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Sleek Sheet | **Cynthia Fagan** changes the bed sheet in a room of the A&M guest room at the MSC Tuesday morning.

► *Nation*

Communion thiefs puzzle some priests

PICAYUNE, Miss. (AP) — Two Roman Catholic churches have posted guards to make sure parishioners swallow the communion wafer and not pocket it. The reason: Priests fear the wafers are being used in satanic rites.

There have been no recent police reports of any satanic activity, but suspicions were raised at St. Charles Catholic Church in December when a half-dozen people were seen leaving with the Holy Communion, the Rev. John Noone said.

Now, guards posted at the altar — usually church ushers — discreetly ask parishioners to eat the wafer or give it back, Noone said.

In the Catholic faith, the bread and wine served at communion represent the body and blood of Christ.

During satanic rituals, known as Black Masses, communion wafers are burned or otherwise desecrated, said Justin Rudelson, an assistant professor of anthropology and religion at Tulane University.

Lips smack man with conviction

GENEVA, Ill. (AP) — Lavelle sealed his murder conviction with own lips.

Davis, 23, was convicted Mo and the key piece of evidence set of lip prints found on a roll of tape left at the crime scene.

Prosecutors said Davis left mark on the tape when he an accomplice practiced how would gag Patrick Ferguson who was shot to death in fro his young children during a rob attempt in 1993.

"This duct tape and the found on it is independent evi and it puts the defendant at crime scene," prosecutor Alice said in closing arguments.

Prosecutors are seeking death penalty for Davis, who was found guilty of armed violence a tempted armed robbery. He is sentenced March 25.

Davis' accomplice, Ray Mims, is serving 40 years in p for his role in the shooting in 35 miles west of Chicago.

► *This day in history*

Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 1997. There are 322 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in present-day Larue County, Ky.

In 1733, English colonists led by James Oglethorpe founded Savannah, Ga.

In 1892, President Lincoln's birthday was declared a national holiday.

In 1907, more than 300 people died when the steamer *Larchmont* collided with a schooner off New England's Block Island.

In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded.

In 1915, the cornerstone for the Lincoln Memorial was laid in Washington, D.C.

In 1924, George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" premiered in New York City.

In 1940, the radio play "The Adventures of Superman" debuted on the Mutual network with Bud Collyer as the Man of Steel.

Five years ago: Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton released a letter he'd written as a student in 1969 in which he said he had decided to give up a draft deferment in order to "maintain my political viability."

► *Today's birthdays*

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Franco Zefferelli is 74. Baseball Hall of Fame sportscaster Joe Garagiola is 71. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., is 67. Rock musician Ray Manzarek (The Doors) is 62. Author Judy Blume is 59. Country singer Moe Bandy is 53. Actress Maud Adams is 52. Actor Cliff DeYoung is 52. Actress Joanna Kerns is 44. Actor-former talk show host Arsenio Hall is 42. Singer Chynna Phillips is 29.

► *Weather*

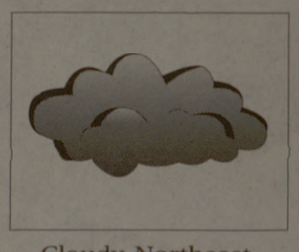
Today

Cloudy with an 80% chance of thunderstorms, some possibly severe with heavy rain.

Tonight

Rain and thunderstorms ending. North winds 15-20 mph and gusty.

Tomorrow



Cloudy. Northeast winds 15-20 mph and gusty.

Highs & Lows

Today's Expected High
53°F

Tonight's Expected Low
38°F

Tomorrow's Expected High
48°F

Tomorrow Night's Expected Low
33°F

Information courtesy of TAMUCC

CLASS OF 1997 DESIGN CONTEST

Create the artwork for Senior Week 1997 and win RING DANCE TICKETS!!

All artwork must be in black and white, no larger than 8.5" X 11", and illustrate the theme ***"STEP-OFF INTO THE SPOTLIGHT".*** Additional guidelines are available in the MSC, Student Activities, and other locations around campus.

All Entries are due by **Friday, February 21,1997, at 5pm,** in the MSC Student Programs Office (2nd Floor). All entries become the property of the Class of 1997 Council.

Finalist will be chosen and the **CLASS OF 1997** will be invited to vote for their favorite design during the week of **February 24-28, 1997,** in the MSC Main Hallway.

SENIOR WEEK 1997 APRIL 21-26

1997-1998 UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWS PROGRAM

CALL FOR STUDENT RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Outstanding juniors who will have completed nine hours of Honors coursework before the fall semester and who have at least a 3.25 grade point average are invited to apply for participation in the University Undergraduate Research Fellows Program during their senior year. The Fellows Program offers a two-semester independent research experience which culminates in a Senior Honors Thesis. It is the most prestigious research opportunity available to undergraduates at Texas A&M and provides participants with opportunities usually extended only to students pursuing graduate degrees. Over the last several years, 40 to 80 students have been selected annually as Fellows based upon faculty review of research proposals submitted to the University Honors Program. The Fellows Program features a close, master-apprentice relationship between student researcher and faculty advisor and involves both students and advisors in periodic interdisciplinary group meetings to encourage the development of a scholarly community.

Faculty acquainted with capable juniors who meet the criteria for participation in the Undergraduate Fellows Program may wish to encourage them to consider preparing a proposal. An informational meeting concerning the 1997-1998 Fellows Program, open to faculty as well as students, has been scheduled for 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18th in 292B MSC. Research proposals will be due on Thursday, March 20th. Students will know whether they have been admitted to the program in early April. For additional information, call or visit with Dr. Edward Funkhouser at the Office of Honors Programs and Academic Scholarships, 101 Academic Building, 845-6774.

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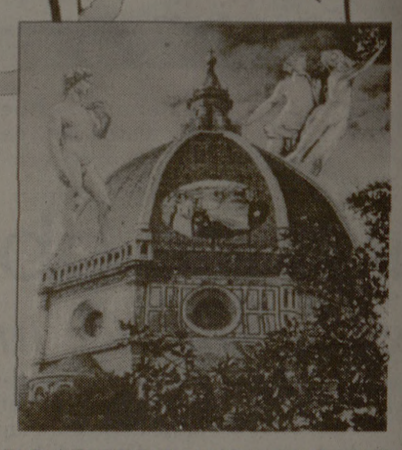


STUDY ABROAD SPRING '98 AT SANTA CHIARA
INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS - 358 BIZZELL HALL WEST

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 1:30 - 2:15 PM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 2:30 - 3:15 PM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 3:15 - 4:00 PM

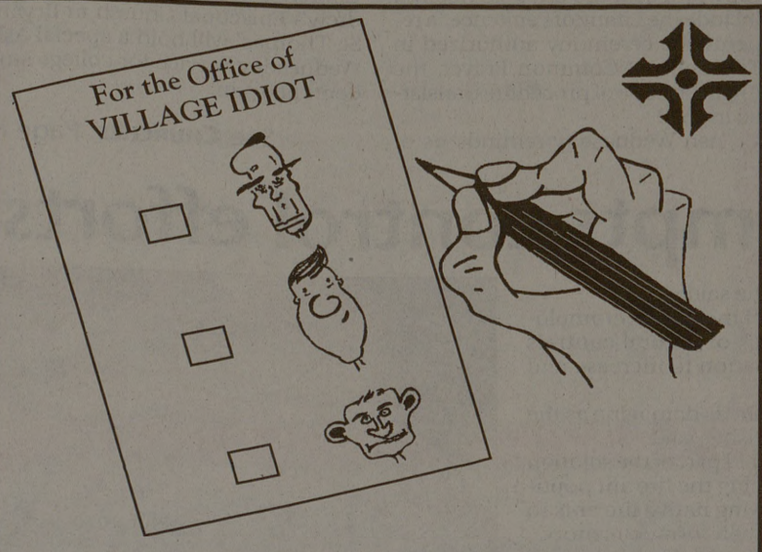
STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS
161 Bizzell Hall West
845-0544

FREUDIAN slip
Improvisational Comedy

Nothing says love like a bowl of Jell-O and some improv comedy.

(Jell-O not included.)

Friday, Feb. 14
10 p.m. at Rudder Theatre
Tickets $4 in advance (MSC Box Office)
$5 at the door
http://http.tamu.edu:8000/~fslip



Hard Decisions?

Get Informed. Get Involved. Join MSC Political Forum.

Political Forum is a non-partisan student run organization.
For the past 30 years, we have been bringing political speakers and topics to Texas A&M.

Political Forum is currently accepting applications for Spring 1997 membership. If you are interested in becoming a part of this fun, fast paced programming committee, you can pick up your application at the Student Programs Office (on the 2nd floor of the MSC) or apply online at: http://pf.tamu.edu

Weekly meetings on Mondays at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder

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