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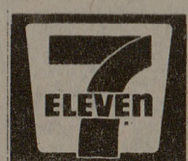
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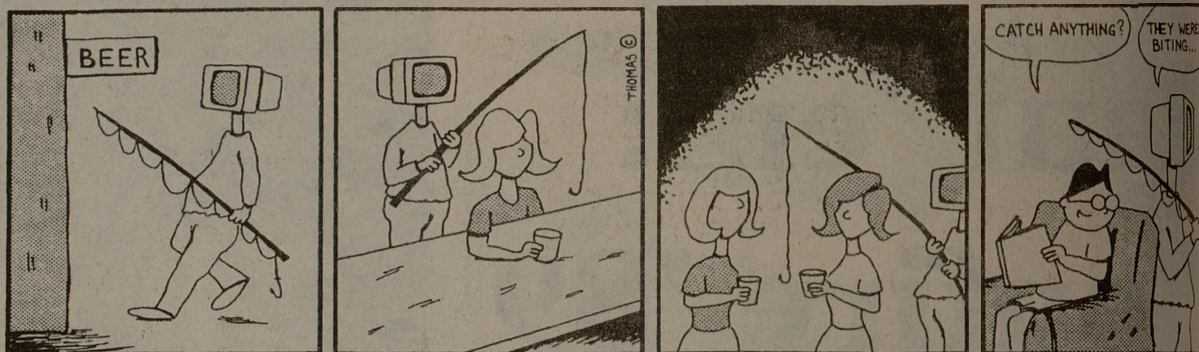
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**Circus Vargas to perform
at Brazos County Arena**

By Todd Stone

Of The Battalion Staff

Featuring jugglers, wild animals and a flying trapeze act, Circus Vargas returns to Bryan-College Station with performances at the Brazos County Arena this Friday through Sunday.

The Circus Vargas big top, which is the size of a football field, is the world's largest tent. The tent-raising will be open to the public at 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

Circus Vargas features exotic animals such as elephants, tigers and chimpanzees, and all performers are clad in outrageous costumes.

Circus Vargas features two juggling acts: The Osmani sisters, a mother-daughter team, and Los Fernandes, another family unit. Both acts juggle everything from balls and frisbees to hoops and pins.

Ingrid Osmani of The Osmani Sisters is not only a performer, but she is also the Circus Vargas accountant. Osmani has two daughters, Diana and Katia, who also perform as a part of The Osmani Sisters.

Circus Vargas also features 9-year-veteran Joe Pon, who serves as ringmaster and stage manager of the show.

Circus Vargas is celebrating its 20th anniversary and now averages

600 performances in over 100 cities a year. More than two million people see Circus Vargas a year.

Showtimes are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

A two-for-one special is being offered for A&M faculty and students for the opening night performance on Friday. To qualify for this special, present your I.D. at the Rudder Box Office. There is also a \$2.50 discount with possession of an A&M University of Houston ticket stub for any performances after the game on Saturday and Sunday.

**New thesaurus
lists historic
phrases, slang**

NEW YORK (AP) — At first glance, it would seem that the only difference between "blowup" and "blow up" is just a thin space.

Not so, according to the "Thesaurus of American Slang" (Harper & Row), edited by Robert L. Chapman, which lists "America's most important contemporary and historic slang words and phrases" along with their synonyms.

The entry for "blowup" — defined as "a fit of anger" — shows 13 different ways of saying it, including "lather," "stew" and "tantrum." Blow up — "to exaggerate the importance of" — gets only seven entries, among them "make a big deal" and "pump up."

If you want to call someone "dumb" — "stupid; mentally sluggish" — but don't want to use that word, the thesaurus offers a selection of 129 other ways to say it, including "dizzy," "dopey" and "three bricks shy of a load."

But if you want to compliment someone by attributing "smarts" — "intelligence, competence" — to him, only nine alternates are listed, among them "brains," "savvy" and "something on the ball."

And, now it's time to shut up — "to be quiet; stop talking" — or "bottle it," "dry up," "zip one's lip."

Aggie Flashback

The following information was gathered from past issues of *The Battalion* and reflects issues that occurred during this week in A&M's history.

10 years ago — Seven-thousand ticket holders for the A&M and University of Houston football game were out of luck. The newly renovated but unfinished Kyle Field sported a capacity for only 57,000 spectators although 64,000 game tickets had already been sold. The scheduled completion date of the stadium was pushed back because of poor weather and equipment failure. Those students without seats were left standing on the track or watching the game on closed-circuit television in G. Rollie White Coliseum. About 800 parking spaces were lost with the enlargement of Kyle Field.

25 years ago — *The Battalion* was rebuked at Yell Practice after printing a story about female A&M students contributing a log to Bonfire. Coeducation at A&M was still controversial.

50 years ago — Aggies could buy football tickets to the Texas Christian University game in Fort Worth for \$1.10 with their coupon books or pay \$2.50 per ticket without the coupon.

75 years ago The editor of the *The Battalion* printed an article suggesting that the newspaper consider changing its name to *The Sentinel*. It was thought that the name *The Battalion* misrepresented the size of the College. Apparently some outside readers of the paper believed the College had only one battalion of cadets.

roommate

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doctor did. Start taking your shoe off. That get's 'em every time."

"What an idiot," my roommate mumbled. "I can't believe it."

I was shocked. Sure, Luther was no genius, but he wasn't an idiot either. I couldn't believe that he had so little self confidence.

"No, I'm going to tell the truth,"

my roommate stated flatly. "I've got to do it. There's no other way."

"Oh Gaaaad!" I exclaimed. "You can't mean it. That's ATROCIOUS! The truth never works."

But, despite my advice, Luther went to his professor and told her the truth: He simply had not known about the test because he had missed class so many times.

It worked. He got to take a make-up test.

It just goes to show you — sometimes even geniuses can be wrong.