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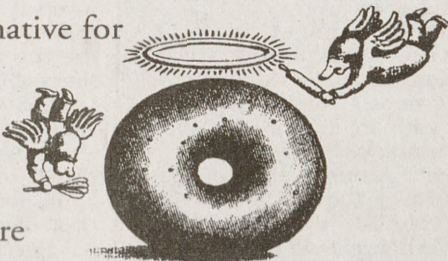
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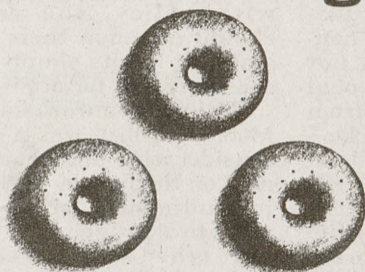
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Rollerson's goal: Team success

By Nicole Smith
THE BATTALION

When it comes to describing junior transfer forward Melissa Rollerson, the words unselfish, hard-working, well-rounded, and most importantly, team player, come to mind. Playing a reserve role for the Lady Aggie Basketball Team this season, Rollerson has not had much of an opportunity to exhibit her athleticism. But, there is no doubt the Lady Aggies will utilize her talents in the future.

When asked what her goals were for this year, Rollerson could only come up with one thing: "to do whatever is needed to help the team."

No individual glory, no SWC rookie awards, no nothing. "My whole purpose this year was to step up and play Division I ball," Rollerson said. "When I'm needed, I'll perform to the best of my abilities, but other than that I have no individual goals in mind."

As a standout at Trinity Valley Community College, Roller-

son earned almost every accolade awarded at the junior college level.

A cut in playing time might bother most athletes, but not Rollerson.

"I would rather see someone else do well than score all the points myself," Rollerson said. "I am particularly proud that I was able to overlook all the glory of being a Division I player and focus on being strictly a team player."

"Whether it is from the sideline or out on the court, it doesn't make a difference to me."

With that in mind, is it any wonder the 6-foot, 1-inch forward ended up on the A&M Basketball team?

Maybe it was her capability of playing the three or four position that captured the Lady Aggie coaching staff's eye. Whatever the reason, both her teammates and coaches feel Rollerson has made a contribution to the team and that she possesses the skills to play at the Division I level.

Rollerson admits that even though there are several games remaining this season, she looks forward to next year.

"Although I don't have much pressure on me to score right now,



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Junior transfer Melissa Rollerson shows off her ballhandling skills. I do look forward to playing a senior role, Rollerson said. "But first, I must do whatever is put upon me to help the team do well the rest of the season."

WWF: Who Watches Fake (wrestling?)

Has anyone ever been channel surfing and come across two grown men dressed in fancy costumes, (or at least partly dressed), who are trying to tear each other to pieces in front of a screaming crowd of 5,000 people?

Unfortunately, I did the other night.

I was waiting for the National Figure Skating Championships to come on, and instead of changing the channel to something educational, I decided that it was time for me to expand my knowledge on World Championship Wrestling.

Although I admit I wasn't totally captivated by the match-up between Macho Man Randy Savage and Ric Flair, who by the way, spent more time out of the ring than in it, I

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yelling and screaming gives them a sense of power and self-confidence that they somehow missed when they were growing up.

Whatever the reason may be, I don't know.

What I do know, though, is that I am not impressed at all by their athletic abilities, because they have none, or their greased up muscles, because the muscles they do have are covered up by beer bellies and tattoos.

Tickets to these shows definitely are not cheap. First of all, most of them are televised on either USA or the Home Sports Channel, and second of all, they are held at large hotels in Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

This fight was held at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas and was supposed to be "the fight" of the year. If I remember correctly, the winner's trophy was a plastic belt that had "Heavyweight Champion of the World" on it.

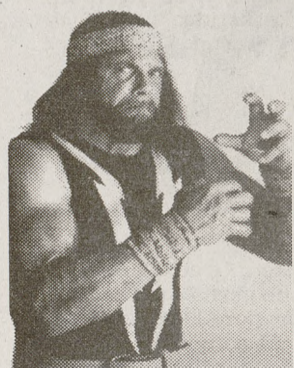
I can't understand why people actually support this kind of childish activity. Heck, Kevin Green of the Pittsburgh Steelers decided this fight was more important than practicing for the

Super Bowl. I hope he doesn't wonder on Sunday why he didn't play or why his team lost. Or at least I hope he was entertained so much that he doesn't need to play or watch a real sport ever again.

If nothing else, I just hope that the men fighting these matches learn how to act better. If this is going to be their career and put food on their tables, they definitely need to do a better job of convincing us that they are actually fighting. In my opinion, if a little blood and guts were spilled, then World Championship Wrestling would reach a higher level. Then, I would probably be compelled to watch because I wanted to and not because I was waiting for something better to come on.

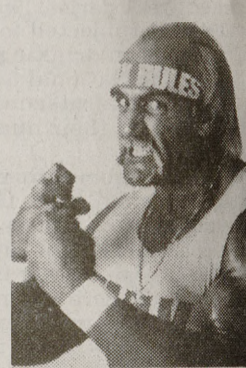
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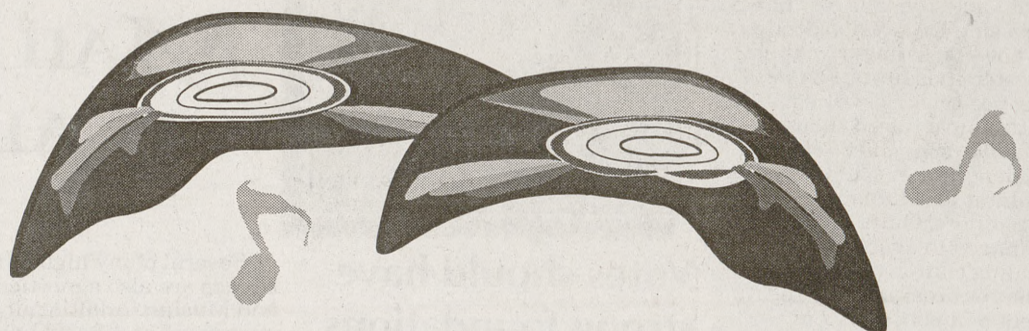


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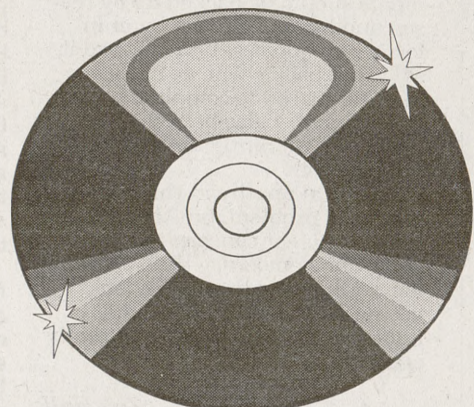
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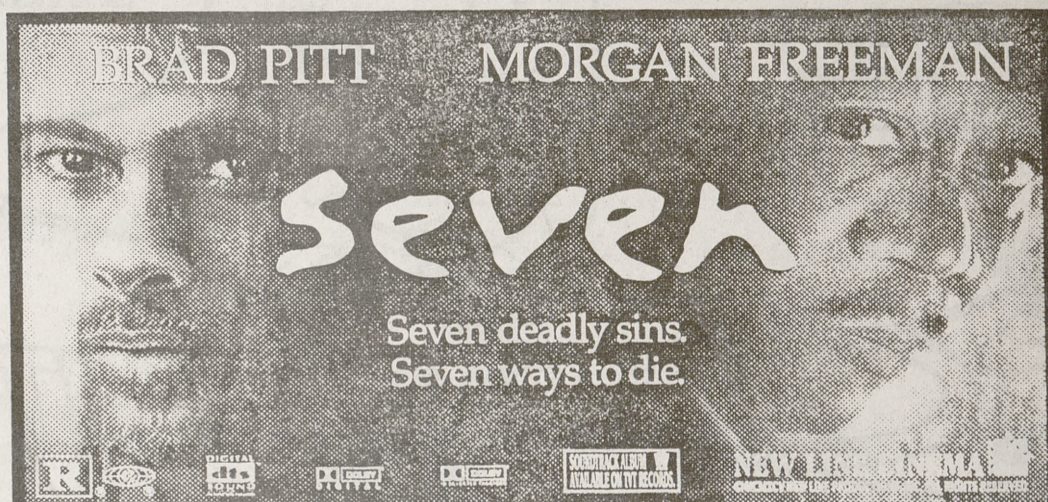


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