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## A&M drill team claims top honors

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The Texas A&M Freshman Drill Team took first place overall Saturday in a Tulane University drill team competition in New Orleans.

Justin Hood, senior adviser of the drill team, said the group won first place in the inspection and platoon basic phase, the platoon exhibition phase and the individual exhibition phase.

They won second place in squad basic phase, he said. Twenty ROTC drill teams attended the competition.

The inspection and platoon basic phase involves three squadrons and their commanding

officers and is judged on basic marching commands and weapon drill.

The squad basic phase is the same but involves only one squadron.

The third phase, platoon exhibition, consists of blocks of four squadrons, with six cadets in each and their commanding officers. Squadrons march in front of judges for seven to nine minutes. They are graded on complexity, originality and difficulty.

One cadet performs drills during the individual exhibition phase. John White, a freshman environmental design major from Denton who is in Squadron 1, won first place.

The drill team travels to competitions

throughout the school year. This competition included drill teams from Auburn University, North Georgia University and the University of Florida at Jacksonville.

"We are proud of them," Hood said. "They usually do well at competitions."

Upperclassmen were members of other drill teams at the Tulane competition, but the A&M drill team is made up of freshmen. Hood said that, for this reason, the drill team should receive special recognition.

The drill team practices every weekday afternoon and on Saturdays.

The team will sponsor a competition March 24 in the Zachry parking lot. Ten teams will attend.

## Bryan police search for burglary suspects

Two men "jimmied" the lock of a Bryan Police Department patrol car door and stole a moving radar unit valued at \$1,800, according to a Crime Stoppers report.

The report says the crime occurred at 3:20 a.m. Feb. 2 in the 2400 block of Memorial Drive in Bryan. A witness saw a vehicle drive slowly through a parking lot and stop adjacent to a Bryan patrol car that was parked for the night.

The witness observed two men get out of the vehicle and approach the patrol car. The men quickly "jimmied" the door locks and removed the K-band moving radar unit inside. They drove off toward Broadmoor Street.

The witness described the suspects' vehicle as a light-colored two-door car, possibly a Ford Escort. Police officials report the radar was a MPHS80 model with the serial number 82567.

This week the Bryan Police De-



partment and Crime Stoppers need your help in identifying the person(s) responsible for this burglary. If you have information that could be helpful, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS.

When you call, Crime Stoppers will assign you a special coded number to protect your identity. If your call leads to an arrest and grand jury indictment, Crime Stoppers will pay you up to \$1,000 in cash.

Crime Stoppers also pays cash for information on any felony crime or the location of any wanted fugitive.

## Rodeo sellout strengthens city economy

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials are pointing to seven sellouts in an enlarged Astrodome and record high prices for the grand champion and reserve champion steers as proof the city's economy is again strong.

"If the rest of the nation had it in their mind that we were down, they better have it in their mind that Houston is back," Dan Gattis, general manager of the livestock show, said Sunday after winding up a two-week run.

Gattis said livestock show officials already are preparing for their next bash, a special rodeo in July for world leaders arriving in Houston for the International Economic Summit hosted by President Bush.

The just-completed rodeo, in an Astrodome enlarged in the last year by 6,736 seats, attracted 784,483 people, up 9.2 percent from a year ago. Overall livestock show attendance grew to 1.32 million, a jump of 6.6 percent.

Seven rodeo performances topped the 50,000-spectator mark, including the 55,983 people Saturday night who jammed the stadium to set an indoor rodeo attendance record.

## Class of 1990 casts votes for senior gift preference

### Students may choose from six options this week

By ANDY KEHOE  
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Voting for the senior class gift began Monday and will continue through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the MSC Flagroom and the foyer of the Blocker Building. Only seniors in the Class of '90 may cast a vote.

Seniors may vote for up to two of the following gifts. The six choices this year include:

- A new ceremonial mace (a staff with a metal head) to be used in the graduation ceremony.
- An endowed gift to the Texas A&M Muster. Muster is considered to be an expensive tradition, and money would be given to cover some of the cost.
- An endowed gift to the Sterling C. Evans Library.
- An endowed opportunity award (scholarships, eligibility requirements to be decided later).
- Money to improve the campus lighting, with money to maintain the new lighting.
- An environmental memorial donation (a tree planting with a plaque).

Gift suggestions were taken from the senior class and school administrators. Preliminary research was done on all suggestions by the Class of '90 Gift Committee. The suggestions were eventually narrowed down to the remaining six.

"A lot of the gift suggestions were too expensive," Kristin Hay, Class of '90 Gift Chair, said. "Also, a lot of them dealt with the MSC, which is not very accessible due to construction."

The senior class gift is paid for by the senior class, with most of the money coming from Senior Weekend,

the Ring Dance, the Howdy Dance, Senior Bash, private donations and T-shirt sales.

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Last year's senior class gifts were the class ring statue on display in the MSC Flagroom and an endowment to

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the Evans Library.

Other notable senior class gifts include the Eternal Flame from 1983, the Twelfth Man statue in Kyle Field from 1980 and the "Welcome to Aggieland" lettering in Kyle Field from the Class of '88.

Hay said the senior gift usually serves two purposes.

"You want to give something that will benefit the overall University," Hay said. "You also want to give something that will serve as a memento of your class."

## Union seeks alternate bargain with Greyhound

DALLAS (AP) — The union representing striking Greyhound bus drivers on Monday asked the company to return to the bargaining table to end the four-day-old walkout against the United States' only nationwide bus system.

In another development, sources speaking on condition of anonymity said Greyhound Lines Inc. was losing some of the drivers it had hired to replace strikers.

The strike has been marred by violence and vandalism since 6,300 drivers and more than 3,000 office and maintenance workers walked out early Friday. Shots have been fired at buses, and a striking driver was killed Saturday when he was crushed by a bus backing up to get around a picket line.

Union officials on Monday sent a message to Greyhound Chairman

Fred G. Currey requesting a meeting with him as soon as possible.

The message asked Currey to contact Ed Strait, president of the Amalgamated Council of Greyhound Local Unions, or Jim La Sala, international president of the Amalgamated Transit Union.

Greyhound spokesman George Gravley said the company tried but failed to contact La Sala after receiving the request Monday, and is again awaiting word from the union.

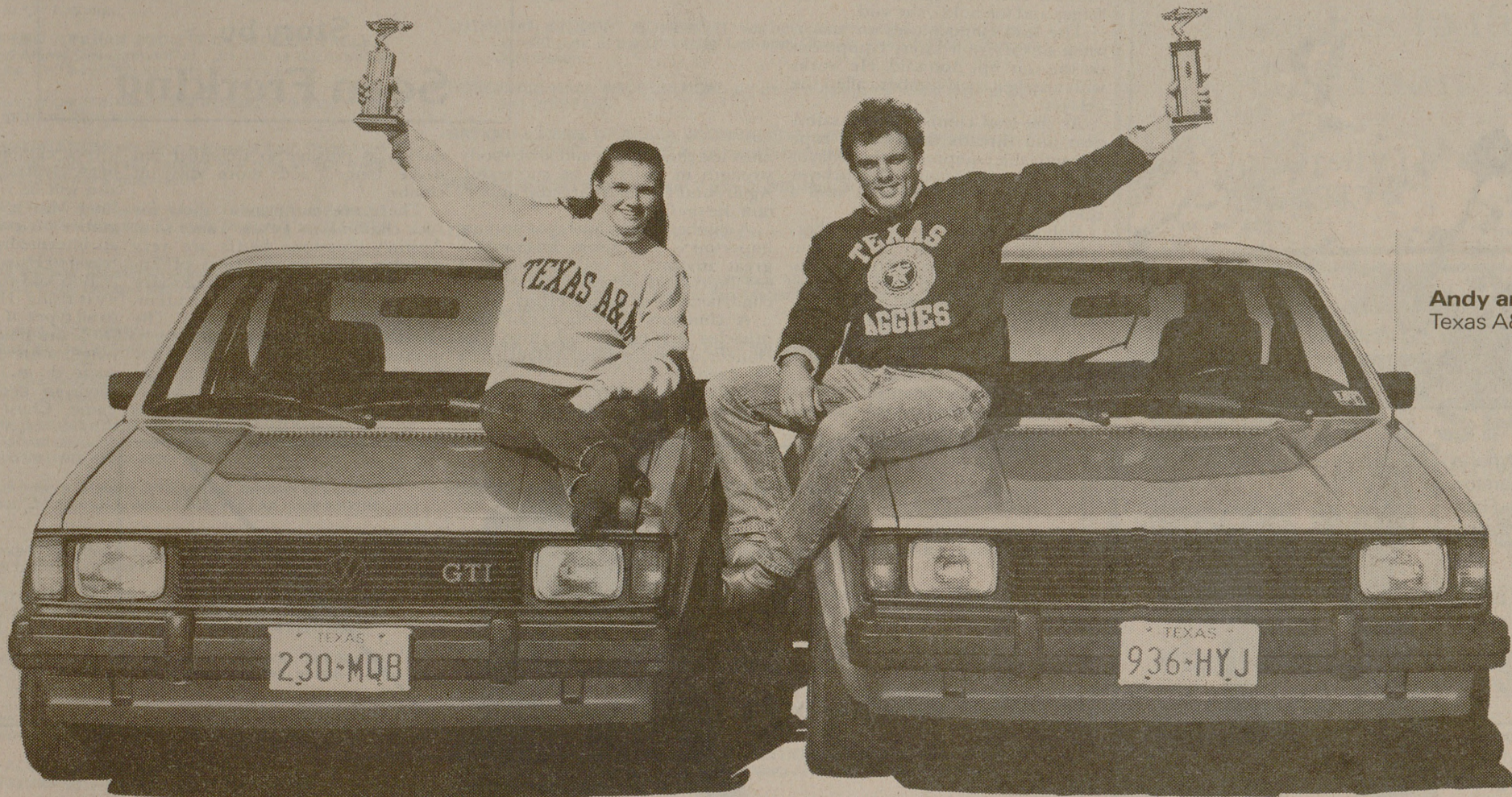
There have been no formal negotiations since talks broke off early Friday.

Strait met briefly Friday night with P. Anthony Lannie, Greyhound's executive vice president and chief negotiator.

Union spokesman Jeffrey Nelson would not say Monday if the drivers had a revised offer to make to the company.

## ON CAMPUS

**"Pizzas, trophies and road trips—our Volkswagens deliver."**



Andy and Liza Keene  
Texas A&M University

Andy and Liza Keene, students at Texas A&M, talk about their silver Volkswagen GTI's.

"My husband Andy and I bought our first GTI in Texas and drove directly to Boston. A few days later we turned around and headed back to Texas, by way of Arizona. That cross country trip was all it took. We liked the car so much we decided to buy a second one."

"Volkswagens have a unique feel that no other

cars have," explained Andy. And he should know. Andy's been racing his GTI on the Autocross circuit for years and he has a shelf full of trophies to prove it. When Andy isn't racing, he's delivering pizzas to A&M students. "I don't know what's more challenging—racing Autocross or delivering those pizzas before they get cold."

Together, the Keenes' Volkswagens have logged over 200,000 miles. They love their GTI's

parked side by side. But we don't know how much longer they can keep them together. Right after we took this photo, Andy ran off to look at a new 1990 Jetta GLI 16V.



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