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Police find lead in disappearance

By WES SWIFT
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Police in Arkansas discovered Don Davis' abandoned car at a Little Rock motel Wednesday, giving police the first big break in their search for the Texas A&M graduate and rape suspect.

Law enforcement officials are now investigating airlines to see if Davis left through a Little Rock, Ark., airport.

Bob Wiatt, director of the University Police Department, said Davis' red Nissan was discovered early Wednesday morning by an off-duty police officer who was working as a security guard at a Little Rock Holiday Inn.

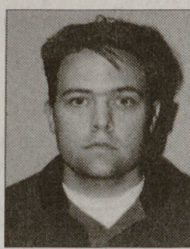
After running a computer check on the vehicle, the officer discovered the car belonged to Davis. The Little Rock Police Department then notified law enforcement officials in Bryan-College Station.

Police do not know how long the car had been parked at the motel. UPD now is cooperating with LRPD, the Arkansas State Police and the Texas Department of Public Safety in efforts to find Davis.

The motel where Davis' car was found is adjacent to the Little Rock Airport, Wiatt said, possibly indicating Davis may have boarded a plane.

Police are checking airline documents to determine whether Davis used his real name if he boarded a plane, Wiatt said. His name was not on the hotel

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Davis

Dunking tradition challenged

Bar owners must restrict pitcher sales under state law

By KENDRA S. RASMUSSEN
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For some of the 2,500 Texas A&M seniors receiving their Aggie rings today, dunking the treasure will be half the tradition it used to be.

Recent occurrences at the Dixie Chicken prompted owner Don Ganter to ban students from dunking their rings in 60-ounce pitchers of beer. He will offer a 32-ounce schooner instead.

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission agents arrested an underage student after dunking her ring Sept. 4.

The arrest brought to the surface the illegality of selling an entire pitcher of alcohol to one person for individual consumption.

Randy Field, TABC agent and the arresting officer, said the restriction on pitchers falls under the "happy hour" law passed in 1990.

The purpose of the law, Field said, is to prohibit "any promotion that encourages the over-consumption of alcohol."

The state considers selling a

pitcher of alcohol to one individual for consumption overselling. Most bars post signs requiring two consumers per pitcher.

Ganter said the ban is necessary to protect the Dixie Chicken's liquor license.

"We, as a purveyor of spirits, need to govern the fact that there needs to be two or more people that are going to consume [the alcohol]," he said. "Otherwise, we could lose our license."

TABC, Ganter said, is serious about stopping the activity.

"They came down on us pretty hard," he said. "They were pretty mad."

The Dixie Chicken, Ganter said, does not want to stand in the way of Aggie tradition, so he worked out an agreement with TABC.

"In order to try to stay in the spirit of the ring dunking thing, we came up with a schooner, a 32-ounce schooner."

The schooner, Field said, is considered a single serving of alcohol and is not prohibited under the happy hour laws.

Ganter said that although he realizes he must abide by the laws, he is not happy about the change.

"I don't like any of this, but I'm

helpless in the jaws of the law," Ganter said. "I have got to obey the law

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Tim Moog, THE BATTALION

Don Ganter, owner of the Dixie Chicken, will offer a 32-ounce schooner instead of the traditional 60-ounce pitcher.

Boenig honored at benefit concert

By CARLA RENE MARSH
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Hundreds of people poured into the Rudder Auditorium to honor former Student Body President Toby Boenig at the Singing Cadets concert Wednesday night.

Boenig was injured when the hull of a rock underneath the water's surface while rafting

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Marion, TX 78124

with friends on the Guadalupe River in May. The accident dislocated two of Boenig's vertebrae, leaving him partially paralyzed.

Boenig continues to recover at Warm Springs Rehabilitation Center in Gonzalez.

Doctors have told him he would never walk again, but Boenig looked the doctors in the eyes and said, "I will walk again."

Boenig was overwhelmed by the crowd of family, friends and dedicated Aggies that showed up to support him.

Tears streamed down Boenig's face when asked

how he felt about having a benefit concert dedicated to him.

"It brings tears to my eyes," Boenig said. "I'm glad to see all my friends."

Friends and supporters flocked to Boenig as he entered the auditorium.

Texas A&M President Ray Bowen and Vice President of Student Affairs J. Malon Southerland came out to support Boenig as well.

"Toby is an individual of character and has skills that are an influence to others in life," Southerland said. "It is nice to say welcome back to A&M and we're thinking about you."

The Singing Cadets began the benefit concert by singing the "Spirit of Aggieland."

Brooke Leslie, former student body president, welcomed the crowd with stories about the friendships Boenig shared with many students at A&M.

Leslie's talk of Boenig's courage and inspiration left tears in the eyes of the audience. "Toby, we're so proud of you," said Leslie.

Amy Patterson, a senior elementary education major, said the benefit was a way for the University to give something back to the former student body president.

"I came out out support Toby Boenig and his family," she said.



Rony Angkriwan, THE BATTALION

Former Student Body President Toby Boenig was honored at the Singing Cadets concert in Rudder Auditorium last night.

Council protests vendor guidelines

By ERICA ROY
THE BATTALION

The Student Body Executive Council objected this week to the University Concessions Committee's new guidelines for on-campus vendors, which was signed Wednesday by Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs.

The new guidelines require that items sold by any recognized student organization on campus must indicate the purpose of the organization.

A sign displaying the name of the organization must also be visible to the public.

A memo written by K.C. Allan, Class of '97 president and a senior accounting major, said she disapproved of the new guidelines for several reasons.

In the memo, Allan said there was no student input on the new guidelines.

Amy Bigbee, Student Government chief of staff and a senior chemical engineering major, said the lack of student input is a main objection to the new guidelines.

"We are concerned that student input hadn't been heard fairly," Bigbee said.

But Stephen Dunn, campus concession administrator and student activities adviser, said two undergraduate and two graduate students serve on the committee, and at least one of them was present at the first meeting where the

new policies were discussed. Bigbee said the new guidelines harm smaller organizations on campus.

"Specific examples of where it would be detrimental are smaller groups on campus where this may be their only source of fundraising," Bigbee said.

"I recommend that students communicate their concerns to Mr. Brent Patterson, chair of this committee," Allan wrote. "Student input should be utilized to reconsider the solution to this problem."

Dunn said the guidelines were under review because the number of vendors was a concern to the members of the University Concessions Committee.

"It had become almost a circus atmosphere," Dunn said. "We were concerned with the vendors taking advantage of students as consumers."

Dunn said protecting the students and student organizations from vendors is one of the goals of the new guidelines.

"Our intention was to bring the campus back to the point that student organizations could conduct their business, but not be overrun by vendors," he said.

The Student Body Executive Council agreed with Allan's objections to the new guidelines, and it is sending a letter to Patterson outlining its problems with the guidelines.

'Ewe Hall' cartoonists driven by audience response

By LAURA OLIVEIRA
THE BATTALION

It has been plastered on students' doors and ogled on the Internet.

No, it is not this month's Playboy centerfold, but The Battalion's off-the-wall, situational comic strip, "Ewe Hall."

John Lemons and Ed Goodwin are two of the three original creators who brought the strip to life. They recently adopted newcomer David Hoffman to the team.

Hoffman, a sophomore general studies major, sold

himself to the veterans with his quick-wit sense of humor. "David is a really funny guy," said Lemons. "He would hang around and make sug-

This is the third of a four-part series on the cartoonists of The Battalion.

gestions that would always crack us up."

Lemons, an electrical engineering graduate student,

created the cartoon. He said his motivation solely was to make people laugh.

But Lemons said the trio is careful about what they use in the strip.

"We run a family comic strip," he said. "We have to keep it clean for the kids."

Goodwin, a junior business major, draws the strip. A longtime artist, Goodwin said his art got him some strange reactions as a youngster.

"I started drawing people with huge heads and small bodies in kindergarten," he said. "My teacher told me I

might need therapy."

Goodwin continued to scribble away through high school, but it was not until his talent was noticed by Lemons that he began drawing cartoons.

Although all three cartoonists said creating "Ewe Hall" has been a fun and worthwhile experience, the trio said its future plans do not necessarily include a professional cartooning career.

In the meantime, the three keep producing "Ewe Hall," albeit for different reasons. Goodwin said the gratification of knowing the readers are entertained is enough to keep him drawing.

"It's really rewarding when you see 'Ewe Hall' on someone's door," he said. "That's when it's cool."

Hoffman's motives for creating the cartoon have a more extravagant angle.

"I do it to get the chicks and for the money and fame," he said. "What other reasons are there?"



Stew Milne, THE BATTALION

(clockwise from top) John Lemons, Dave Hoffman, and Ed Goodwin work together to create the situational comic strip "Ewe Hall."

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