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## Sweetheart rings symbolize love

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Before women were admitted to Texas A&M in 1963, cadets could give their girlfriends "sweetheart" rings as a symbol of affection.

Myrna Rosser, administrative secretary for external affairs at the College of Medicine, received her ring in 1972, 12 years after her husband Terry graduated.

The Rossers met in high school and married when Terry was a junior at A&M, but they could not afford to buy the ring in 1960, she says.

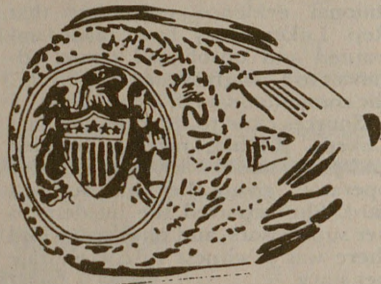
The miniature senior rings are similar to the women's senior rings of today.

"Everything is just like his ring except miniature," Rosser says.

But she likes to make sure it is not mistaken for a senior ring.

"I'm proud it's a sweetheart ring," she says.

Although she never attended A&M, she feels like part of the University.



"I got my P.H.T. degree," she jokes. "Pushing Hubby Through!" Sweetheart rings are a tradition in military schools, she says. Some cadets had diamonds put in the rings and became engaged.

The rings first appeared at A&M in 1944 and were discontinued in 1972 after women were admitted in the 1960s.

"The ring has always meant a great deal to me," she says. "It's a nice tradition, but personally I'm thrilled that A&M became coed."

The Rossers' three daughters all attended A&M.

## Stars and stripes

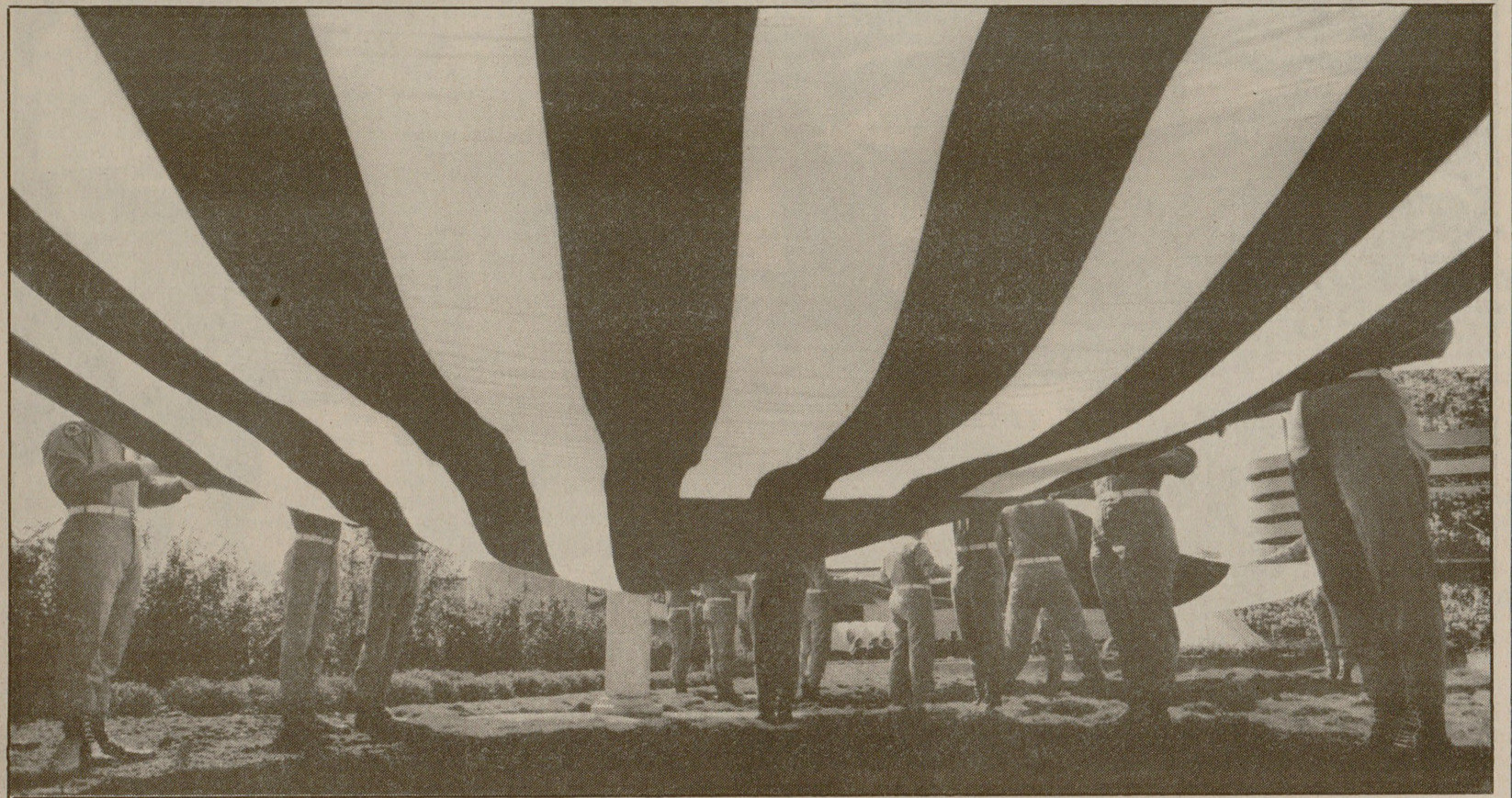


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The strong south wind made it a challenge for the Corps Color Guard as they spread out the American flag to be raised before

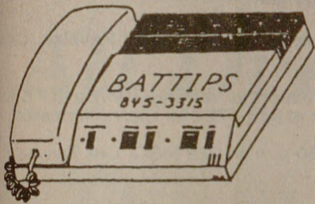
the Texas A&M vs. Baylor game at Kyle Field. A&M and Baylor tied, dropping A&M from the top 25 poll

## CORRECTION

In Monday's Lifestyles section of The Battalion, pictures of the Ross Volunteers were published with a story about the Fish Drill Team.

Junior Mark Pinkerton also was incorrectly identified. He is, in fact, a member of the RVs.

## BATTIPS



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Ideas can include news stories, feature ideas and personality profiles of interesting people.

## University police seek leads on computer theft

Brazos County Crime Stoppers is seeking information about a Sept. 28 burglary at Texas A&M's Harvey R. Bright Building.

University police say a person(s) forcibly entered a laboratory in the aerospace department in the Bright Building sometime overnight on Friday, Sept. 28.

The person(s) disconnected and stole a Computer Access 486 Upright Processor with a keyboard

and a Loop VGA monitor.

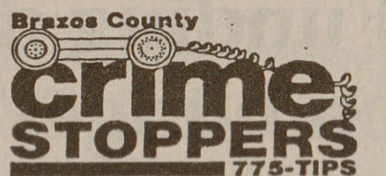
Officials say two specialized analytical processing boards were in the machine, making its value more than \$17,000. The processor was marked on the front in red ink with AMU#0876526.

University Police Department detectives believe the person(s) were familiar with the layout and operations of the lab and plan to use the computer for personal use or trade

it to someone else.

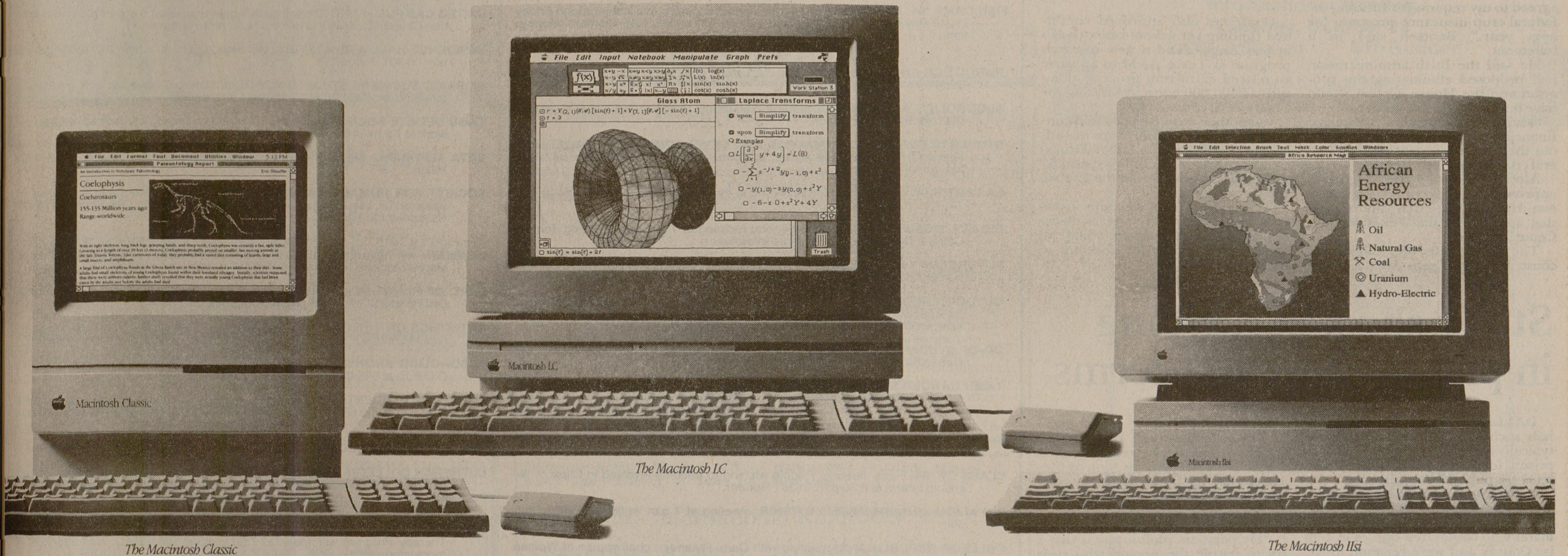
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