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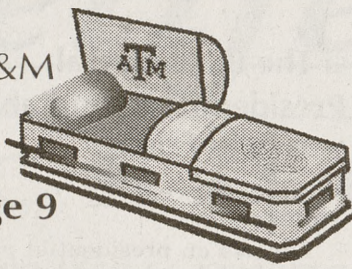
Blind Melon's lead singer, Shannon Hoon, died Saturday in New Orleans.

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GOING OUT IN STYLE

Stidvent: There are some products on which the A&M seal does not belong.

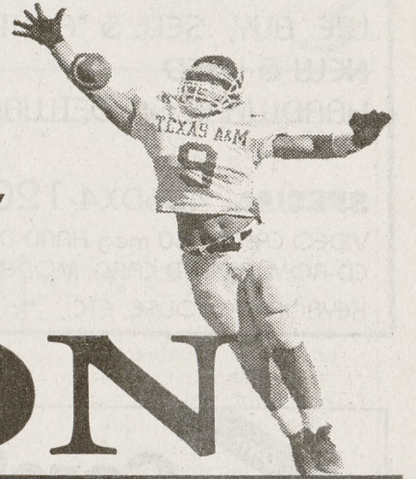
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BACK IN BUSINESS

The Aggie Football Team rebounds with a 24-9 win over Baylor.

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Senate group offers three cultures alternatives

The suggestions were discussed during an Academic Affairs committee meeting Sunday night.

By Lori Young THE BATTALION

The Student Senate Academic Affairs committee presented three new alternatives for a cultures requirement last night.

Jesse Czelusta, an on-campus Northside senator and a senior agricultural economics ma-

hances each student's degree. "It preserves the student's freedom," Waligura said. "We didn't want someone from the College of Liberal Arts setting the curriculum for someone in engineering."

posed in 1993, mandates six credit hours of cultures courses — three hours concerning U.S. cultures and three hours concerning international cultures. The Faculty Senate bill would also provide a list of more than 200 courses that would fulfill the requirements.

of multiculturalism, and to be effective, both the Student and Faculty Senates need to speak with one voice. "We want to make sure the students get an effective education out of this," he said.

Waligura advised the senators to talk to all their constituents and not focus on a few highly vocal students. "This is a very emotional issue," he said. "There seems to be a couple of minority groups that have made this their war cry."

Baker's parents testify in trial

Store employees said Shamburger used stolen credit cards to make purchases the month of the murder.

By Lily Aguilar THE BATTALION

The parents of Lori Ann Baker testified Friday that their daughter's murder had destroyed their lives, and other witnesses told jurors that convicted murderer Ron Shamburger used credit cards taken from Baker's apartment to purchase luxury items.

The murder of her daughter has dramatically changed her life, Faye Baker said.

"I am so depressed I don't go out," she said. "I stay in the house most of the time. I just don't feel well."

The victim's father, Derrel Baker, was in Aberdeen, Scotland, when his wife called him about their daughter's murder. Derrel Baker said he was totally shocked by the news.

"I just dropped the phone and said, 'No! No! This can't be true,'" he said. Derrel Baker described his daughter as "absolutely the sweetest girl in the world," and said his daughter's death has wrecked his life.

"I can't think of anything that can happen to a father worse than this," he said. Turner also called on several local youths who knew Shamburger to testify about the defendant.

Lindsay Wilson, 17, worked with Shamburger at the Albertson's grocery

store on Longmire Drive. Wilson said Shamburger often talked to her.

Wilson said Shamburger knew her address, license plate number and other important pieces of information about her. She said she never told him any of the information.

"He knew everything about me," she said.

Prosecutors also called on Dr. Elise Garrison, an A&M associate professor of modern languages, who told the court that \$80 in cash and two gold credit cards were taken from her house on Sept. 20, 1994, 10 days before Baker's murder.

Witnesses from local stores testified, saying Shamburger had used credit cards he had stolen from Baker and her neighbors, including Garrison, at their stores in August and September 1994. Employees from Dillard's, Pro Golf Discount of Aggieland and Cavender's Boot City said they recognized the defendant as the man who came into their stores and purchased goods with Baker's card.

They said Shamburger used the credit cards to buy more than \$1,200 of shoes, clothing and other luxury items, such as cigars and alcohol.

Proceedings resume today at 8:30 a.m.



Shamburger



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READY FOR TAKE-OFF

Michael Yoder, age 13, readies at the Lake Bryan Mountain Bike Challenge starting line. Yoder participated in the beginner class, placing fourth. The race was held Saturday at Bryan Utility Lake.

Lecture series addresses violence against women

Investigating men before dating them is one way to prevent domestic violence.

By Kristen Homyk THE BATTALION

Women in Science and Engineering continued their Women's Health Month lecture series Friday with "Historical and Sociological Perspectives on Domestic Violence."

Mitzi Vorachek, director of Community Education for the Houston Area Women's Center, discussed the cycle of violence against women, the ways in which it is perpetuated and the best preventions and cures for domestic violence.

Domestic violence is defined as intentional, repeated acts by an individual's intimate partner that cause physical, sexual, emotional, economic or spiritual harm to the individual, usually in a predictive cycle. FBI statistics say one of two women will be in a relationship with a batterer in her lifetime.

"A small minority of men batter, but what happens is they go from woman to woman," Vorachek said.

The cycle of violence is harder on middle- and upper-class women, who

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Mitzi Vorachek, director of Community Education for the Houston Area Women's Center, spoke about domestic violence Friday.

BREAKING BARRIERS

History prof part of A&M history

Unterberger first came to campus in 1968. She is the winner of three distinguished teaching awards.

By Heather Pace THE BATTALION

Dr. Betty Unterberger, the first female full professor appointed at Texas A&M, has provided a role model for women and expanded the international scope of the history department during her years at A&M.

Unterberger first came to A&M in 1968 because she and her husband, a geophysics professor, were both offered jobs.

"It took a certain amount of vision from the University to bring me here because it was a predominantly male institution," Unterberger said. "At the time, Gen. (Earl) Rudder was president, and he had the vision to ultimately open the door for women."

The winner of three distinguished teaching awards and author of two prize-winning books, Unterberger said women scholars need more recognition for the many and often unpublicized contributions they make to the academic community.

Unterberger attended Syracuse University for her undergraduate degree, Harvard University for her master's, and Duke University for her Ph.D. She specializes in international history and American foreign relations, especially between the U.S.S.R and the Far East.

Earning a double major in political science and history, Unterberger decided to concentrate in history because she believes the past is the key to the present.

"I believe that in order to understand the present, you have to have a solid understanding of the past, which includes a history of all peoples and cultures," she said.

Unterberger's job has taken her all over the world, teaching and lecturing in such varied places as Peking University in Beijing, Charles University in Prague, Czechoslovakia, Turkey and Pakistan.

As the first female professor at A&M, Unterberger has broken through many barriers.

"In the beginning years, men couldn't fathom what a woman was doing in their classes," she said. "When I walked into class, they thought I was a secretary telling

them that their professor couldn't be there." Although she said the women began attending A&M "very, very slowly," Unterberger said she was excited as the number of women enrolled in the University began to grow.

Unterberger said she can relate to the difficulty of women who were integrated into A&M because she is in a field dominated by men.

"I feel like I've done a great deal for women students because it was pretty intimidating coming into predominantly male classes, many of them in uniform," she said.

Unterberger said her understanding of how to deal with barriers has grown over the years in.

"One of the ways in which I have developed is learning how to bring about change without aggressive confrontation," she said.

Dr. Julia Blackwelder, the head of the history department, has seen the creativity and ingenuity that Unterberger instills in her students.

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History professor Dr. Betty Unterberger specializes in international history and American foreign relations.