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Miller: Clinton clogs the GOP's passage of a balanced budget.

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Ol' Army Lou



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE LOUPOT FAMILY

B-CS mourns death

□ The owner of three College Station bookstores and an A&M contributor died Saturday at age 85

By Michelle Lyons
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This weekend the Texas A&M and Bryan-College Station communities mourned the death of Judson E. Loupot, better known as Ol' Army Lou. Loupot, owner of three Loupot's Bookstores in College Station, died Saturday morning

at the age of 85.

Loupot was a student at Texas A&M in 1928. He and his roommate, Olin E. "Tiger" Teague, later a congressman, began a clothing business during their third year at A&M.

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After being discovered by a Corps of Cadets commandant during a surprise inspection, Loupot, with the help of some friends, built a warehouse on Northgate.

From that building Loupot sold a variety of products, including meals, shoes and military items.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Darling, Corps commandant, said Loupot was a generous man who helped all A&M students.

"Of course we're saddened to learn of his passing," he said. "He's been such a friend to A&M students, especially Corps members. "I remember what a friend of students he was."

Darling said Loupot often worked out new plans to help cadets. On hot days, Loupot would provide the Corps with ice, an act that soon became an Aggeland tradition.

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GOP wants Clinton nod to avert shutdown

□ Failure to extend federal spending authority tonight will send half the federal work force home Tuesday morning.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration refused Sunday to commit to a seven-year balanced budget as the Republican price for averting the twin crises this week of a partial federal shutdown and a halt to government borrowing.

In what amounted to a day of broadcast budget bargaining, leaders swapped conditions for completing a pair of bills allow-

ing the government to continue borrowing and spending money, which President Clinton has threatened to veto.

Federal spending authority expires at midnight Monday and failure to extend it will force nearly half the federal work force to go home Tuesday morning and curtail government services.

Borrowing authority also lapses this week, which could rattle financial markets.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., went on ABC's *This Week With David Brinkley* and said, "If the president would agree to a balanced budget in seven years, then we could make very good progress" in completing the bills.

White House chief of staff

Leon Panetta wasted little time in turning them down.

"That cannot be part and parcel of an agreement" on the short-term bills, he declared on CBS' *Face the Nation*, though he didn't rule out discussing it as part of a long-range budget-balancing deal.

The tough talk left it highly likely that 800,000 federal employees would be sent home Tuesday, when most agencies' authority to spend money expires.

Also looming is the expiration Wednesday of the government's ability to borrow money, although Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin has said he would avoid an unprecedented default by using money in some of the government's cash-heavy trust funds.

Class links football to reproductive processes

□ A&M students learn the art of artificial insemination with the help of cows and the Dallas Cowboys.

By Lisa Johnson
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Likening the reproductive processes of farm animals to the plays in a Dallas Cowboys' football game is just one of the teaching tools Dr. James Bluntzer, assistant animal science lecturer, uses in his class on artificial reproduction in farm animals.

"I tell the class that a cow in heat is like Irvin going out for a pass," Bluntzer said. "I use the analogy of Troy Aikman throwing the ball

to give them an idea of the importance of timing in the depositing of the semen."

Bluntzer's class focuses on artificial insemination and techniques of semen collection and preservation. The process is used primarily in livestock and dairy industries to breed the best possible animals, Bluntzer said.

In the class, students learn to inseminate horses, sheep and cows. The majority of the semester, cows are the main focus of the class because they are the most difficult to learn to inseminate.

"For most students, learning to inseminate a cow is like learning how to play an instrument," Bluntzer said. "At first, the whole process can be very frustrating, but eventually they catch on. I guess in that way, it's a lot

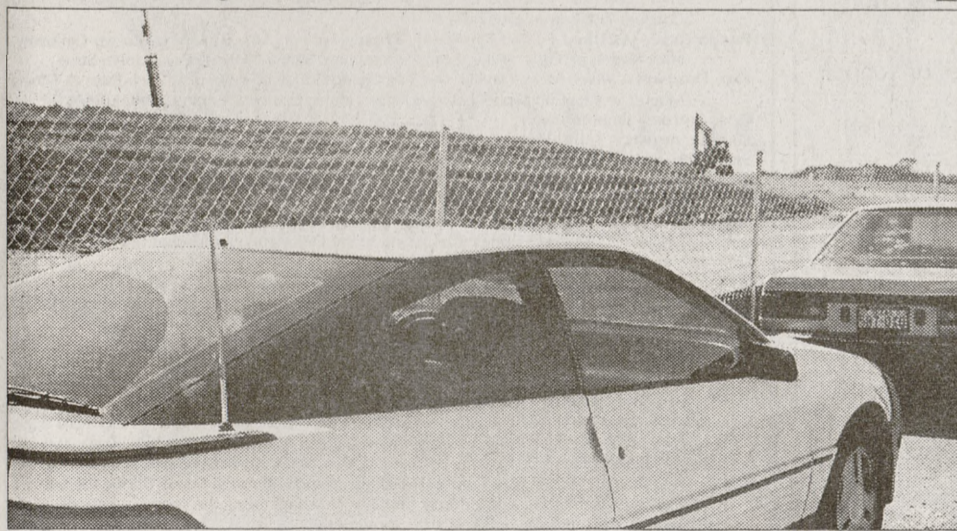
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Craig Hajovsky, a senior animal science major, palpates the uterus of a cow to determine whether or not the cow is pregnant.

Grassy area of West Campus mud lot blocked off for construction



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According to Tom Williams, PTTS director, the part of mud lot on West Campus that is blocked off was never legal parking.

□ The current gravel parking spaces will be paved and used for the Special Events Center.

By Melissa Keerins
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Commuting students parking in mud lot on West Campus have found an area of the lot has been blocked off.

Tom Williams, PTTS director, said the area blocked off was never legal parking for students.

"The actual mud lot is not blocked off, just the grassy area," Williams said. The blocked area is becoming another gravel lot, and the gravel lot where students currently park will be paved and used for the Special Events Center.

"We will lose the gravel lot in December, when building starts on the Special

Events Center," Williams said.

Williams said replacement parking for the gravel lot should be completed before the current lot is taken.

"It is ready to be graveled now, but the ground has been wet," Williams said.

PTTS has not received any complaints from students since the area was blocked off.

"Some pick-ups and 4-wheel drives used to park out there," Williams said. "We issued warning tickets and towed a few vehicles that had parked there after the barricades were up."

Williams said there were never any major problems with students parking in that area.

Both gravel lots will be open for student parking until the contractor takes the original gravel lot away.

Jeff Barry, a senior Spanish major, said PTTS should give students some warning before blocking parking lots.

"It is enough of a challenge to find parking, even on West Campus," Bar-

ry said. "They may be taking it for our good, but a little warning would have been nice so we could make other arrangements."

Todd Carpenter, a senior agronomy major, also said he was upset there was no warning.

"I wish PTTS would make up its mind about where they are going to let students park," Carpenter said. "I have parked in that area before and suddenly I can't because PTTS blocked it off."

Williams said students should realize there is other parking.

"The area that is blocked was never legalized parking," he said. "There is another lot between Olsen field and Rec Sports that is never full and has 250 paved spaces."

Williams said he drives by that lot every day and is amazed it is not full.

"It is parking for red and blue permits," he said. "Sometimes it looks like it is full because it is a long and narrow lot, but it is not."