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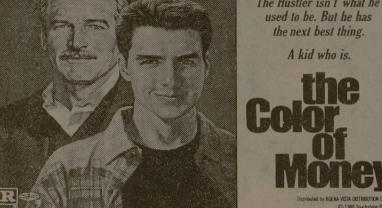
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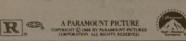
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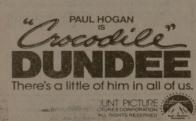
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'Underground' paper provides forum for unusual ideas at A&M

By David Betz Reporter

An underground society at Texas A&M is rarely heard from and sometimes considered non-existent, but The Scannapiecan, a monthly radicalmoderate publication, is proof that a few liberals are alive and well at A&M.

Marco Roberts, a senior political science major and the driving force behind the underground paper, calls the underground at A&M "almost non-

But, he says, A&M has elements that are out of the mainstream and *The Scannapiecan* (pronounced scan-a-peakin) is one of them.

The paper is named for Lynn Scannapieco, a former A&M student who Roberts says "did a lot to advance liberal causes at great personal cost." He says she left the area after Spring 1985. The writers, Roberts and Michael Bise, wrote a

description of the publication.

It's a paper that "seeks to provide Aggieland with news no one else will report (or probably cares about), an account of what is going on in the

Roberts, former president of Gay Student Services, says the aim of the paper is to provide an alternative forum for ideas.

We cover A&M events The Battalion won't cover." he says. "Originally there was a lot of gay stuff in the paper. (But) I'm trying to make sure it

doesn't become a gay paper."

The paper does support gay rights but is not a newsletter or medium for any particular organization — it's open to anything and will accept ideas and opinions from anyone, Roberts says.

Even though the paper isn't limited to liberal viewpoints, it occasionally appeals to the extremes, Roberts says. This explains the paper's claim of be-

ing "direct from the center fringe," he says.

The paper is "very radical about moderate issues," Roberts says jokingly. "The interesting thing about the paper is that it's not as left-wing as peo-

Most of the articles relate to A&M students, while editorials handle national and international

when Roberts published the first issue of *The* Scannapiecan in Janurary, only 12 people received

copies, he says, but since then circulate creased to 300 copies.

He says response to the paper has been "It's been almost unanimously positive,"

Overall, people have been very en The paper has a rumors column and a strips that Roberts says are popular with the ers and each issue always has at least one

graph of something amusing. Roberts says the underground publica encountered some problems especially wi

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cial support. The staff, he explains, is not very a when it comes to selling ads and advents negative view of *The Scannapiecan* when first published because it stressed gay

"Not many businesses want to be Roberts says. "So far, most of the fine come from me.' A small amount of money also cor

30 people who subscribe to the paper, he Roberts adds that the paper was distri every month, but says that may soon tha

A&M offers GED program to workers

By Polly Bell Reporter

The Texas A&M Physical Plant is offering a General Educational Development Training Program for its employees to address the increasing problem of U.S. adult illiteracy.

GED classes are held during regular work hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Physical Plant training and information office

About 20 employees have graduated since the program began in January, and 19 are enrolled in the

Planning for the program began in December. At that time custodial supervisor Shirley Wineman and Gene Voelkel of the Physical Plant's Training and Information Office approached Dr. Don Seaman in the College of Education and Alonzo Wood, director of the Community Education Center for the College Station Independent School District, for help in setting up the program.

The College Station Community

Education Program provided two instructors at no cost to the University. Individuals pay \$10 for training materials and a standard testing fee

of \$4 for every GED test they take. To receive a GED certificate, individuals must pass tests in math, science, social studies, reading and

Voelkel said employees who want to participate in the program are pre-tested with priority given to those who can complete the training

Our program right now doesn't address the marginally literate,"

Series to aid viewers in preparing for test

By Leigh Ann Rogers Reporter

"Operation Second Chance," a new series of television programs designed to help viewers prepare for General Educational Development tests, begins Saturday on KAMU-TV, Texas A&M's public television station. KAMU Program Director Rodger Lewis said the goal

of the program is to help the estimated 25 percent of local residents over age 25 who did not complete high

"We're striving to call attention to the free classes in the area," Lewis said. "A lot of adults who didn't grad-uate from high school may be ready to take the GED, but they don't know it. A person can go to a class in their area and take a pre-test, then a teacher will eval-uate the skill they need to work on or tell them if they are ready to take the GED now

"The biggest obstacle we have to overcome is the fear and embarrassment people have because they don't have their diploma or can't read or write.

'Also, people think they have to wait until a certain time to start the program, but you can start the program anytime. Teachers are at the classes to give individualized help to students."

The television series consists of 43 programs pro-

duced by the Kentucky Educational Telesswork. KAMU will broadcast the program Samu ternoons at 5 p.m. Lewis said he has also shathree repeats of each program on McCaw Caller. new Channel 31.

Channel 31 repeats will be at 2 p.m. and 9 pm. days and 10 a.m. Mondays so viewers have found to see every program.

Each program covers a basic skill in math, science, social studies or writing. The program deo dramatization to illustrate literature and math to everyday situations, Lewis said.

He said students watch the programs an plete exercises that correlate to the program Project Second Chance at KAMU a ral service for local people interested in the G number is 845-5689.

The televised GED classes are free and all fered for one year throughout Brazos Counts.

Judy Tipton, producer of the GED sea.

"These programs are different in that we producerary videos somewhat like MTV videos. Weight rator who is actually reading the words of the with the story being acted out by actors who recall."

Voelkel said. "We're addressing the pre-GED level — those who dropped out of high school."

The long-term objective is to motivate people in the marginally literate area to reach the pre-GED level,

Wineman said feedback received from supervisors indicates the graduates have an improved sense of self-worth, higher motivation, greater productivity and less diffi-

culty performing individual tasks. Voelkel agreed, saying, "It's a situation where everyone wins. Workers feel better about themselves and we get a more qualified worker."

"I just hope to run the program as long as there are Physical Plant employees who want to go to the extra

effort to obtain a GED."

Claira Moore, a recent 65-yearold graduate, said she thought it
would be beneficial to get her GED

even at her age.
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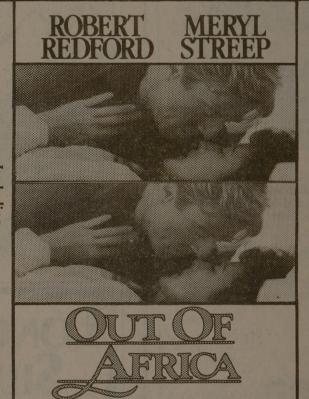
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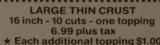
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