

ALL SHOOK UP

A&M Soccer freshman Nicole Shook has opposing teams shaking their heads.

Sports, Page 7

CAR TROUBLE

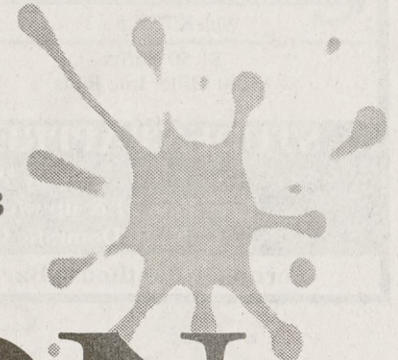
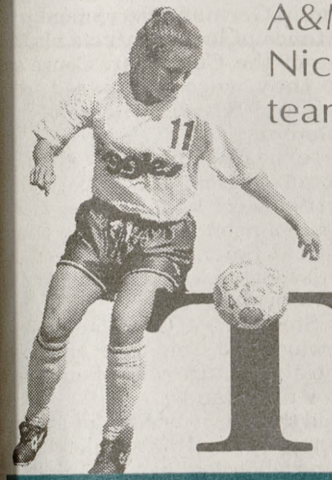
Beckcom: Owning an automobile can be more trouble than it's worth.

Opinion, Page 11

SHOOT IT

Paintball wars gain popularity among adventure-seekers.

Aggielife, Page 3



THE BATTALION

Vol. 102, No. 38 (12 pages)

Established in 1893

Wednesday • October 18, 1995

Associate chairs appointed to fee allocation committee

Two graduate students were appointed as part of a compromise between GSC and Student Government.

By Tara Wilkinson
THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M Graduate Student Council and the A&M Student Government reached a compromise last week regarding future activities of the Student Government Student Services Fee Allocation Committee. On Oct. 3, the GSC passed a resolution calling for disbandment of the fee allocation committee and dismissal of Kelli Harman, committee chairwoman, because of bylaw violations regarding graduate student

representation on the committee. Fee allocation committee bylaws specify that three graduate students should serve on the committee. However, prior to the GSC resolution, committee business was conducted this semester with only one graduate student member. The day after the GSC resolution was passed, Student Government representatives reacted by appointing two graduate students to the committee. However, they refused to consider removing Harman as chairwoman. Stepheni Moore, GSC president, maintaining her position that Harman should be removed, filed a request for a University investigation into the committee's activities. However, Moore said that after discussions with Toby Boenig, A&M student body president, and Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president

for student affairs, she realized the GSC requests were not likely to be granted in their entirety. "It became very apparent over time that the administration wanted Toby and I to solve the problem ourselves," Moore said. "And we did." As part of the GSC and Student Government compromise, which was proposed by Boenig, two associate chairs were appointed to assist Harman. Shelly McKee, GSC finance chair and a graduate poultry science student, was appointed to one of these positions. "Her name was put forth by the Student Government, not by GSC," Moore said. The other associate chair, Stephen Kindrick, a biomedical

See CHAIRS, Page 10



Evan Zimmerman, THE BATTALION

Best-selling author Christina Hoff Sommers addresses an audience at Rudder Theater Tuesday night.

Sommers calls for radical feminist movement change

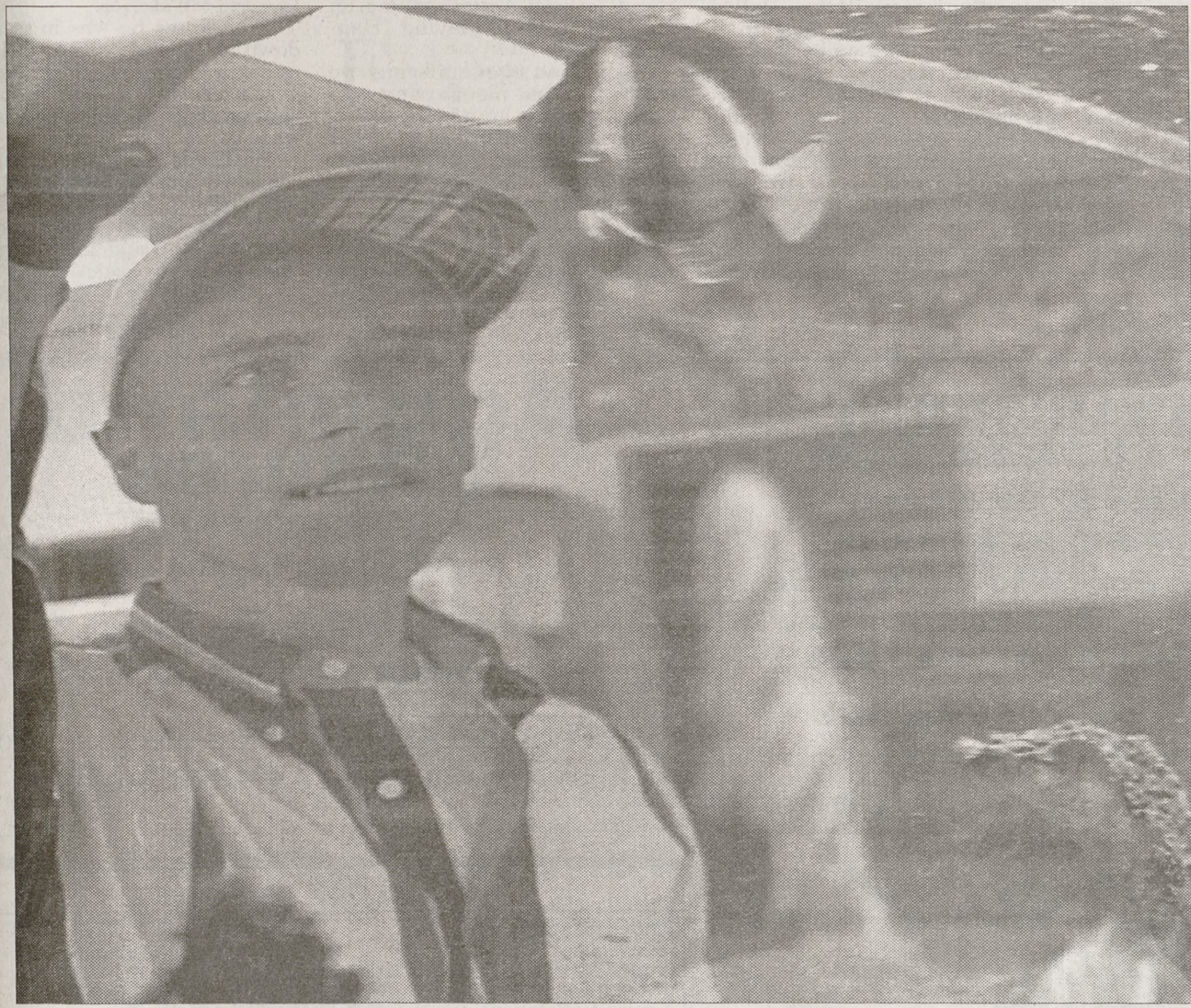
The best-selling author said women are not oppressed in today's society.

By Heather Pace
THE BATTALION

The frightful turn that radical feminists have taken through misinformation has led to the destruction of the feminist movement, Christina Hoff Sommers said last night in a speech presented by the College Republicans in Rudder Theater. Sommers, the author of *Who Stole Feminism?*, said many radical feminists are so angry that they "simply want propaganda

value" and are not concerned that their facts are inaccurate. These inaccuracies cause enraged women to engage in male-bashing as women espouse statistics they think are based in truth, Sommers said. Sommers said the male-bashing that results from misinformed feminists should cease because women must enlist the help of men to make further gains. "Women are not helped by these lies, she said. These statistics give us a wrong idea of how to best address society's problems." Joshua Rocca, a junior electrical engineering major, agreed with Sommers, saying that "feminism today is anti-male."

See SOMMERS, Page 10



Evan Zimmerman, THE BATTALION

A FISH OUT OF WATER

Freshman Kon Gabel, a member of Squadron 13, looks at feeder fish at a local pet store Tuesday afternoon.

Medical examiner testifies in Shamburger murder trial

A friend of Lori Ann Baker told the court the Texas A&M student had known Shamburger.

By Lily Aguilar
THE BATTALION

A medical examiner testified Tuesday that Ron Shamburger may have tried to remove a bullet from Lori Ann Baker's head in an attempt to cover his tracks. Shamburger could face the death penalty if he is found guilty of the Sept. 30, 1994 murder of the Texas A&M accounting major. Dr. Robert Bux, a medical examiner and forensic

pathology expert, performed Baker's autopsy. He determined Baker died from a gunshot wound to the head, not from the gasoline fire set in her room. Bux said the fire charred Baker's feet and calves, but the burns were inflicted after her death. He said at least one other injury was inflicted on the body after Baker was dead. Prosecutors charge Shamburger cut Baker's head with a knife in an attempt to remove evidence of the bullet. Bux also said the exit wound on the back of Baker's head appeared irregular, as if it had been sliced open. "The exit wound was not the result of a bullet. Something sharp caused the

wound," he said. Barry Wilkerson, a College Station police officer, testified Monday that he discovered bundles of hair lying beside and beneath Baker's body, which he believed were cut with the scissors and knives also found on her bed. Chris Kelley, a mechanical engineering student at Texas A&M and Baker's boyfriend, said Monday he had given Baker a set of knives while they were dating. Baker's set, which was missing two knives, was then entered into evidence. Prosecutors asked Bux if the two knives found in Baker's bed could have caused the unusual exit

See SHAMBURGER, Page 10

Football players, coaches react positively to Regents' decision

The players said the grass field is easier to maintain and may reduce injuries.

By Tara Wilkinson
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M football players are pleased with a Board of Regents decision made Friday to replace the artificial turf of Kyle Field with natural grass in time for the 1996 football season. Switching from turf to grass, a nationwide trend in college football, is supported by some who say that grass is safer than turf. Others say the perception that fewer injuries occur on

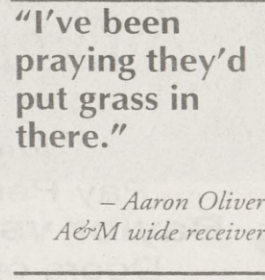
grass is unproven. Aaron Oliver, A&M wide receiver and a sophomore construction science major, said he is relieved that he will get to play on a grass surface next year. "I've been praying they'd put grass in there," Oliver said. "Some say it hasn't been proven that there's any difference between the two, but there really is." Oliver said practicing day after day on turf, a much harder surface than grass, puts strain on players' feet and leg muscles and causes a painful condition known as "turf toe." Players develop "turf toe,"

toes that bleed underneath the toenails, causing the toenails to eventually fall off, from constant slamming their toes into the turf.



"Those early games and practices are almost unbearable on turf."
—R.C. Slocum
head football coach

the turf. He said such an injury would not have happened on natural grass, because it is softer.



"I've been praying they'd put grass in there."
—Aaron Oliver
A&M wide receiver



"Turf is also bad on your knees, even just running on it," Brown said, "because it doesn't give." Oliver and Brown said one of the reasons grass has not al-

ready replaced turf on Kyle Field is that grass is more difficult to maintain, especially during bad weather. Eddie Jasper, A&M nose guard and a junior agricultural development major, said another factor contributing to players' preference for grass is that turf, with its asphalt base, attracts heat. "When we played against LSU it was 120 degrees on the field," Jasper said. "You start getting cramps, even in your fingers, because of water loss." R.C. Slocum, head football coach, said artificial surfaces get 20 percent hotter than grass. "Those early games and

practices are almost unbearable on turf," Slocum said. Because the Board of Regents' decision to replace turf with grass puts A&M on the cutting edge of football trends, Slocum said it will boost recruiting efforts. "I'm thrilled to death and very appreciative of the fact that the Board recognizes what's going on in college football," he said. "Although there haven't been conclusive studies done, there is the feeling and perception that natural grass is safer." Seven Division I-A teams, including A&M and Southern Methodist University, have decided to switch from turf to

See DECISION, Page 10