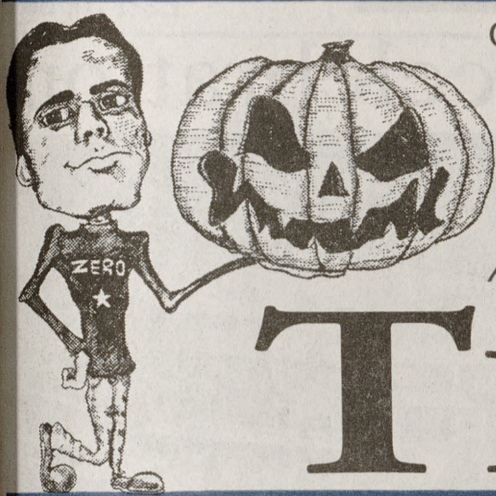


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**Adams backs out of lecture series**

Full refunds are available for "Road to Reconciliation."

By Heather Pace  
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Gerry Adams canceled his Nov. 3 speaking engagement at Texas A&M to prepare for President Clinton's upcoming Ireland visit.

Sponsored by the Wiley Lecture Series, "Road to Reconciliation" was to feature Adams, the leader of Sinn Fein, and Dr. John Alderdice, the leader of the Alliance party, to present their on the peace process evolving in Northern Ireland.

Currently, the two parties are struggling to reach a compromise concerning Northern Ireland's separation from Great Britain.

Sinn Fein represents the political arm of the Irish Republican Army and is predominantly Catholic, while the Alliance Party is Protestant.

Overtures to peace have been made since 1993 and are at a standstill because of the IRA's refusal to surrender its weapons to the British Government.

Adams said he hopes Clinton's visit will allow the two sides to move beyond present obstacles.

Stacy Sprague, Wiley Lecture Series chairwoman and a senior history major, said Adams' visit would have presented a viewpoint of the conflict in Northern Ireland, which most Americans do not see usually.

"Many people understand the British side because we always see their side of the story," Sprague said. "We never see

the Loyalists burning down Catholic homes. Adams was going to bring in the other side."

Joanne Redell, head of the Wiley research committee and a junior political science major, said each speaker would have given a 10-minute speech followed by a panel discussion to clarify both viewpoints.

Chris Heble, Wiley director of operations and a junior bioengineering major, said the group considered replacement speakers but decided not to pursue them to avoid one side having an advantage over the other.

"We decided that since both sides were on the forefront of peace prospects, substituting people would put Dr. Alderdice at something of an advantage," Heble said. "We just didn't want to have a second-class program."

Heble said Adams withdrew from the Wiley lecture to prepare for Clinton's visit, which marks the first time a U.S. president has ever visited Northern Ireland.

"This is the first time the U.S. has really recognized Northern Ireland, so it is a very integral part of the peace progress," he said. "Adams really wants to be there so as not to jeopardize the peace process."

Group members are open to the idea of Adams' speaking in the future, Heble said.

"If Northern Ireland continues to be a hot topic, there is a possibility that we will pursue him again if he makes another college tour," he said.

Those who have purchased tickets can receive refunds from the MSC Box Office in Rudder Tower.



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Noel Hofs, a sophomore agricultural economics major, and Travis Mabry, a junior poultry science major, roll a log in preparation for Bonfire stack. Centerpole will arrive Thursday and will be erected Nov. 9.

**Preparing for perimeter poles**

Residence hall and Corps members will begin guarding the erected logs today.

By Lisa Johnson  
THE BATTALION

Bonfire construction is swinging into high gear, and Aggies all over the world can catch a glimpse of one of A&M's most famous traditions

through cyberspace.

Perimeter poles, which are positioned around Bonfire site and hold the lighting system surrounding stack site, will be put up on the Polo Field Tuesday. Centerpole will arrive Thursday and will be erected Nov. 9.

Once yellowpots set up the perimeter poles, the poles will be guarded around the clock by students. Three of the poles will be guarded by residents of different dormitories on campus. The fourth will be guarded by the

Corps of Cadets.

Before the poles are erected, the field must be cleared and the logs cut for Bonfire will be put into smaller stacks, a process commonly known as "swamping the logs."

Zach Huyge, a senior redpot and a senior construction science major, said extra volunteers are usually needed for this part of the process.

"Usually we need lots of help with

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**Research grant groups A&M unit with other Texas universities to study DNA**

The Texas team is investigating how unusual chromosomes cause human diseases.

By Lisa Johnson  
THE BATTALION

A \$2.6 million grant is allowing researchers from Texas A&M, Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston to conduct a five-year study on how unusual DNA structures cause human diseases.

The research team is studying the triple repeats of human chromosomes, the sequences of nucleotides in DNA, and the variations in the repeat system, which recently have been linked to 12 human genetic diseases.

Dr. Robert D. Wells, team leader and Center for Genome Research director at

Texas A&M's Institute of Biosciences and Technology in Houston, said the team worked diligently on preliminary research to receive the grant, which was awarded by the National Institutes of Health, NIH.

"There have been 30 to 40 man-years worth of work done on this project before the grant was awarded," he said. "Getting this grant was a very involved, detailed process."

Wells said receiving a research program grant is an honor because the NIH does not ordinarily give grants of this type.

"It was a great honor to receive this grant," he said. "The NIH really made a special case for us, and it is a real honor

to have them realize the high promise of our research."

Joining Wells on the research team are Dr. Richard R. Sinden, also of the IBT; Dr. David L. Nelson of the Baylor College of Medicine; and Dr. Samuel H. Wilson of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Nelson said the team has great potential for solving the problems it is researching.

"The group has been very interested in understanding the parameters that lead to the instability of the DNA and will continue to work these out in research," he said.

The group plans to study the replication of DNA in organisms other than humans by simulating the effects of the extended repeat in their non-human models.

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**Browsing Library offers relaxed reading**

Some students say the MSC bookroom provides a more private atmosphere and is more convenient.

By Courtney Walker  
THE BATTALION

Free coffee during finals, a relaxing atmosphere and a central location, Texas A&M students said, are a few reasons the MSC Browsing Library and Language Lab are preferred over other campus libraries.

Students said the Browsing Library offers them the chance to listen to music in private rooms while studying, making the environment more relaxing than a typical library.

Sachin Parekh, a senior economics major, has used the library located in 288 MSC two or three times a week for the past two years.

"It is an undervalued resource," Parekh said. "It's not so crowded like the Evans or West Campus library, and the location gives me quick access to Hullabaloo or basically anywhere on campus."

Although the Browsing Library does

not have the magnitude of research material available that the Sterling C. Evans or West Campus libraries do, it does have video and cassette tapes, along with numerous newspapers, magazines and other periodicals.

The library has been operating since the MSC opened in 1950. Luke Allendorf, MSC assistant director, said the Language Lab was added to the library after MSC renovations to expand the MSC's international focus.

"We work closely with the language labs in the Academic Building so we don't duplicate their services," Allendorf said, "but offer students different times to study and do similar exercises."

Thomas Shisslett, a senior finance major, has been going to the Browsing Library for a year and said that there is easier access to the periodicals in this library.

"It is a lot easier to access newspapers and other reference material because you just walk in and pick up what you want," Shisslett said.

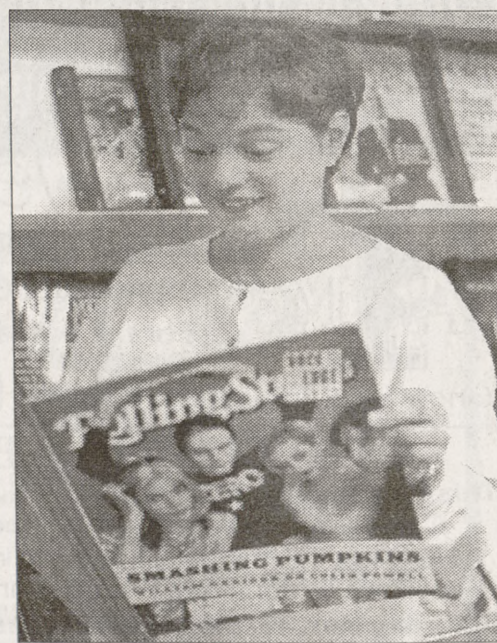
Business hours are from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Fridays. Weekend hours are 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. Sundays.



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**PUPPY LOVE**

Senior marketing major Holly Hess takes her new pomeranian puppies outside Monday. The pups were anxious to explore the grassy area around Hess's apartment complex.



Shane Elkins, THE BATTALION

Ana Maria Sierra, a senior Spanish and sociology major reads a magazine in the Browsing Library Monday.