

THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

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► **Campus**

Commuter permits made available

Commuter student parking permit sales will resume today, the Department of Parking, Transit and Transportation announced Thursday. Resident parking permits also will be sold also, but only to those already on the waiting list.

PTTS suspended permit sales during the first week of classes to monitor the parking situation and prevent the overcrowding in the parking lots.

PTTS Director Tom Williams said in a press release that the department will not issue refunds or exchanges until all students who have no permit or bus pass have been accommodated.

"As we continue to move resident students into our parking garages, more spaces will be available for other resident students in our surface lots," Williams said.

► **Other College Campuses**

Donation makes Iowa history books

AMES, IOWA — One of the largest single donations to a public university ever has been pledged to Iowa State University.

ISU President Martin Jischke announced a \$34 million anonymous gift had been given to the university late last week.

The gift was given to the College of Agriculture and will help launch the largest fund-raising effort in ISU's history — "Campaign Destiny: To Become the Best."

"Both the campaign and this gift are historic moments for Iowa State, its College of Agriculture and higher education in Iowa," Jischke said.

John Anderson, interim director of university relations, said the \$34 million anonymous gift is the largest capital gift donated to ISU and is the largest gift received by any college or university in the state's history.

"The donor wishes to remain anonymous and we will respect that — as much as we would like to recognize them publicly," Anderson said.

— *The Iowa State Daily*
Iowa State University

Researchers: Crop can be used as fuel

MANHATTAN, KAN. — Kansas State University researchers found a way to turn one of Kansas' grain crops into a tank of alternative fuel.

Through a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture's energy program, K-State began the search for a diesel fuel. The

search began in the '80s when the government feared an energy crisis would arise.

The University is researching different agricultural applications in case there is a fuel shortage. A fuel shortage could cripple agriculture, he said.

The soy-based diesel runs current diesel engines without modifications. It can be substituted with regular diesel fuel.

A plentiful crop of U.S. soybeans makes this crop economical to use, Clark said. Environmentally, soybeans are a renewable resource compared to petroleum-based diesels.

— *The Collegian*
Kansas State University

Alleged shooter set to appear in court

STATE COLLEGE, PA. — Jillian Robbins, who allegedly fired five shots from a high-power rifle while she hid in bushes next to a busy campus sidewalk, is scheduled to have a preliminary hearing Thursday.

Melanie Spalla died instantly after being shot last Tuesday by a sniper on the HUB lawn, the Centre County coroner said in a press release yesterday.

No other bullet wounds or injuries were found during the au-

topsy. The 7mm bullet was not found intact, Benninghoff said.

A full toxicological analysis will be completed, he said. No information will be released prior to the preliminary hearing, he said.

— *The Daily Collegian*
Pennsylvania State University

► **Nation**

SC coastal cleanup draws diverse crowd

MIAMI (AP) — People in 50 states and 80 countries pitched in to rake through the sand and dive into oceans and lakes to recover garbage as part of the 8th Annual International Coastal Cleanup.

More than 250,000 were estimated to have participated in Saturday's event.

"This is the only Earth we have and if we don't take care of it, it's just going to be ruined," said 11-year-old Will McCarthy, a Boy Scout who took part in the cleanup at Rock Hill, S.C.

The briefs from other college campuses are provided by U-Wire, a college newspaper wire service.

To read more news from other campuses, readers can go to the U-Wire web site directly from The Battalion Online ([http:// bat-web.tamu.edu](http://bat-web.tamu.edu)).



Pat James, The Battalion

Still got it

Paul Albright, a former Aggie Band member, humps it during a yell practice before Saturday's game against North Texas. The band reunites every year for one home game.

► **This day in history**

Today is Monday, Sept. 23, the 267th day of 1996. There are 99 days left in the year.

On this date:
In 63 B.C., Caesar Augustus was born in Rome.
In 1642, Harvard College in Cambridge, Mass., held its first commencement.

In 1779, during the Revolutionary War, John Paul Jones, is said to have declared: "I have not yet begun to fight!"

In 1780, British spy John Andre was captured along with papers revealing Benedict Arnold's plot to surrender West Point, N.Y., to the British.

In 1806, the Lewis and Clark expedition returned to St. Louis from the Pacific Northwest.

In 1846, 150 years ago, the planet Neptune was discovered by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle.

In 1952, Republican vice-presidential candidate

Richard M. Nixon went on television to deliver what came to be known as the "Checkers" speech as he refuted allegations of improper campaign financing.

In 1957, nine black students who had entered Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas were forced to withdraw because of a white mob outside.

Ten years ago: Controversy erupted as Japanese newspapers quoted Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone as saying minorities lowered America's "intelligence level."

► **Today's Birthdays**

Actor Mickey Rooney is 76. Singer Ray Charles is 66. Singer Julio Iglesias is 53. Actress-singer Mary Kay Place is 49. Rock star Bruce Springsteen is 47. Actor Jason Alexander is 37. Actress Elizabeth Pena is 35.

► **Weather**

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
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- Commandant's Office (Military Sciences Building)
- Student Programs Office (2nd Floor MSC)
- Student Activities Office (125 John J. Koldus Building)
- Sterling C. Evans Library
- Office of Graduate Studies (125 Teague)
- Office of the Dean of each College
- Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs (10th Floor Rudder)

Completed applications must be received by the Student Activities Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 1996. They may be hand-carried to the Student Activities Office, sent through Campus Mail, or sent through U.S. Mail. (See the application for addresses.)

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