

# State and Local

## Provost approves student publication editors, producer

Dr. Gordon P. Eaton, provost and vice president for academic affairs, recently approved the nominations for *The Battalion* summer and fall editors, the 1987 *Aggieland* editor and the 1986-87 video yearbook producer.

The four were nominated April 4 by the Student Publications Board. Michelle Powe, the current *Battalion* editor, will continue to serve as editor for the summer. She has worked on *The Battalion* for three years and has been a staff writer, senior staff writer, assistant city editor, assistant news editor, opinion page editor and managing editor.

*Battalion's* first black editor, has worked on the paper for 1½ years. This semester she serves as news editor. She also has been a staff writer, copy editor and assistant news editor.

Molly Pepper, the 1987 *Aggieland* editor, has worked on the yearbook for two years. She has been an assistant in the *Aggieland's* organization section and editor of the classes section.

Ricky Telg will produce Texas A&M's first video yearbook, one of the few in the United States. A senior journalism major, he has worked at KBTX-TV in Bryan since August 1983.

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The Battalion summer editor



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The Battalion fall editor



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1986-87 Aggieland editor



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## Restaurant Report

By Brian Pearson  
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The restaurants listed below were inspected April 7 through April 9 by the Brazos County Health Department. The information is based on food service establishment inspection reports.

### SCORED 95 OR ABOVE:

- **Ramada Inn** at 410 Texas Ave. S. in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 96. The report showed a two-point violation because water and food needed to be cleaned off the bottom of the reach-in boxes. A one-point violation in the report was given because walls and tiles in kitchen areas needed repairing. Another one-point violation was given for trash under and behind kitchen appliances. The report said a follow-up inspection will be made in 30 days due to repeat violations.

- **Imperial Chinese Restaurant** at 1102 Harvey Road in Col-

lege Station was inspected by Mike Lester. Score — 95. Two points were subtracted in the report for food items stored on the floor of some coolers. Three one-point violations in the report were given for a scoop handle touching some food, a dirty shelf and table shelf and a floor tile needed repairing.

### SCORED BETWEEN 90 AND 94:

- **Aggieland Inn** at 1502 Texas Ave. S. in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 92. The report showed a four-point violation because some fly-proof screens needed to be installed. Two points in the report were subtracted for food stored in an "area subject to flooding." The report said a one-point violation was given because a hot water heater room needed cleaning. Another point in the report was subtracted for a wall that needed repairing.

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## Texans Yeisty tax battlers, officials say

### IRS: Southwest has most fraud cases

DALLAS (AP) — The rugged, lawless heritage of frontier days lives on in spirited battles between Texans and the Internal Revenue Service, giving the region some colorful tax evasion and fraud cases.

The IRS's eight-state Southwest region, including Texas, had the nation's highest ratio of tax trial convictions to guilty pleas, indicating people here are more willing to fight their case before a jury, federal officials say.

Last year, about 14 percent of the nation's 6,000 tax cases were initiated by prosecutors in this region.

According to Bob Davis, a prominent Dallas tax defense lawyer who worked as a tax prosecutor with the Justice Department in 1982 and 1983, "The people in Texas, especially North Texas, are more confident, more assertive and more willing to do battle with the government than any other part of the country."

He said it's no accident Dallas has the nation's only regional office of the Justice Department tax division.

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Tax battles in Dallas have included high-profile trials and, in some cases, spinoff charges of extortion and bribery.

Dallas-based Zale Corp., the world's largest retail jeweler, agreed to pay the government \$20.8 million in 1982 to settle a six-year investigation into what federal authorities first said was a \$78 million tax-avoidance scheme.

Zale acknowledged it owed some back taxes when it fired its treasurer, Sol Shearn Robinsky, in 1976, after

accusing him of misappropriating \$600,000.

But Rovinsky, a former IRS investigator, testified during his trial that the money he was accused of stealing was actually secret compensation for carrying out a series of tax-evasion schemes. He was acquitted.

Another notable Dallas-area case, concluded in 1983, was the longest criminal tax trial on record. After 20 weeks of testimony, a federal jury found that seven former Braniff International pilots, led by a national tax protest movement leader, had avoided paying taxes on about \$1 million in income from 1976 to 1979.

Prosecutors said the protest leader, Jerome Daly of Bloomington, Minn., convinced the pilots they could turn their salaries over to the Basic Bible Church of America, of which Daly was "pope and archbishop," and then exercise total exemption from federal taxes.

Daly was sentenced to 16 years in prison and fined \$95,000. The pilots received penalties ranging from 24 to 30 months in prison and fines of \$5,000.

Other notable Dallas cases include Lester Irvin Reeves, a member of the tax protest group Posse Comitatus, who filed a \$250,000 common law lien against the Denton County home of an IRS investigator in 1983.

In another case, John Murfin of Richardson argued in a 1979 trial that the IRS could not require him to report his income because paper dollars are not legal tender. Murfin based his claim on the fact the bills cannot be redeemed for gold or silver.

He was found guilty and received a 2½-year prison sentence.

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