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Debaters to host tourney, gain experience

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"Debate, perhaps more than any ther extracurricular activity, ridges the gap between academics An article in the and career" Chronicle of Higher Education.

Texas A&M's debate society has a chance to bridge that gap when it hosts 40 teams from all over the country for a debate tournament

"We want to show our campus to other students," said Wayne Kraemer, A&M's debate coach and a ecturer in speech communication. But, more importantly, we want to et the debate students observe how other students debate."

The experience of debating with students from other universities is important for debaters, Kraemer

So far this semester, Aggie debaters have competed in six debate tournaments, including three district bouts. District tournaments may be sponsored by any university in A&M's National Debate Tournament (NDT) district. This district contains five other states: Arkansas Oklahoma, Louisiana, Kansas and

A&M has five debate teams preparing for the 1986 annual national tournament in March at Dartmouth

Kraemer said the A&M teams are

place and a third place in two district debates. Another team won a third place in a district debate.

Last year, an A&M team qualified for the national tournament but did not make it to the final round. A&M won four debates and lost four debates. Usually it requires five wins to enter the final round, Kraemer said.

A&M has recently joined another form of debate organized by the Cross Examination Debate Association, Kreamer said.

The association ranked A&M first among five universities which re-cently joined the group. The ranking was judged by the teams' debate records through October.

Every year NDT determines a general topic on which all teams debate. The topic is usually broad so students can break it into many subtopics to prepare and debate throughout the year, Kraemer said.

Kraemer said his students have been debating under sub-topics such as dental education, death education, the no-pass no-play rule and foreign language education. He said students must research the topic before the debate and know how to present their material clearly while under pressure. Analyzing ability and reasoning skills are also impor-

Student leader profile

OCApresident Michelle Davis enjoying off-campus life

By MEG CADIGAN

Sam is one of the reasons Off-Campus Aggies President Michelle Davis enjoys living off-cam-

Sam, one of Davis' roommates, is a small tabby, which has many fans. Davis says even her parents, who were a little skeptical about

Sam at first, love the cat.

But being able to keep a pet isn't the only reason Davis gives for loving off-campus life.

"I lived on-campus just one summer and I really didn't like it," she says. "I prefer cooking for myself and having a lot of space to myself. The dorms are too cramped up.

Davis says she likes to be able to get away from school at the end

"A lot of people are on campus all day, and I don't know if I'd be able to stand it," Davis says. However, she says, living off-

campus isn't always a bed of You have a lot more room to clean up than in a dorm," she

Davis, now a senior, got in-



Michelle Davis

volved with OCA during the spring semester of her freshman year when she was an apartment council president. She was OCA treasurer and vice president her sophomore and junior years, respectively

"I just kind of stepped up each she says.

As OCA president, Davis is enthusiastic about her goal of get-ting OCA recognized by students. They've (OCA) been around

for seven years, and people don't know who they are," Davis says. She says OCA is not associated with the Off-Campus Center in

Puryear Hall, but many students don't know this.

We're the organization that lets the students have fun," Davis

Davis says she hasn't always been outgoing, and the idea of coming to a university the size of A&M was somewhat intimidating. But, she says, she took the advice of a high school counselor and applied to A&M.

"She (the counselor) said, 'you need a challenge,' and boy, was she right," Davis says. "The minute I came on campus I fell in love with it.'

It's easy to see Davis has lost her high school shyness. Now she leads meetings of up to 200 OCA members. She also takes part in the OCA Hogs bonfire cutting group.
"I've only missed two cuts this

year," Davis says proudly.

Davis is a business analysis ma-

jor, however she began her A&M career as a computer science ma-

"I spent two years in computer science and got wise and got out," Davis says. "Then I got into Bana and I really enjoy it.

hits Zachry

in the Zachry Engineering Center-that a bomb would explode in the building within two hours.

"It was a very short message," Chenoweth said. "He said he had

proctor Dan Drew, who called the University Police. Police arrived and

Officer Rick Flores said police searched the building where the public would have easy access while professors checked lab rooms and

classrooms. Chenoweth said he had an idea of

"There is a very strong suspicion that the person who called probably had a test that he or she had not pre-

At 5 p.m. Flores told students waiting outside that classes were cancelled but they could go back into

said, "My prof is real hard. I know he'll push us twice as hard next week to make up for this.



A caller Tuesday told a secretary

Dr. Robert D. Chenoweth, professor of electrical engineering, said the call came in about 2:30 p.m.

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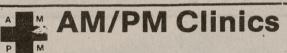
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pared for," Chenoweth said.

Zane Orr, an engineering major,





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ture, art, art history, Spanish, journalism, radio & TV, and music.

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★ There is a ten-day midsemester break for European travel.

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