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Haunting Horror

Halloween goblins infest movie screens.

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Record breaker



A&M running back Darren Lewis (25) celebrates with teammates Robert Wilson (left) and Bucky Richardson (7) after he broke the Southwest Conference all-time rushing record. Lewis, from Dallas Carter, finished the game with 4,453 career yards.

S&L documents reported missing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dozens of letters are missing from the special file of correspondence from members of Congress to savings and loan regulators, according to the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Most of the letters were written by lawmakers on behalf of constituents who complained about problems in their dealings with S&Ls, such as accounts that were transferred from one thrift to another as the result of mergers.

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senators and representatives who sent them. The thrift supervision office, the federal agency created by last year's S&L bailout legislation, keeps the letters for its own use and opens them to members of the public by appointment.

There is no supervision of people perusing the letters, which are kept in an area of OTS' Washington headquarters that is out of view of agency employees.

Nancy Cohen, OTS' director of congressional correspondence, said she is aware of at least one entire file that is missing. Each file contains dozens of letters written by a member of Congress arranged in chro-

nological order.

Cohen declined to say what file is missing or who may be suspected of taking it.

The agency has only one copy of each letter in the centralized archives, although individual regulators may have kept their own copies, Cohen said.

"I know something's missing and it really bothers me," she said. "I think it's real important to the agency" to make the files secure, she added, saying she has complained about the situation to high-level OTS officials.

"There is a problem; we're trying to address the problem," Robert Schermund, director of public affairs for OTS, said.

S&L contributions and the role of

Soviet multiparty elections mark changes in republic

TBILISI, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Voters in Georgia flocked to the polls Sunday for parliamentary elections expected to pave the way for the southern Soviet republic's independence.

About 35 parties, most of them grouped into coalitions, were taking part in the contest, the first true multiparty elections in Soviet history. At stake were 250 seats in the republic's Supreme Soviet legislature.

Non-Communists have been elected in several cities and republics elsewhere in the Soviet Union. But Sunday's race marked the first time that formal parties, created under new Soviet laws, have competed and were listed on the ballot.

Long lines formed at ballot boxes both in Tbilisi, the capital, and in the surrounding countryside. There are about 3 million eligible voters.

Official results of the balloting were not expected until the end of the week, the official Soviet news agency, Tass, reported.

Maguli Latariya cast her ballot dressed from head to foot in black mourning clothes. Her 16-year-old daughter was one of 19 Georgians killed on April 19, 1989, when Soviet troops used sharpened shovels to break up a peaceful nationalist demonstration in downtown Tbilisi.

The incident fired strong sentiment for independence from Moscow. Even the ruling Communist Party of Georgia was forced to adopt independence as part of its political platform.

Latariya wept as she cast her ballot. It was "as if my daughter's voice was telling me what to do," she said.

She said she voted for the Round Table for a Free Georgia, the

largest non-Communist bloc.

The head of the Round Table, Zviad Gamsakhurdia, standing near Latariya, nodded with approval as she spoke to reporters in School No. 50 in Tbilisi's Mtatsminda district.

Gamsakhurdia said that his coalition of seven political parties would win up to 70 percent of the legislative seats if the elections are fair.

A poll released by the Sociological Center of the Georgian Academy of Sciences a week before the election suggested the Communist Party was supported by 32 percent of the voters, with 21 percent backing the Round Table and the rest divided among other non-Communist groups.

Many voters said the Communists had gained ground because they represented stability.

Israel bans about 8,000 Palestinians

JERUSALEM (AP) — Most Palestinians returned to work in Israel Sunday after a four-day ban, but some found they had lost their jobs to Jews and others were turned back at roadblocks.

Police had new orders barring Arabs with a record of hostile activity against Israel. About 8,000 Palestinians carry green identity cards that ban them from Israel as security risks, according to the daily Haaretz.

"We will increase the list of those not allowed into Israel," Shmuel Goren, government coordinator in the territories, said on Sunday.

The Cabinet, meanwhile, left its police minister to decide the fate of senior police officers criticized by an official inquiry into the Oct. 8 killings of 20 Palestinians.

The killings on Jerusalem's hallowed Temple Mount prompted a wave of Arab-Jewish clashes inside Israel, leading to the four-day closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The closure was lifted Sunday. But Defense Minister Moshe Arens warned he might reimpose it if violence continues.

"I hope we won't have to take such a step," he said on army radio. "There are tens of thousands who work in Israel who are trustworthy ... and we want to allow them to make an honorable living."

The U.N. Security Council has passed two resolutions condemning Israel: one for the shooting and one for rejecting a U.N. investigative team.

Israel has said its own investigation was sufficient.

Wave tank dedicated to research, teaching

The United States' largest wave tank for teaching, research and industrial use opened Saturday in the Offshore Technology Research Center at Texas A&M's Research Park.

A&M and University of Texas officials joined petroleum industry executives in dedicating the \$30 million research center and its new facility.

The wave tank, a joint academic and research project between A&M and UT, was built to simulate offshore tidal and wind conditions to test the stability of offshore structures.

The center of the new facility is a 100-foot long, 150-foot wide, and

20-foot deep wave tank which can be programmed to produce multi-directional waves for use in testing structures such as oil platforms.

The \$6.5 million wave tank was built by the state and offshore petroleum industries.

The Offshore Technology Research Center, partially funded by the National Science Foundation, researches ways to explore and produce deepwater petroleum in an environmentally safe manner.

John Flipse, director of the center, said initial research will focus on the potential of several large petroleum reservoirs 6,000 to 10,000 feet deep in the Gulf of Mexico.

Senate confirms appointment Chancellor Adkisson to serve on science board

The U.S. Senate confirmed President Bush's appointment last week of Texas A&M University System Chancellor Dr. Perry Adkisson to the National Science Board.

Adkisson, also a distinguished professor of entomology at A&M, first was appointed to the Board in 1985 by President Reagan.

The National Science Board establishes policy for the National Science Foundation, which was founded to strengthen research in U.S. universities.

The 24-member Board is the only federal body with responsibility for research in the United States.

Board members are selected for distinguished service in science, medicine, engineering, agriculture, education, research management, public affairs or industry.

Adkisson, who joined A&M in 1958, is internationally renowned for research achievements in insect pest management and crop protection.

Other honors include being the first A&M faculty member elected to the National Academy of Sciences for research conducted at A&M and membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

In addition to formal reports to the president and Congress, the Board submits to the president its views on scientific and engineering subjects of major importance to the nation.

The Board also is considered an integral part of the science policy and management structure of the federal government's executive branch.

A&M creates first women's dance team

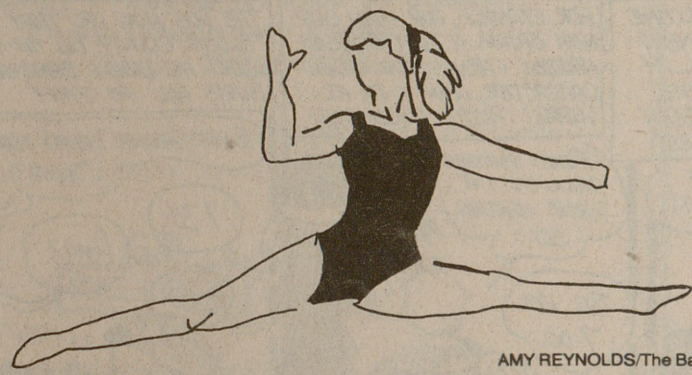
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Five, six, seven, eight ... DANCE!
Twenty-three female students were chosen Monday as members of the 1990-91 Texas A&M dance team — the University's first recognized dance troupe.

A&M students Terry Valladarez and Mary Lou Armador decided A&M needed a dance team after RHA Casino Dancers received a great response during annual Parents' Weekend performances.

The team, which performs kick, jazz and a variety of other dance routines, already is booked for performances ranging from sports to special events.

The group's first scheduled performance will be at halftime during the Nov. 28 basketball game between



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A&M and Oklahoma.

"Our goal is to win a national dance competition," junior Dance Captain Valladarez said.

She said the dance team contributes not only to the woman's image

at A&M, but also to the entire University. A&M is one of the last schools in the Southwest Conference to organize a recognized dance team.

Valladarez and Armador said the team's evolution, however, has

caused both negative and positive reactions.

"One thing people keep telling us is that a dance team is breaking tradition at A&M," Armador said. "We like them to think about it as a start of a new tradition."

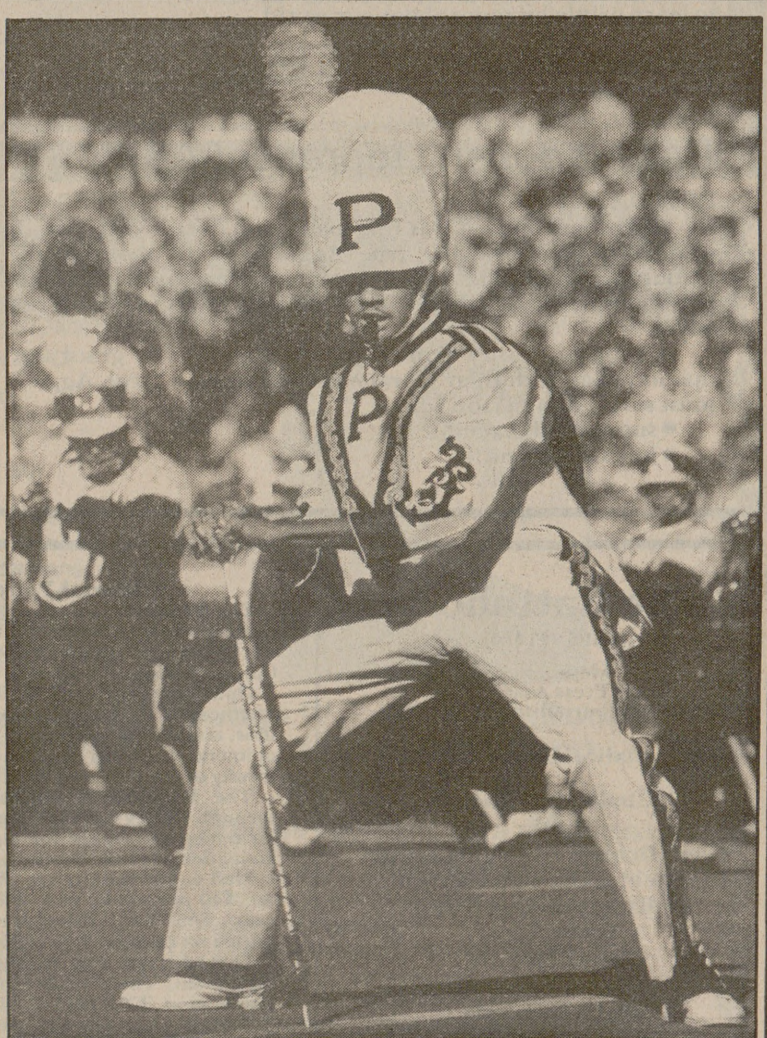
Mike Carrusso, Athletic Department publicity director, said he is pleased with A&M's dance team.

"There is nothing new about it, actually, because we have always had dancers come and perform for various sports events," he said. "Now, we can have a team that will represent A&M."

The team, under the direction of faculty advisers Kirstin Brekken and Shawnee Jones, practices four nights a week for two hours.

Brekken said the dance team is not a showcase to promote its members, but is meant to represent and promote the University.

Steppin' out



HUY THANH NGUYEN/The Battalion

Drum major Elton McWashington leads the Prairie View A&M marching band in a performance at the A&M vs. Rice halftime.