

THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

► **Campus**

Locations given to sign run-off petitions

Today is the last full day for organizers of the yell leader run-off petition drive to obtain the necessary number of signatures. By 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, all copies of the petition must be turned in to the Student Government Judicial Board for verification.

If the required number of signatures is obtained, a referendum will be held to determine if there will be run-off elections for yell leaders. Unlike the referendum last spring, the results of this referendum would be binding.

The following is a list of times and places where petition organizers will gather signatures for the petition:

- 8:50 a.m. - 9:10 a.m. — Blocker and Bus Stop Snack Bar
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. — Zachry, Rudder Fountain, Heldenfels and Bus

- Stop Snack Bar 11:10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. — Rudder Fountain and Blocker
- 12:20 p.m. - 12:40 p.m. — Zachry and Bus Stop Snack Bar
- 1:30 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. — Wehner and Bus Stop Snack Bar
- 2:40 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. — Blocker, Bus Stop Snack Bar and Rudder Fountain
- 3:50 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. — Blocker and Bus Stop Snack Bar.

New representative sworn in Saturday

Dr. Bill Roman was sworn in as state representative of House District 14 at the Brazos County Courthouse Saturday.

Roman defeated Richard Smith in a special election for the house seat which Steve Ogden vacated in November to pursue a place in the state senate.

Saturday's swearing in was the first

time a Brazos County Representative has taken the oath of office in Brazos County.

Roman, a retired Obstetrician/Gynecologist, practiced medicine for 40 years. He owns a drug store and taught at A&M for 24 years.

► **State**

Partners propose \$5000 space ride

HOUSTON (AP) — A NASA engineer and his business partner want to bring space to those willing to pay \$5,000 for the opportunity.

Jim Akkerman and Harry Dace envision the ultimate amusement park ride: a Mercury-style rocket shot.

"Basically, it's a Mercury shot," said Akkerman, a 59-year-old NASA aeronautical engineer who is working on the unusual project in his off-duty time.

Routier to receive sentencing

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — The Kerr County jury that convicted homemaker Darlie Routier of capital murder begins deciding Monday whether she'll be sentenced to death or life in prison.

"We intend to forcefully argue for the death penalty," prosecutor Greg Davis said Saturday after Routier was found guilty of a capital murder charge in the June 6, 1996, stabbing deaths of her two young sons.

Routier was accused of killing 5-year-old Damon and 6-year-old Devon Routier in a grisly knife attack at the family's home in the Dallas suburb of Rowlett, 20 miles east of Dallas.

The capital murder charge applied to the death of Damon because he was under 6 years old. An-

other pending charge covers Devon's death, but prosecutors haven't said whether they will pursue it.

Prosecutors alleged Routier — angry over money problems and the burdens of motherhood — killed both boys, slashed herself and staged a crime scene to fool police.

After a month of testimony, a seven-woman, five man jury agreed, returning a guilty verdict after 10 hours of deliberation.

Routier, 27, was sobbing before Judge Mark Tolle read the verdict and continued crying afterward. Her family members, including husband Darin, also were weeping.

"I did not kill by babies," defense attorney Richard Mosty quoted Routier as saying.

Defense attorneys argued Routier wouldn't have turned

from a "doting mother" into a "psychotic killer." They claimed she didn't have time to stage the crime scene and that other suspicious people in the neighborhood weren't looked seriously as suspects.

After the verdict, Routier was whisked back to the Kerr County Jail. Her trial was moved to this Country town about 60 miles northwest of San Antonio because of publicity in North Texas.

Rowlett Police Chief Randall Posey said Saturday his department was pleased with the verdict, but added: "It should be remembered that there are winners in this case."

Posey had no comment on whether Routier should be sentenced to die.

► **This day in history**

Today is Monday, Feb. 3, the 34th day of 1997. There are 331 days left in the year.

- On this date:
- In 1783, Spain recognized U.S. independence.
- In 1809, the territory of Illinois was created.
- In 1865, President Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens held a shipboard peace conference off the Virginia coast. (The talks deadlocked over the issue of Southern autonomy.)
- In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.
- In 1916, Canada's original Parliament Buildings, in Ottawa, burned down.
- In 1917, the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany, which had announced a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.
- In 1924, the 28th president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington, D.C., at age 68.

- In 1930, the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons.
- In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship Dorchester sank after being hit by a torpedo. (Four Army chaplains gave their life belts to four other men, and went down with the ship.)
- In 1988, the U.S. Senate voted unanimously to confirm Anthony M. Kennedy to the Supreme Court.

► **Today's birthdays**

- Author James Michener is 90. Comedian Joey Bishop is 79. Comedian Shelley Berman is 71. Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., is 64. Football Hall-of-Famer Fran Tarkenton is 57. Singer Dennis Edwards (formerly of The Temptations) is 54. Football Hall-of-Famer Bob Griese is 52. Singer-guitarist Dave Davies (The Kinks) is 50. Singer Melanie is 50.

► **Weather**

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
			Today's Expected High 76°F
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Cloudy with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms.	Decreasing clouds. Light north winds.	Tonight's Expected Low 62°F
			Tomorrow's Expected High 69°F
			Tomorrow Night's Expected Low 48°F

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February 8, 1997
7pm - 224 MSC

\$12 (Limited tickets will be sold @ the door)
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For more information contact Lorena Raya, Conference Director @ 845-1514 or stop by the Student Programs Office, 216 MSC.

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Saturday, February 8, 1997
9:00 - 12:00 Noon

College Station Convention and Visitor's Bureau, 715 University Drive East

Registration: \$10.00 public and \$5.00 students

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