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If you are a U.S. citizen, you can perform research abroad in the country of your choice. Attend these meetings in Room 154 Bizzell Hall West for more information:

Tuesday, August 1 at 11:30 am  
Wednesday, August 2 at 3:30 pm

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**FREE MOVIE**

**BLADE RUNNER**

MSC Cepheid Variable and MSC NOVA Present:

**CYBERPUNK**

**At The Grove**

Target: Blade Runner  
Location: THE GROVE (By Albritton Tower)  
Time: Aug 2, 1995 at 9:00 P.M.

Additional Information: Afterwards, there will be a teaching session for the games Shadowrun and Cyberpunk 2020, two dark, technological, and futuristic role-playing games. The games will then be run, and all who wish to join the adventure will be welcome.

Persons with disabilities please call 845-1515 to inform us of your special needs. We request notification three (3) working days prior to the event to enable us to assist you to the best of our abilities.

**AGGIE RING ORDERS**

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**DEADLINE: August 3, 1995**

**Undergraduate Student Requirements:**

- You must be a degree seeking student and have a total of 95 credit hours reflected on the Texas A&M University Student Information Management System. (A passed course, which is repeated and passed, cannot count as additional credit hours.)
- 30 credit hours must have been completed in residence at Texas A&M University if you successfully complete one semester at Texas A&M University prior to January 1, 1994. 60 credit hours must have been completed in residence at Texas A&M University if your first semester at Texas A&M University was January 1994 or thereafter, or if you do not qualify under the successful semester requirement. Should your degree be conferred with less than 60 resident credits, this requirement will be waived after your degree is posted on the Student Information Management System.
- You must have a 2.0 cumulative GPR at Texas A&M University.
- You must be in good standing with the University, including no registration or transcript blocks for past due fees, loans, parking tickets, returned checks, etc.

**Graduate Student Requirements**

If you are a August 1995 degree candidate and you do not have an Aggie ring from a prior degree, you may place an order for a '95 ring after you meet the following requirements:

- Your degree is conferred and posted on the Texas A&M University Student Information Management System; and
- You are in good standing with the University, including no registration or transcript blocks for past due fees, loans, parking tickets, returned checks, etc.

If you have completed all of your degree requirements and can obtain a "Letter of Completion" from the Office of Graduate Studies, the original letter of completion may be presented to the Ring Office in lieu of your degree being posted.

**Procedure To Order A Ring:**

- If you meet all of the above requirements, you must visit the Ring Office no later than Thursday, August 3, 1995, to complete the application for eligibility verification.
- If your application is approved and you wish to receive your ring on October 5, 1995, you must return and pay in full by cash, check, money order, or your personal Visa or Mastercard (with your name imprinted) no later than August 4, 1995.

Men's 10K - \$310.00	14K - \$423.00
Women's 10K - \$174.00	14K - \$203.00

Add \$8.00 for Class of '94 or before.  
The ring delivery date is October 5, 1995.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Dean drifts inland after minimal damage to coast**

HOUSTON (AP) — The remnants of Tropical Storm Dean slipped into central and North Texas Monday, leaving in its wake some minor street flooding along the Texas Gulf Coast but minimal damage and no injuries.

The storm, a loosely organized tropical depression, finally got its act together late Sunday as it neared the Texas coastline just east of Galveston. When sustained winds topped 39 mph, Dean acquired a name, then sloshed ashore with gale-force gusts.

Tropical Storm Erin, building strength and prompting hurricane warnings off the east coast of Florida on Monday, was expected to enter the Gulf of Mexico and could pose problems for later in the week.

**Budget deficit less than Clinton predicted**

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — The White House said today that this year's budget deficit will be \$33 billion lower than expected, following President Clinton to balance the budget a year sooner than planned.

In his midyear review of the federal budget, the administration forecast a deficit of \$160 billion in fiscal year 1995. The figure is \$33 billion below the estimate Clinton made in February for this year's budget.

The midyear review also states that Clinton can now balance the budget in nine years, instead of the 10-year prediction he made earlier this year. Congressional Republicans have passed a spending blueprint that promises a balanced budget in seven years.

**Disney buying Capital Cities-ABC for \$19 billion**

NEW YORK (AP) — Dear Peter, Barbara and Ted. Welcome to the Wonderful World of Disney.

The Walt Disney Co. reshaped the entertainment landscape Monday with a \$19 billion deal to buy Capital Cities-ABC Inc., owner of the nation's leading television network.

The combination will pass Time Warner Inc. in size as the world's top purveyor of entertainment, bringing in more than \$17 billion annually with properties ranging from Disney World to "Pocahontas" and from the ESPN cable channel to top-rated shows such as "Home Improvement" and "World News Tonight with Peter Jennings."

**Labor union leader retires after 16 years**

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Full ahead, steady as she goes," ordered Lane Kirkland, one-time mariner, fan of nautical metaphors, when he took control of the great ship of labor 16 years ago.

Steady the AFL-CIO president was, in reuniting the shrinking labor movement, in supporting Polish workers at the dawn of Eastern European democracy, in pushing to open an organization that was as mysterious as Mars to some of the rank and file.

Kirkland, 73, retires Tuesday at the AFL-CIO's executive council meeting in Chicago.

His longtime deputy, Thomas Donahue, is bidding for the job against upstart challenger John Sweeney of the Service Employees International Union.

**American births fall, deaths hit record high**

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's births fell below 4 million last year for the first time this decade as more daughters of baby boomers joined their mothers beyond the prime child-bearing years. At the same time, deaths hit a record high.

Both trends represent natural changes as the nation's population ages, according to the Census Bureau's 1995 Population Profile of the United States, released Monday.

But that doesn't mean the population is in any danger of shrinking. "We still have about 1.7 million more births than deaths, and we will for quite some time," explained Carl Haub, a demographer at the private Population Reference Bureau.

The nation's population is expected to grow to 392 million by the year 2050, with life expectancy increasing from 76.0 years to 83.6 years during that period.

**Croatian, Bosnian Croat fighters push toward Knin**

KNIN, Croatia (AP) — Threatening to reignite all-out war to recapture rebel territory, Croatian forces shelled near this mountain stronghold Monday in the heaviest assault on the Croatian Serb base since the 1991 civil war.

Some 10,000 Croatian and Bosnian Croat fighters were working their way north and west in Bosnia toward Knin, the self-proclaimed Croatian Serb capital that lies just across the border in Croatia.

The attacks are a challenge to the rebels' goal of establishing a separate state on territory that they captured — with support from the powerful Serbed Yugoslav army — in the six-month civil war.

The Croatian Serbs offered Sunday to refrain from attacks in the Bihac area of northwestern Bosnia. But hours later, they attacked Bosnian government forces there, the United Nations said.

**NORTHGATE**

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with a beneficial use for the property.

Richard L. Floyd, A&M associate vice president for finance and administration, said a decision about the property will not be made based solely on the city's recommendations.

"University administration will listen to the city and want to be cooperative," Floyd said. "But at the same time, the property is a valuable resource for the University."

Floyd said city officials should not design their plans for Northgate around the assumption that the property will be available for their purposes. He said negotiations between city officials and the A&M Board of Regents, which is responsible for making a final decision on property use, have not started yet.

"One party gets an idea and they get all excited about it," he said. "They (Northgate coordinators) are getting ahead of themselves."

Tara Sopasakis, owner of Chicken Basket, Burger Boy and Aggieland Tutoring Services, said she is upset that Northgate redevelopment plans include replacing the buildings housing two of her businesses, and four

businesses owned by other merchants, with a parking lot.

Sopasakis said the owner of the building that houses the Chicken Basket has received a letter of condemnation, which is an alert to the city's intent of taking over the property.

"Not only would that be an eyecore to see all that parking on University (Drive)," Sopasakis said. "But revenue from the businesses would be lost."

Based on the power of eminent domain, the city has the right to acquire privately owned land, provided that it has just cause and the public good in mind.

McDaniel said a letter of condemnation is a preliminary step, and a condemnation hearing will be held before any actions are finalized.

"Up until the condemnation hearing, the city can back out," McDaniel said. "There are things we can do to slow down the process and make sure things are done the right way."

"Even if we acquire that property, those businesses will be taken care of, whether that be by relocation or some other means."

Sopasakis said this is not a consolation to her because she has not seen relocation plans and because her employees, 99 percent which are students, have already been negatively affected by rumors that they will lose their jobs.

**MAIN**

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when school started."

Kathi Dudley, manager of Holick's Boot Makers, said she is relieved the construction is almost finished. She said the process has been noisy and inconvenient.

"It's sort of like giving birth to a child," Dudley said. "It's painful, but once it's over you appreciate it. And we're beginning to get some positive comments from customers, so that's nice."

Dudley said because of Holick's specialized nature of making A&M Corps of Cadets' senior boots, it did not lose a sizable portion of business during the construction.

"It hasn't affected us nearly as much as some," she said.

Dead Lazlo's, a College Main coffee shop, decided earlier this summer to shut down until the scheduled completion date of the construction.

Matthew Brown, owner of Dead Lazlo's, said his business will re-open today.

"They told us they were shooting for Aug. 1, and

they've pretty much done that," Brown said. "I was shocked they're on time."

Will Bassham, owner of CD Warehouse, said even though construction took a toll on his summer business, he is pleased with the results.

"This summer has sucked as far as foot traffic," Bassham said. "It would be inaccurate to say all this hasn't hurt our business. But it looks really cool. I love the maroon sidewalks."

Several of the College Main business owners are meeting today with a radio station to discuss plans for the upcoming street party.

Chester Koerner, owner of Disc Go Round, said the completion of construction on College Main from University Drive to Church Street is a reason to celebrate.

"We're going to create a carnival atmosphere," Koerner said. "We want to give people a reason to come and check it out."

Koerner said the College Main improvements, the first step in the master plan for Northgate revitalization, will have significant benefits.

"I'm optimistic," he said. "I think the construction really will revitalize Northgate."

**FORUM**

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drill for the ship, which is capable of drilling into ocean floors in waters three to four miles deep, Woods said.

The ship has 12 laboratories where the sediment cores are analyzed and data is recorded.

The samples are transported to repositories at A&M, Columbia University, San Diego or Germany once the ship's crew is finished with them. The samples then can be used for other scientists to study.

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**Sketch**

**RODENT PATHEON JUSTICE**

YOU FINALLY GET A REAL VACATION... HOW WAS HAWAII? (SHUT UP)

AND YOU END UP BEING SICK THE ENTIRE TIME.

**By Quatr...**

YOU MEET THE PERSON OF YOUR DREAMS... YOU MEAN YOU'RE STRAIGHT? ... BUT, I... OH MY... WELL, WELL... THIS IS A NEW ONE!!

AND YOU FIND OUT THAT THEY'RE GAY.

**By VALER...**

YOU PULL THE FIRST "A" YOU'VE HAD IN A CLASS SINCE HIGH SCHOOL...

DEAR MR. HOWER, WE APPRAUD YOUR EFFORTS IN INTRODUCING TO CHECKBOOK BALANCING TO REWARD YOU, HERE IS YOUR TUITION BILL FOR THE NEXT SEMESTER. GAG 'EM.

P.S. YOU'RE STILL NOT IN UPPER LEVEL, S&P

AND THEN DISCOVER THE CLASS WASN'T EVEN REQUIRED.

**IN THE BUFF**

Dang! He's out like a light - where's the sunroof?

**By VALER...**

There, but why? No time to explain! Just cut the engine!

**By VALER...**

Tower, this is Brock were coming in for landing!