### Hormonal students should hide away

Tt's the middle of the day ... She knows when I get Lout of class. ... I can't be-we what I heard when I ened that door. ... Has she no ne?" my friend thundered.

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typical occurrence, ritis a sure bet that any Aggie her has a firsthand story or ows someone who has caught ommate in a compromising uation with his or her flame. It seems impossible that ple would be bold enough to we the risk of being discoved, but nakedness is nonethe-

sin full effect. And it doesn't stop with the m room. People resort to ny unique measures to get ir pleasure on. Creative places e from the 50-yard line of Field to the Rec Center pool he steps of the Administram Building. Of course, the list

ld not be complete without infamous Research Park. low, here are a few questions. Wouldn't the grass on Kyle Any Aggie either has a firsthand

story or knows someone who has caught a roommate in a compromising situation with his or her flame.

d cause booty-burn? Wouldn't it be embarrassing et caught by police when king over a Rec Center

Vouldn't the steps of the inistration Building be a and uncomfortable setfor romance? And what about those little

ters in Research Park? hese places of pleasure obusly have their drawbacks. I guess that is why people de to suck up the risk and or it in their dorm room, erably when the roommate ps on the Jansport and lefore judging the pleasure-

ers, keep in mind that this is pletely the University's fault. aps if it invested in larger s than those matchboxes that low provided, lovebugs who together wouldn't be in such opting position to get it on. Also, if the mattresses were le fluffier, shifting for comwouldn't occur so much. ce body bumping would be s frequent.

o add to the uncomfortable ime situation, consider A&M's ronment. Perhaps if the ing metropolis of College Stahad more to offer in forms of tural activity, students would have to resort to conjuring up tive places to do their thing. Maybe folks would go to the era or see a play instead of ing around in boredom. entually succumbing to

amy activities. However, since College Stan will never be the hub of exement, and the rock beds will tinue to be placed in resince halls, it is best to just ep an eye out for the hormonovercharged Aggies. So, if you ever open your or and hear muffled love unds, just walk in and calmly gest they take their business esearch Park. And if you mble on something slippery Kyle Field ... walk on, walk on.

# Material Mother

Birth of Madonna's baby demonstrates sinking **American values** 

icture the classic American romance: girl ex ploits her sexuality for money, decides it's time to crank out a kid, meets random cyclist while jogging in the park and asks him to help her out with the particulars. Sound familiar?

Madonna's birth to daughter Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon (weighing in a at 6 pounds, 9 ounces) shocked some, amused others

what the heck was wrong with family values these days. Although it appears the foundations of the American family have been irrevocably rocked by the birth, American values are securely in place. And Madonna's baby is

and left the rest wondering just

demonstrative of that fact. The self-proclaimed material girl has established quite a shady past. Roaring to the top of the charts with controversial songs such as "Like a Virgin" and "Justify My Love,' it's no wonder many American mommies winced every time their daughters donned Madonna-like apparel and came home with sensual Italian lovers.

Her book, aptly titled "Sex," was bought in hordes and undoubtedly hidden in many male adolescent's closets for

late-night sneak-peeks. Sexy videos, risqué live performances and a relationship with basketball's naughty boy Dennis Rodman did nothing to improve her image.

So how can one assert that little Leon can still live a life based on American values?

Because values in America have changed. Now, Americans adopt more lofty ideals based on true substance.



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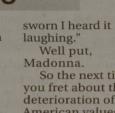
it's very American to make obscene amounts of money by selling dysfunctional family stories. Just ask Lorena Bobbitt, Amy Fisher, the Menendez broth-

ers or any of the guests on Jerry Springer's quality program.

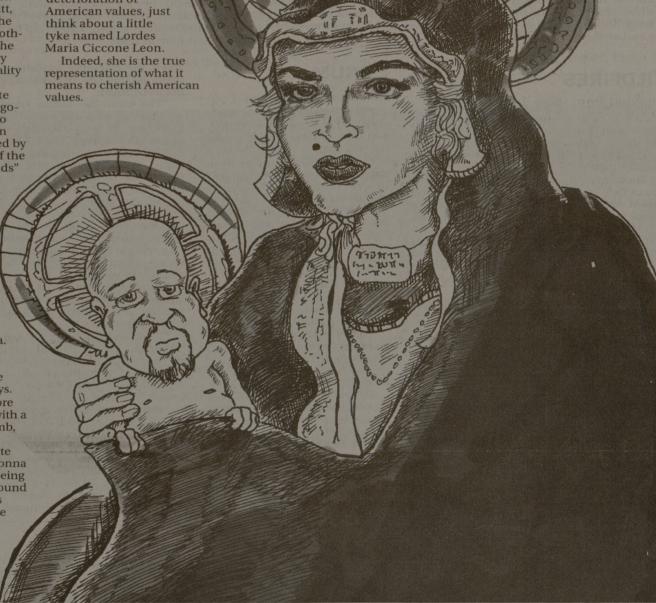
And no one could refute the fact that little Leon is going to have quite a story to tell. The average American will probably be fascinated by her inevitable accounts of the numerous "bedtime friends' that Mommy will bring home for her to meet. We know she won't be hurting in the money department.

Obsessive physical fitness is another of the many new American values everyone is trying to uphold nowadays. The child's father, Carlos Leon, is an amateur cyclist and personal trainer for Madonna. With his help, little Leon should be able to flaunt a near-perfect body just like Mommy did in the old days.

And there's nothing more American than bonding with a baby while still in the womb, relishing the miracle and beauty of life in the delicate features of the fetus. Madonna obviously agrees. Upon seeing her fetus during an ultrasound test, Madonna said, "I was stunned when I saw on the ultrasound a tiny, living creature spinning around in my womb. Tap-dancing, I think. Waving its tiny arms around and trying to suck its thumb. I could have



So the next time you fret about the deterioration of think about a little tyke named Lordes Maria Ciccone Leon.



## A&M 'Pesty' Control doesn't curb rampant rat problem

iss Reveille Ma'am has a new rival on campus. L It's not the grackles, the ants or the cockroaches. It's the dirty rats.

They're here. They're diseased. And A&M Pest Control isn't adequately addressing the problem.

Take, for example, the case of Jason Hubbert. A former resident of the former residence hall, Law, Hubbert battled with the A&M rats two years ago. They were eating his food, chewing holes in his wall and disturbing his late-night studies

with their trash-disco parties. When the rats refused to pitch in for groceries, he decided to call his Resident Adviser. A&M Pest Control came to the rescue sort of. They delivered the humane rodent trap of the future: the dreaded sticky paper of death. Having brilliantly positioned the

ed the villainous rodents' capture with glee. It didn't work. A rat dragged the sticky paper all over the room, spreading the

sticky paper in front of the hole, they await-

trap's horrid stickiness before tearing free. 'I still have a power strip with sticky stuff all over it," the valiant Hubbert con-



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fessed. Fortunately, he decided to throw away the sticky paper covered with blood, fur and bits of rat skin.

Rats are gross. Of course, Law and Puryear were gross, too. No doubt the dorms' rodent problem was a factor in their demolition. But don't think the rats were destroyed with the building.

Thurman Schweitzer, an RA in Walton Hall, has personally never seen a live rat in his

dorm. However, he said he saw a dead rat last semester on C ramp. A resident, discovering the futility of Pest Control's sticky paper, finally caught a rat in his own trap. The carcass was displayed proudly in his window with a sign saying, "This is what we do to rats here.

Schweitzer laughed about the anecdote. Mostly, the rodents just get into pretzel and chip bags, he said. No one makes a big deal about them.

Ignorance and apathy may be the root of A&M's rodent problem. Students and especially A&M workers need to realize that rats aren't a laughing matter.

Sharon Arnold, assistant director for Nursing Services, is properly disgusted by these animals that "cause all sorts of stuff." They caused the bubonic plague in the Middle Ages and killed 50 percent of the world's humans. More recently, rats were connected with mysterious deaths in New

Luckily, Dave Pickens, a Brazos County Health Inspector, said the virus doesn't occur locally

Mexico from the Santa Virus

The biggest problem he finds with rats is their calls of nature. They get into the food supply and then poop and urinate all over it. "They spread filth," Pickens said.

Not every dorm on campus has rats, of course. Tom Murray, Manager of Custodial and Maintenance Services, says the only current rat problem he is aware of is in the Aston or Dunn courtyard. He's not sure which one.

Poor Murray seems to be left in the dark about A&M's rat troubles. The last incident he can remember was about five years ago in Law Hall.

At least Murray is willing to discuss the problem, though. A&M's Pest Control declined to comment. It probably thinks the rats are trapped in the rubble of Law and Puryear.

But rats were never confined to those dorms. Nurse Arnold said, "The rats are in the (steam) tunnels." They even made their way into the basement of Beutel a few years ago, further proof that any place on campus is just a scamper away for the rodents.

A&M's rats must be attacked in their home base. Sticky paper is useless. Humane traps are useless. Rats are filthy, disgusting, diseased animals.

Kill them. Spread D-con in the tunnels and clean up the dead. Make A&M hostile for rats. As Pickens explains, "Rats are transient. They won't stick around where it's not a great place to live.'

If Pest Control seriously acknowledges the problem, perhaps our campus will cease o be a great place for rats to live. Pickens suggests a reasonable approach to rodents: "Rats are something that happens. It's nature. You take care of it, then the problem goes away.

A&M's real problem is not the rats. It is the ludicrous attempts Pest Control makes to control them. If Pest Control employees themselves lived in dorms with rats, the problem might be taken seriously.



#### Wildcat appreciates Aggie friendliness

I am a student at Kansas State who made the road trip last Saturday to see the game.

Wearing my Kansas State purple and sitting in the student section, I was surprised at how friendly the

#### students were. It shocked me because I expect-

ed to get ridiculed for rooting for my team in enemy territory. I think that says a lot about the Aggies and your school. One fan af-

ter the game even congratulated me on my school's win.

I was also very impressed with the campus and all the traditions.

The chants, the band, the Corps of Cadets and all the other traditions at Texas A&M made a huge impression on me. Next year when play us here in Kansas, I hope all the Wildcats treat you with as much courtesy and respect as I was given. Gig 'em Aggies!

> Tim Bannwarth Kansas State student

#### Clinton's actions deserve criticism

Regarding Jon Appar's Oct. 22 column, "Criticism mistaken for mudslinging"

It's about time someone ac-

knowledges the difference between mudslinging and talking about issues of character.

What kind of a person commits adultery, breaks the laws, perjures himself in court, covers up the illegal activities of his friends and co-workers, spends money that is not his and openly admits to a willingness to use illegal drugs?

It's a pretty sad thing that this man is president of the United States. Furthermore, if Dole fails to brings these actions to the attention of the American people, then he does us a great disservice.

People deserve to be informed about the candidates they vote on. Lesley Craven Class of '00

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