auxiliary structures are designed for 2,500-4,500 pound cars," said Dr. Don Ivey, assistant director of the Texas Transportation Institute at Texas A&M University.

Ivey said that car buyers who want the good fuel economy of the mini-compact weighing in at around 1,600 pounds should realize that they are sacrificing crash

Ivey said that in a crash, the smaller the car, the lower the strength of the structure. Passengers have less protection in smal-ler cars, as well as less stability, Ivey said.

But along with the increase of smaller cars, truck numbers are increasing.

Of all vehicles on American highways in 1978, 83 percent were passenger cars and 17 percent were trucks. Safety statistics project that by 1990, only 68 percent of all vehicles will be passenger cars, Ivey said.
With more trucks on the roads,

there has been pressure to legalize heavier and larger trucks. Highway engineers are feeling national pressure to develop bridge and guard rails to accommodate large

vehicles, Ivey said.
"It is difficult to design safety structures for everyone on the highway," Ivey said. "They aren't designed for motorcycles, and are just now being designed for minicompacts.

There is a need for barrier systems that will work for the minicompact car and large trucks, Ivey

The rigidity of bridge rails is a problem to smaller vehicles. More flexibility can be provided in a dual system where there is a flexible rail for the smaller vehicles and a more rigid rail for trucks and

But high performance barriers cost three to five times more than conventional barriers, Ivey said.

Ivey predicted a gradual change in the design of auxiliary safety structures for small cars as new highways are built. But structures built within the last 10 years are still relatively good structures, he



vard University, Dartmouth Col-Battalion Reporter varid University, Dartmouth Col-Texas A&M University's varsity lege and Northwestern University debate team placed first in the are some of the schools that will

The varsity team, Kraemer said, hopes to receive an invitation to the National Debate Tournament which will be held at California Polytechnic University in

Kraemer said there are two ways a team can qualify for the national tournament:

bate schools in the country. Har- five first round bids to winners of district tournaments

- Nine second round bids are

given to the highly seeded teams who fail to qualify in their districts. The team is optimistic about its chances to receive a bid, Kraemer

The team's won-loss record for this academic year is 67-31, he

If the varsity team receives a bid to the national tournament, it will be the first time Texas A&M has -The NDT Committee awards been represented, Kraemer said.

## Ono-Lennon single being released

By LAURA HATCH

Yoko Ono-Lennon has released a new single, and another album of John Lennon's

work may be on the way. Lennon died Dec. 8, 1980, after he was shot outside his New York apartment.

Lennon and Ono were in the process of mixing an album at the time of his death, said a spokesman for Sam Goody's, a record store in New York. However, he was unsure if the album will be released.

Yoko has released a single entitled "Walking on Thin Ice," expected to sell in the top five in New York, the Sam Goody's spokesman said.

Ono's new single may be in demand as memorabilia because the couple were working on it the day Lennon was shot, KTAM disc jockey Tom Kelly said. Both the

words and the music are Ono's, he said, but "the guitar track is his." Lennon had just finished the track the day he died, Kelly

'It's the best thing she's ever done, but it

won't get the air play," Kelly said.
"Walking on Thin Ice" was released about two weeks ago in New York. It should be in local record stores in two or three days, Jeff Mayer of the local Musicland

Sales of the "Double Fantasy" album by Lennon and Ono "just went through the roof," immediately following Lennon's death, the Sam Goody spokesman said. Before his death, sales were not going well. As soon as the album came out Lennon fans flocked to buy it, but sales slowed down until after Lennon died.

His violent death and media coverage of

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said. Sales in the College Station area have dipped now, he said, but for about three weeks after Lennon's death, stores couldn't get copies of "Double Fantasy.

Other Lennon and Beatle albums have picked up in sales since Lennon's deal Mayer said. "Abbey Road," "Rubber Soul, "The Beatles 1964-1966" and the "Beatles

1967-1970" are selling better now, he said Lennon's "Shaved Fish" album, released in 1975, is a steady seller now, Buck James of Budget Records and Tapes said.

Other than the night of Lennon's death there haven't been many requests for loa radio stations to play his or the Bealer music, Kelly said. There were more re-quests for Lennon's "Double Fantay" works when he was alive, he said.

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