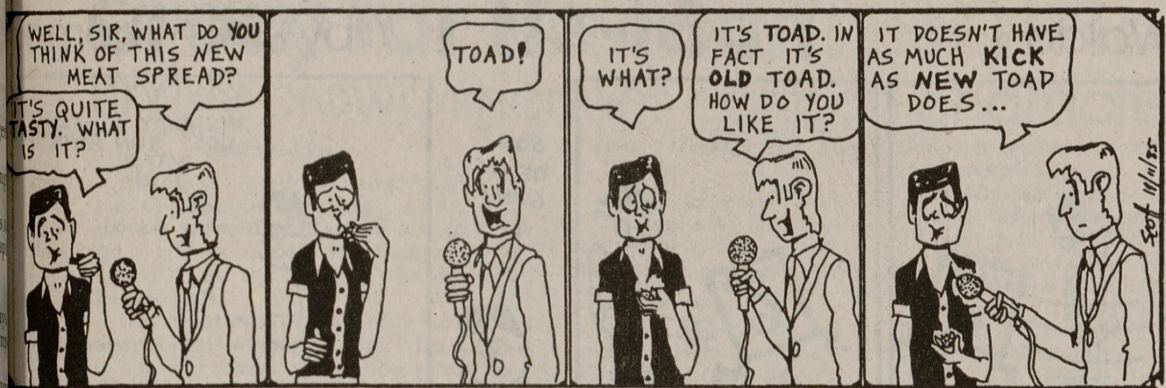


Warped

by Scott McCullar



Wishing well

Service sorority project will help battle cancer

By MOLLY PEPPER

Reporter

People passing by Rudder Fountain this week can make a wish to help cure cancer at Omega Phi Alpha's wishing well. Contributions from the well go to the American Cancer Society, service committee member Pat Quijano says.

The well, which is cardboard with a cover holding a bucket on it, will be at Rudder Fountain today through Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The base of the well is a wading pool which holds water to catch coins from passers-by.

Quijano says the group chose cancer as their theme because it's a universal concern. She says the well was chosen because it's something passers-by can take notice of without having to stop and listen to a speech or pick up a pamphlet.

OPA hasn't set a money-making goal for the well because nobody knows what the reaction to it will be, Pledge Master Corina Rodriguez says.

The group chose to give the profits from the well to the American Cancer Society because the organization concentrates on research for children with cancer, Quijano says.

She says the group seems to be more interested in children than in

other age groups because OPA consists of only females.

The American Cancer Society predicted 6,000 children will get cancer this year and 1,700 will die from it. The society also says cancer causes more deaths in children ages 3 to 14 than any other disease.

OPA at Texas A&M is a chapter of the national service sorority with the same name. The well is a project for National Service Week during which chapters nationwide will hold special projects, Quijano says.

OPA also is sponsoring the Aggie Blood Drive this week with its brother fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega and Student Government. Rodriguez says the blood drive is not considered a part of National Service Week because OPA works on it every year.

This is the first year that OPA has held a National Service Week, says A&M's chapter president, Carla Curry.

OPA holds several service projects on campus and in the Bryan-College Station community throughout the year.

On Halloween the group held a party for the children in Married Student Housing and visited with children in St. Joseph Hospital, Rodriguez says.

A pot-luck dinner also is planned to raise money to buy Thanksgiving

dinners for needy people in the community, she says.

OPA also participated in CROP Walk on Nov. 3 to raise money to stop hunger in Brazos County and the world.

Other organizations can call on OPA when they need help, Rodriguez adds. For instance, in the next few weeks OPA will be helping the Memorial Student Center Camera Committee sell pictures of bonfire while selling mat boards for the pictures.

On Fridays three or four members go to Crestview Retirement Community in Bryan to exercise with the elderly people, talk with them and help in any way they can.

Other causes OPA supports are Muscular Dystrophy, alcohol awareness and mental health, Rodriguez says.

OPA members are required to do a certain amount of service work each semester. Active members must do 25 hours a semester and pledges 30 hours.

"We're helping people," Rodriguez says, "but in a way we're doing it for ourselves because we get such a kick out of helping people."

Members of the sorority will be supervising the well and will try to answer any questions about the well, cancer or OPA, she says.

Texas crater may be from exploded planet

Associated Press

ODESSA — The meteorite that formed the world's sixth-largest crater near this West Texas city may have come from an exploded planet once located between Mars and Jupiter, says a geologist.

The desert still bears the scar from an impact 20,000 years ago equivalent to an H-bomb.

"Between Mars and Jupiter, there was another planet and that planet disappeared — fragmented," says Dr. Emilio Mutis, chairman of the geology department at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

"Most meteorites come from there," he says. "So it is fragments of that planet that have fallen on the Earth."

The Odessa crater is the nation's

second-largest. The largest meteor crater is Canyon Diablo near Winslow, Ariz.

The Odessa crater is about 500 feet in diameter. Originally about 100 feet deep, it has filled in through the centuries and is now about six feet deep. Three small craters were once located near the main crater, but they have since been filled.

An area of about two square miles was showered with nickel-iron meteorites. The large crater was formed at this time from a meteorite that was estimated to have weighed 1,000 tons.

The University of Texas at Austin, during a scientific investigation from 1939 to 1941, removed about six tons of meteorite fragments from the area.

Some scientists believe that both the Odessa and Winslow craters were formed by a meteorite that separated in flight.

"Some speculate that this one may be a piece of the meteorite that hit in Winslow, Ariz.," says Brent McAfee, associate professor of geology at Odessa College.

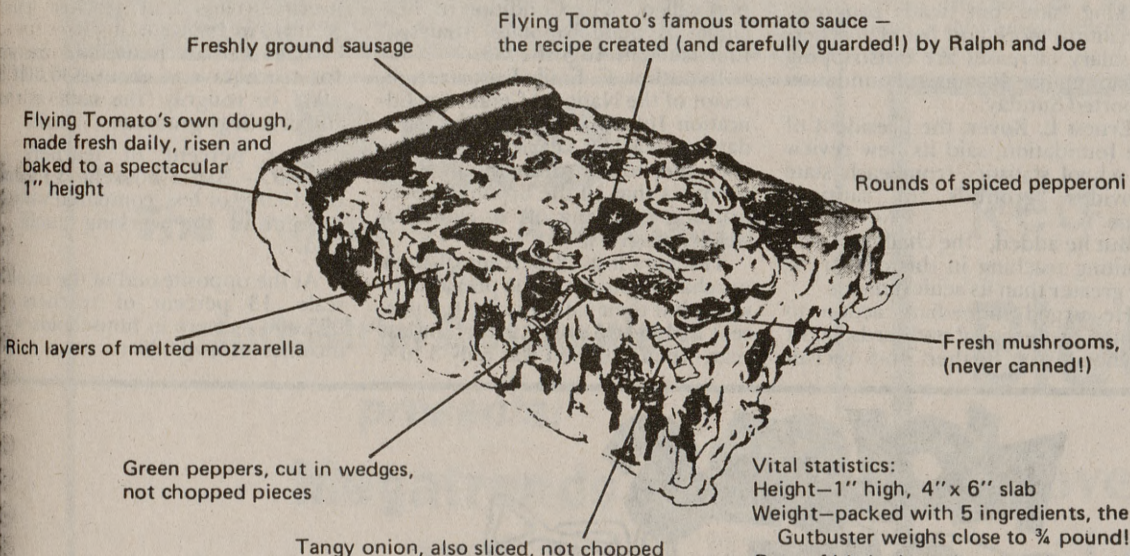
Scientists value meteorites in understanding the Earth's formation. The Odessa crater was designated a national landmark in 1965.

"We think that the sun, all the planets and moon in our solar system — formed at the same time, from the same materials," says McAfee.

"So if we can get hold of those fragments, they will have the same composition as, for instance, the center of the Earth," he says.

Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About Flying Tomato's Gutbuster™ Slice*

A GUIDE TO COLLEGE STATION'S FOREMOST & FINEST PAN PIZZA BY THE SLICE



*But Were Afraid to Ask

Flying Tomato
PIZZA & PAN
303 W. UNIVERSITY • 846-1616

PANNING FOR GOLD? Try our Battalion Classified!!!



OFF CAMPUS AGGIES

YEARBOOK PICTURES

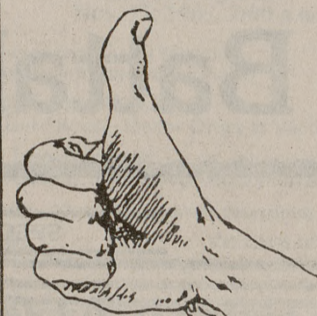
MONDAY NOV. 11th

ZACHRY LOBBY 6:15 pm

ALL OFF CAMPUS STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME!

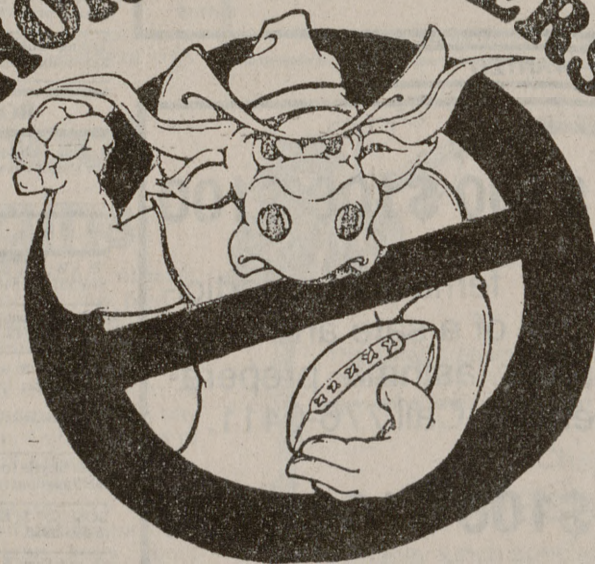


The Battalion



Number One in Aggieland

Get Your HORN BUSTERS



SWEATSHIRTS

Shirts will be on sale Monday thru Friday at the following locations:

COMMONS MSC BLOCKER SBISA

Listen for the "HORNBUSTERS" song on KKYS radio station!

Sponsored by:

The Society for Entrepreneurship and New Ventures

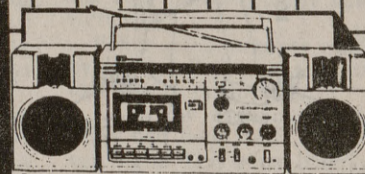
ENVE

693-4618

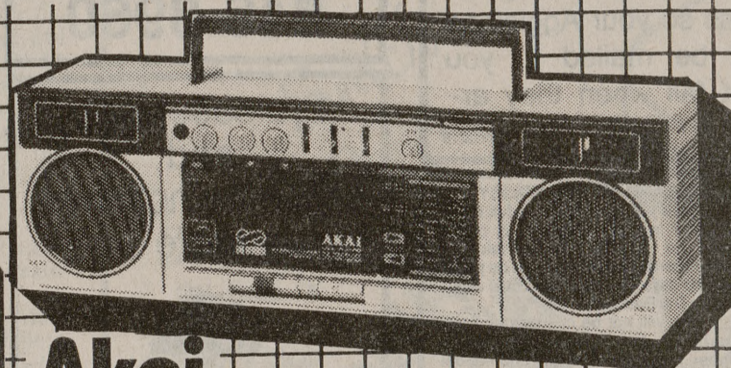
ENVE

Grand opening special Save up to 50% and more!

Now Celebrating Our 80th Store



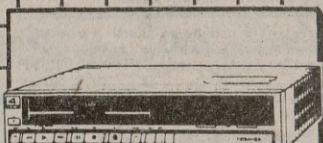
Emerson
Boom Box
AM/FM cassette play/record stereo portable. Detachable speakers, AC/DC. Model MM-815
Value \$99.95
Sale **\$59.95**



Akai
18 watts of peak music power. Stereo radio cassette recorder with three band graphic equalizer. Model PJ22.
Value \$199.95
Sale **\$99.95**

DOOR BUSTERS!!!
PIERRE CARDIN TRAVEL IRON
World wide foldable travel spray iron with teflon finish. Automatic dual voltage 120V/240V. Model 351.
Value \$24.95
Sale **\$12.95**
MURA
Personal AM/FM Stereo Receiver with ultra lightweight headset. Model HI-EX10. Value \$29.95
Sale **\$9.99**
CROWN
Compact stereo cassette player with headphones. Model CH-6
Value \$99.95
Sale **\$24.95**

Panasonic
Stereo Radio Cassette Recorder
FM/AM/FM with ambience stereo. AC/DC
Model RX-FM25
Value \$99.95
Sale **\$69.95**



TOSHIBA
4 Head VCR
Front loading, 16 function wireless remote. Model M-5400.
Value \$499.95
Sale **\$369.95**

Hurry in soon Sale ends November 16th

VIDEO SQUARE

POST OAK MALL
College Station
764-0993