

ber 6, 1995
Student Coun-
workshop on
from 10 a.m.
or more info-
challenging
study and a
at 8:30 p.m.
ill be a prac-
interested in
at the polo
experience is
n call Nicole
here will be
6 p.m. to 7
information
or Thomas
here will be
nyone inter-
and track at
ore informa-
and Health
a general
speaker at 7
information
ub: There
discuss up-
02 Rudder,
na Moffett
Co-op ori-
For more
sk resume
For more
on: There
g at 7 p.m.
on call Ma-
9.
t lists non-
activities.
than three
e. Applica-
ts and will
any ques-
3313.

SWEEPING SUCCESS

The A&M Volleyball Team routs Utah State in the 1995 home opener.

Sports, Page 7

MILITANT MESSAGE

Hill: NATO airstrikes may be the only way to send a "message" to the Serbs.

Opinion, Page 11



DUNKING DAYS

Students bearing their new Aggie rings head for local watering holes.

Aggielife, Page 3



THE BATTALION

Vol. 102, No. 9 (12 pages)

Established in 1893

Thursday • September 7, 1995

A&M holds best permit-to-parking space ratio

Although the number of parking permits issued is larger than the number of student parking spaces, A&M has the largest ratio of permits to spaces of any university in the nation.

By Elizabeth Todd
THE BATTALION

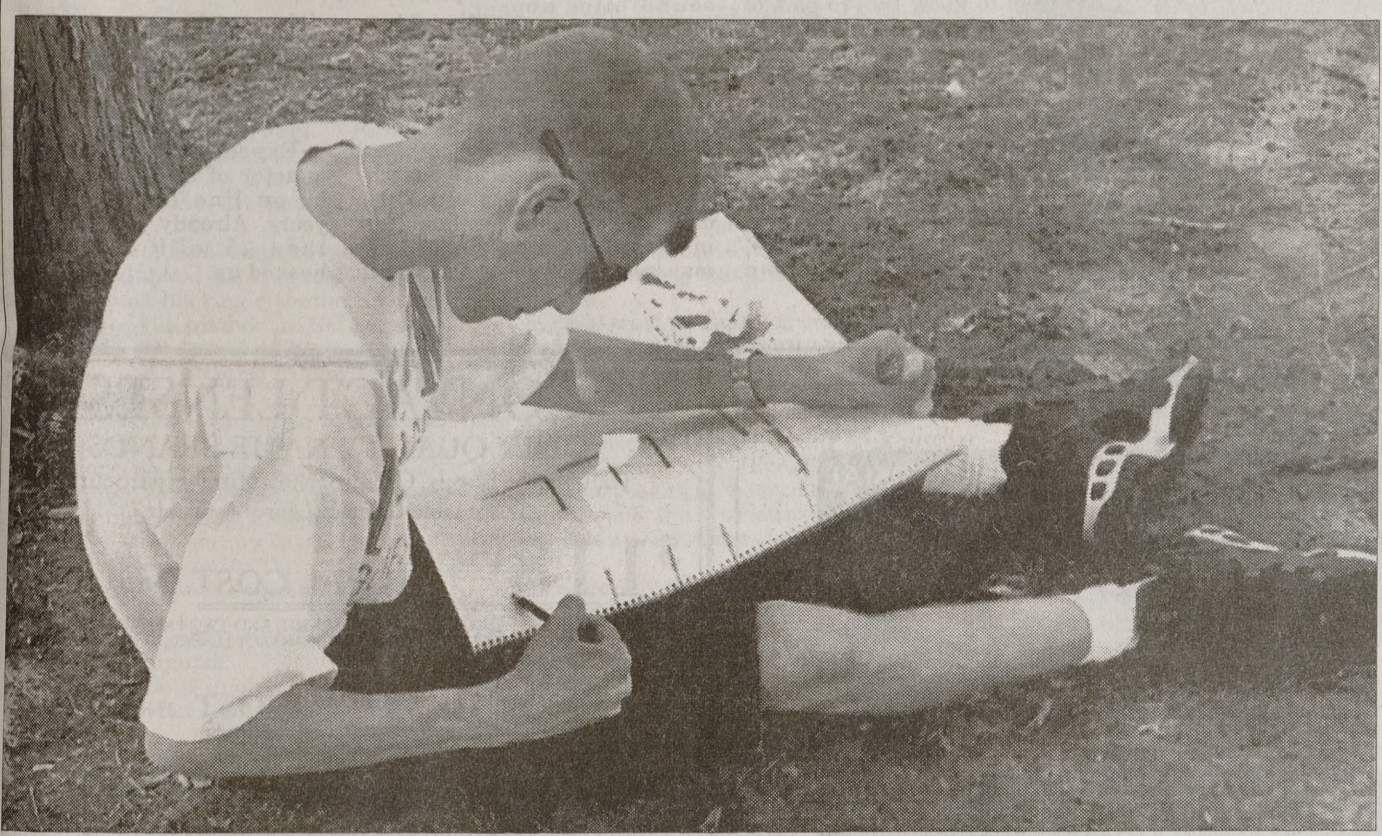
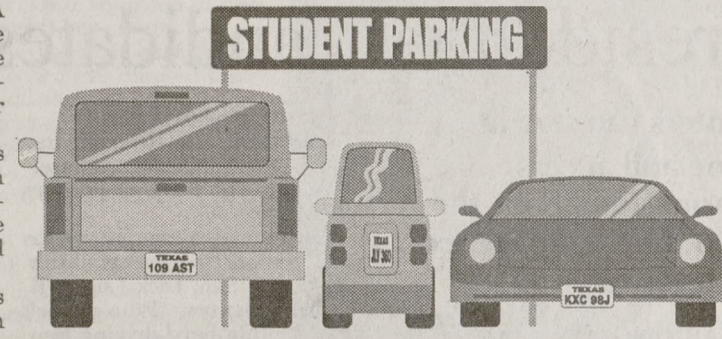
Texas A&M has the best permit-to-parking space ratio of any university in the country, although it may not seem like it to students, PTTS officials said. The A&M parking system is the largest of any university in the nation, with 23,500 student spots and 30,000

parking permits sold every year. Tom Williams, Parking, Transit and Traffic Services director, said that even though 6,500 more permits are sold than parking spaces, students should still have enough places to park. "A student space typically turns over three times a day," Williams said. "A study conducted in the Zachry lot proved this. One thousand spots accommodated 3,000 students over the course of the day." Williams said 1,500 spots were recently added when the Recreational Sports Center was built, and more are located near the intramural fields on West Campus. However, some students said they feel they are in an

impossible situation. Amie Sikes, a senior agriculture journalism major, found herself missing a class when she was unable to find any parking spot at all. "It wasn't that I was being picky,"

Sikes said. "I got here an hour before class, and I couldn't find a single spot." Students in this situation often leave their cars in unauthorized areas at the risk of receiving a parking citation. The parking difficulties do not end with the space problems. Williams said some students must wait for a year or more for a space in one of the University's three parking garages. Garage availability depends on how many students have given up their garage spots from the previous year. A portion of the revenue generated by the parking rates, which were increased in April, will be used to finance the construction of a parking garage on Parking

Area 61, Williams said. The garage will connect to the walkway over Wellborn Road, providing easy access to West Campus. "We'll probably start construction on the garage in the Spring of 1997," Williams said. "I think we could make it through that summer without those spaces." In the meantime, there are a few things students can do to make the situation less stressful on themselves, he said. The best option is for students to purchase a bus pass, which also includes a night permit for parking on campus, he said. A night permit allows students to park their cars on campus after 5:30 p.m. Williams said that if students do not want to ride the bus, they should arrive well before their classes start to find a parking space.



Amy Browning, THE BATTALION

SERENE SKETCHING

Jeremy Ristau, a freshman architecture major, draws Rudder Tower while sitting under a shade tree in Spence Park.

MSC approves Priest screening despite student opposition

Concerned students will take their appeal to Dr. J. Malon Southerland before considering the MSC Executive Committee's offer to hold a forum.

By Michael Landauer
THE BATTALION

The MSC Council Executive Committee approved a plan Wednesday that will allow MSC Film Society to sponsor a screening of *Priest* tomorrow night in Rudder Theater. The decision was made after the committee met with concerned members of the Catholic Student Association who wanted to prevent the screening. The movie has been the target of a national boycott by Catholic groups and political leaders since its release in March. Linus Roache stars in *Priest* as Father Greg Pilkington, a gay priest who struggles with the Catholic Church's doctrine. Jennifer Below, a senior English

major and the Catholic Student Association's spokeswoman, said the film directly attacks the Catholic belief system and its sacraments. The committee included provisions to meet the students' concerns. The film society will coprogram a panel discussion within two weeks of the screening. "We are still heading in the same direction. We're not backing down as of yet." — Jennifer Below, Catholic Student Association's spokeswoman

Danny King, chairman of the film society and a senior mechanical engineering major, said he would like to work closely with the Catholic Student Association to organize the discussion. "I am looking forward to See *PRIEST*, Page 12

TRC to move office from MSC to Bryan location

Multicultural services will expand its offices in the MSC in October.

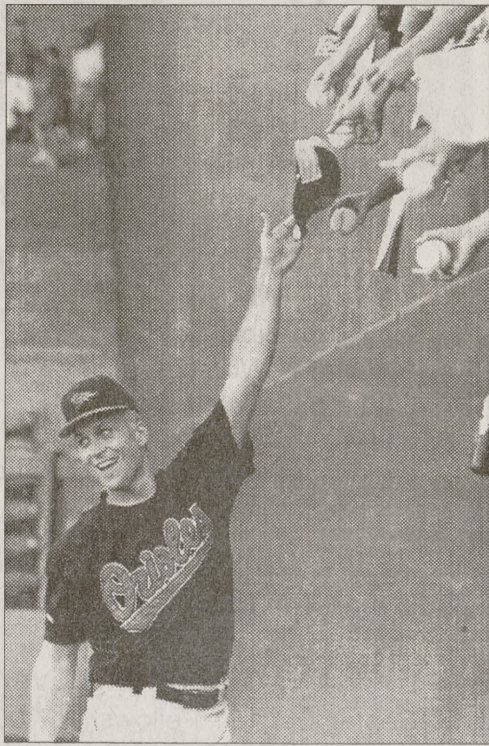
By Michelle Lyons
THE BATTALION

The Texas Rehabilitation Commission is moving its office from the MSC to its Bryan district office to accommodate the expansion of the Department of Multicultural Services. The move, which is expected to take place at the beginning of October, will give multicultural services an extra 1,000 square feet for its growing operations. According to Kevin Carreathers, director of multicultural services, the department's current office was not big enough to accommodate the staff's needs. "Based on our services and programs, studies showed that we were about 1,600 square feet short," Carreathers said. Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, said the Texas Rehabilitation Commission was chosen to move because its contract with Texas A&M had expired, and it was the only office not associated with the University housed in the MSC that was not paying rent. Southerland said that after speaking with staff from other large universities, he learned that A&M was unusual because it

leased space to an agency not directly connected with the campus at no cost. "Apparently, we (Texas A&M) were very unique in that we were offering free space," Southerland said. "University space is a premium." Southerland said there was a large demand from several different departments for MSC office space. Although the contract with TRC was not renewed, he said, they were offered space on the second floor of the A.P. Beutel Health Center. "I felt very good about offering whatever space they needed in Beutel Health Center," he said. Keith Stanford, TRC area manager, said the A&M staff decided not to relocate to the health center because it would require construction to meet Americans with Disabilities Act specifications. "I think the staff right now would hate to move to a temporary situation," he said. Stanford said the A&M office is looking at the move as an opportunity to improve business operations. "It seemed like an excellent opportunity to consolidate both our [A&M and Bryan] offices with the Texas Commission for the Blind," Stanford said. Stanford said the staff is also disappointed about having to leave the MSC. "The offices at the MSC are very nice," he said. "The MSC is the plum of locations on campus."

A HUMBLE HERO

Ripken wows crowd at game No. 2,131



AP Photo

Baltimore Orioles' Cal Ripken Jr. signs autographs after the All-Star festivities at the ballpark in Arlington. Last night, he broke Lou Gehrig's record when he played his 2,131st consecutive game.

Cal Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's record when he played his 2,131st consecutive game.

BALTIMORE (AP) — Lou Gehrig's seemingly unbreakable record didn't even make it out of the century. Cal Ripken is now baseball's Iron Man, and once again the men who play the game say the feat will never be equalled. Ripken played in his 2,131st consecutive game Wednesday night, and there's no sign that the amazing streak will end any time soon. Somehow, some way, the seemingly invincible shortstop has gone more than 13 seasons without suffering an injury serious enough to put him on the Baltimore Orioles' bench. It was business as usual Wednesday. Ripken went 2-for-4 with a homer and played flawlessly in the field as the Orioles beat the California Angels 4-2. It takes more than simply avoiding injuries to compile such a streak. In Ripken's case, he's been lucky and good. "The players are more into the streak than the fans are, because we know what it takes to put it together," Baltimore third base-

man Jeff Manto said. "Sure, staying healthy is part of it. But the most incredible part was that he was good enough to play every day. For the past 2,131 games, the lineup has been better with Cal Ripken in it." Ripken has gone through several batting slumps during the streak. He tried several different stances in 1992, few of which worked. But manager Johnny Oates kept Ripken in the lineup anyway, in part because he still was a threat at the plate and because he was the best infielder on the team. "Cal never took the easy way out. If he had a slump, he played through it. If he was See *RIPKEN*, Page 7

Clarification:

In a Wednesday story in *The Battalion* on 911 calls from campus, it was not mentioned that pushing the red buttons on the blue-light phones is the only step needed to reach emergency dispatch. To reach the emergency dispatch from an on-campus office or residence hall, dial 9-911.