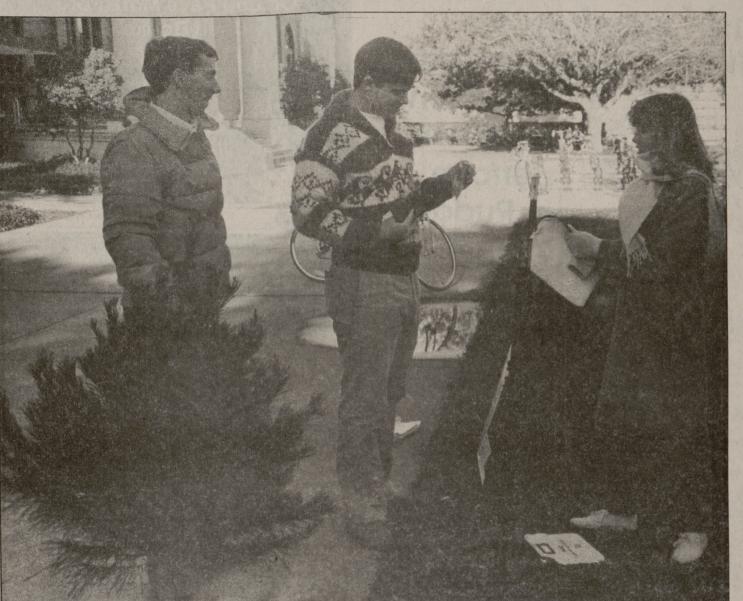
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The chilly weather puts some Christmas spirit into the hearts of Aggies. Lambda Sigma member Sheri Steele (right) sells Wes Wil-liams (center) and Steve Ash a Christmas tree. Lambda Sigma will be

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selling the trees all this week in front of Sbisa Dining Hall and the

A&M debate teastudent begins preparing A&M a year in advance

By KELLI THOMERSON Reporter

If most students think they spend too much time in the library studying, they need to think again

Members of the Texas A&M Debate Team spend an average of 20 hours every week researching and preparing for tournaments, says Wayne Kraemer, the team's coach.

"Preparation is over the entire year," Kraemer says. "At the end of the summer we get a debate topic that is selected by the debate coaches all across the nation, and we'll research that topic all year long.

The topic is announced in April and tournaments start in September.

The team debates on two different resolutions or areas, the National Debate Tournament and the Cross-Examination Debate Association, Kraemer say

The NDT resolution involves anything that requires a course of action, a policy, he says. CEDA is an offshoot of the NDT topic and deals with values instead of policy.

The debate focuses on the overlying values of the resolution instead of policies, Kraemer says. The CEDA resolution is for people who don't have as much time to do research as the people on NDT do, he says.

There are five two-man teams on each resolution. Each team first researches and writes arguments on the chosen topic. "Part of the research involves writ-

ing an affirmative case, which means we have to go out and research a problem area within the confines of the resolution," Kraemer says. "We then offer a workable solution for that problem and the advantages that teaches researching, reason lytical and logic skills. stem from specific solution.

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Astronomy club offers B-CS chance to see By JO BETH MURPHY Reporter

The Texas A&M Association of Amateur Astronomers will have tele-

scopes set up in a local park Friday and Saturday to give the community an opportunity to see Halley's Comet.

76.09 years because it takes the comet that long to orbit the sun.

Darrin Lewer, a co-founder of the ssociation, says it hopes to have at least four telescopes set up at South-wood Park at 1601 Rock Prairie Road in College Station. He says more telescopes might be available if the University's physics department is able to

loan them to the group. The eight-and 10-inch telescopes Halley's Comet is seen only every will be set up from 7 p.m. to midnight on the youth soccer fields. There is no charge to look through

arbituons will be used for equipment upkeep and repair and to fix up a dark-sky observing site, Lewer says. He says that members of the asso-tiation include people from the com-munity as well as A&M students. An interest in astronomical the telescopes or to get into the park, He says the telescopes and the

knowledge of the association's members are being provided for community awareness

'Basically, one of our functions is to help the community become aware of astronomy and astronomy events,"

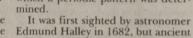
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If the weather is bad, the viewings will be called off, he says, which is what happened on the Nov. 16

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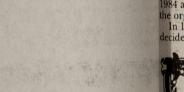


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Comets often were thought to be forewarnings of the actual cause of human or natural events and disas-

Lewer says clear weather is neces-



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