

# Student sends U.S. troops small piece of Aggieland

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One Texas A&M student is taking it upon himself to help relieve loneliness felt by U.S. soldiers in the Middle East.

Mark Lackey, a senior industrial distribution major, decided to put together a colossal care package after his brother stationed on the John F. Kennedy Air Craft Carrier in the Red Sea complained about boredom and loneliness.

Knowing many soldiers stationed on the carrier are Aggies, Lackey designed the care package specifically for them by including various A&M items.

"Frank Shan with the 12th Man Foundation gave me tapes of the Aggie Football team playing against Hawaii, Tech and Rice," he says. "He also gave me Aggie hats and A&M press guides to send to the soldiers."

Lackey says he wanted to get more people involved in sending the soldiers gifts and messages so he asked a third-grade class at College Hills Elementary School for help.

"I wanted to get kids involved because I think it would be a good relief for the guys," he says. "Also, the kids were pretty sharp and they knew what was going on and the guys might think that is kind of neat."

**"I want to let them know we are thinking about them and that we appreciate all they are doing for us."**

— Mark Lackey, senior

Lackey videotaped students singing and sending messages. One student, Arturo Alonzo, gave a thorough weather report of Texas and of the United States.

Third grader Dennis Winckler of College Station says he wanted U.S. troops to know how he feels about the Middle East crisis.

"I feel great that they are trying to help us defend the president and to stop the people of Iraq," Winckler says. "And I hope they get back safe and sound."

Winckler's classmate Hayley Brown says she wants to wish soldiers good luck.

The College Hills Elementary third-grade class sent homemade items such as Aggie joke books, pens, paper and self-addressed envelopes.

Lackey's project was motivated by his deep appreciation for the soldiers' courage in the Middle East.

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## Bush signs budget bill

HOUSTON (AP) — President Bush urged voters Monday to "get out there and vote," as he ended a midterm election campaign marked by mixed messages and squabbling among his advisers. Just hours before a midnight deadline, Bush signed the \$492 billion deficit reduction plan.

Bush signed the controversial five-year package of tax and spending cuts, whose tortured passage last month plunged his administration into disarray, when he returned from dinner at a local restaurant.

The president also signed the 13 appropriations bills that provide money for the government for the next 11 months.

The budget package, including \$140 billion in new taxes, caused the president considerable political damage within his own party, and White House advisers had worked hard to move voters' attention off the budget fiasco.

## CORRECTION

A story in Monday's issue of The Battalion incorrectly identified dates of Greek Week events and where tickets can be purchased.

Children from the Brazos Valley Boys and Girls Club will meet Greek members Wednesday at the mall. A picnic for fraternity and sorority members is scheduled today.

Tickets are available this week in the MSC and Blocker.

## Registration by telephone continues

Touch-tone telephone registration by classification began Thursday and will continue until Nov. 27.

Twenty minutes are allowed to register once the system has been accessed. The system automatically disconnects after 20 minutes, but students can redial and continue until they complete registration.

Open registration, and drop and add by phone is Nov. 28 through Dec. 14 and Jan. 2 to 17. The system will be available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., excluding weekends.

For more information regarding registration, consult the Spring 1991 class schedule.

Graduate students can Q-drop through Friday for fall semester classes.

### Scheduling tips

The Texas A&M Department of Modern and Classical Languages wants students to be aware certain sections of Spanish, German and French 101 and 102 are reserved for bachelor of arts students only.

BA students can register for any section, but candidates for other degrees are limited to non-reserved sections.

The department will enforce this policy at the end of preregistration and again at the end of late registration by removing all students in violation.

Non-BA students who already have registered for reserved sections need to make schedule changes.

Seniors needing English 104 or 301 to graduate in May should register for these classes as soon as possible.

The writing program is being restructured, and temporary shortages of these classes could occur during the spring.

Dr. Lawrence Mitchell, Department of English head, says reorganization of the program will be complete by fall 1991.

Graduating seniors who want to register for closed sections should come by the English department, but must show present proof of graduation status. Advisement times will be posted outside the English department main office.

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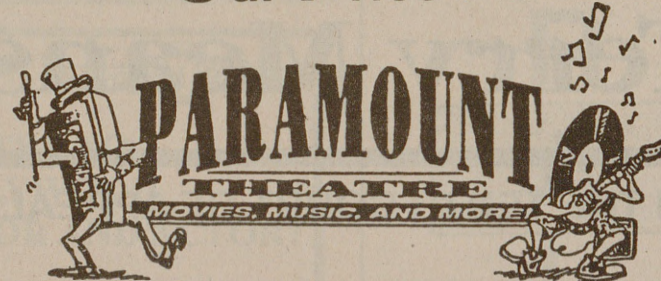
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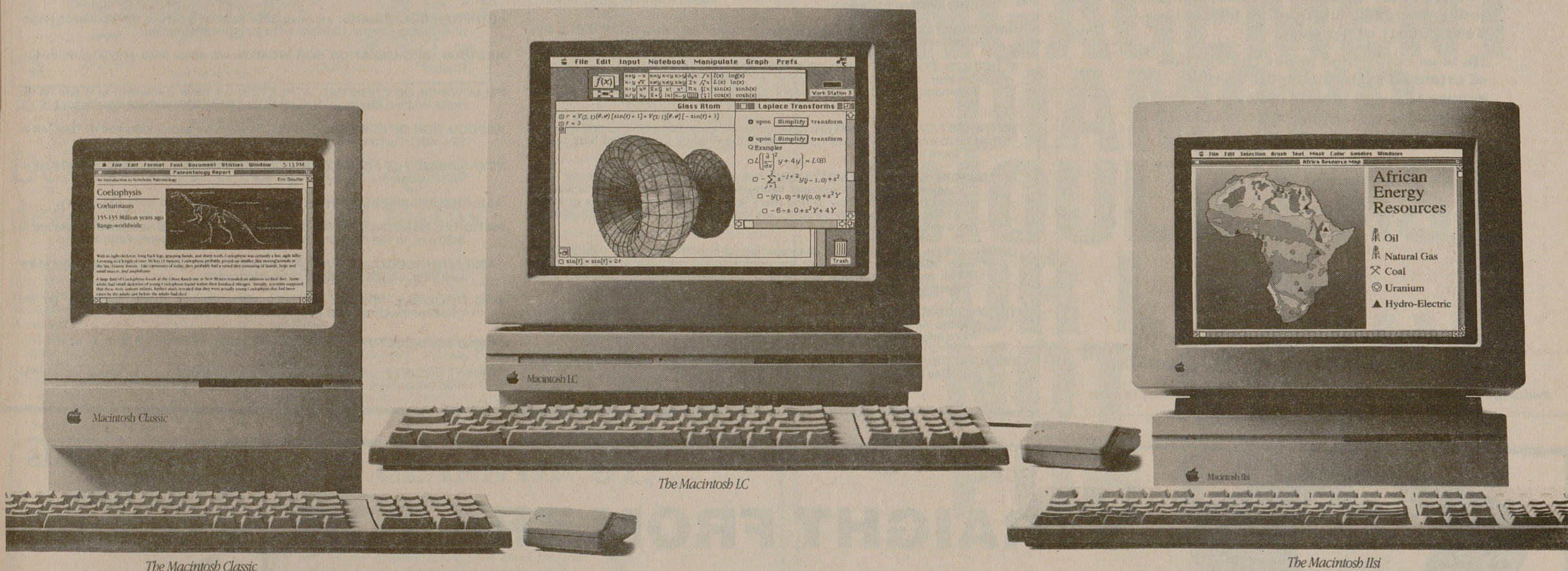
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