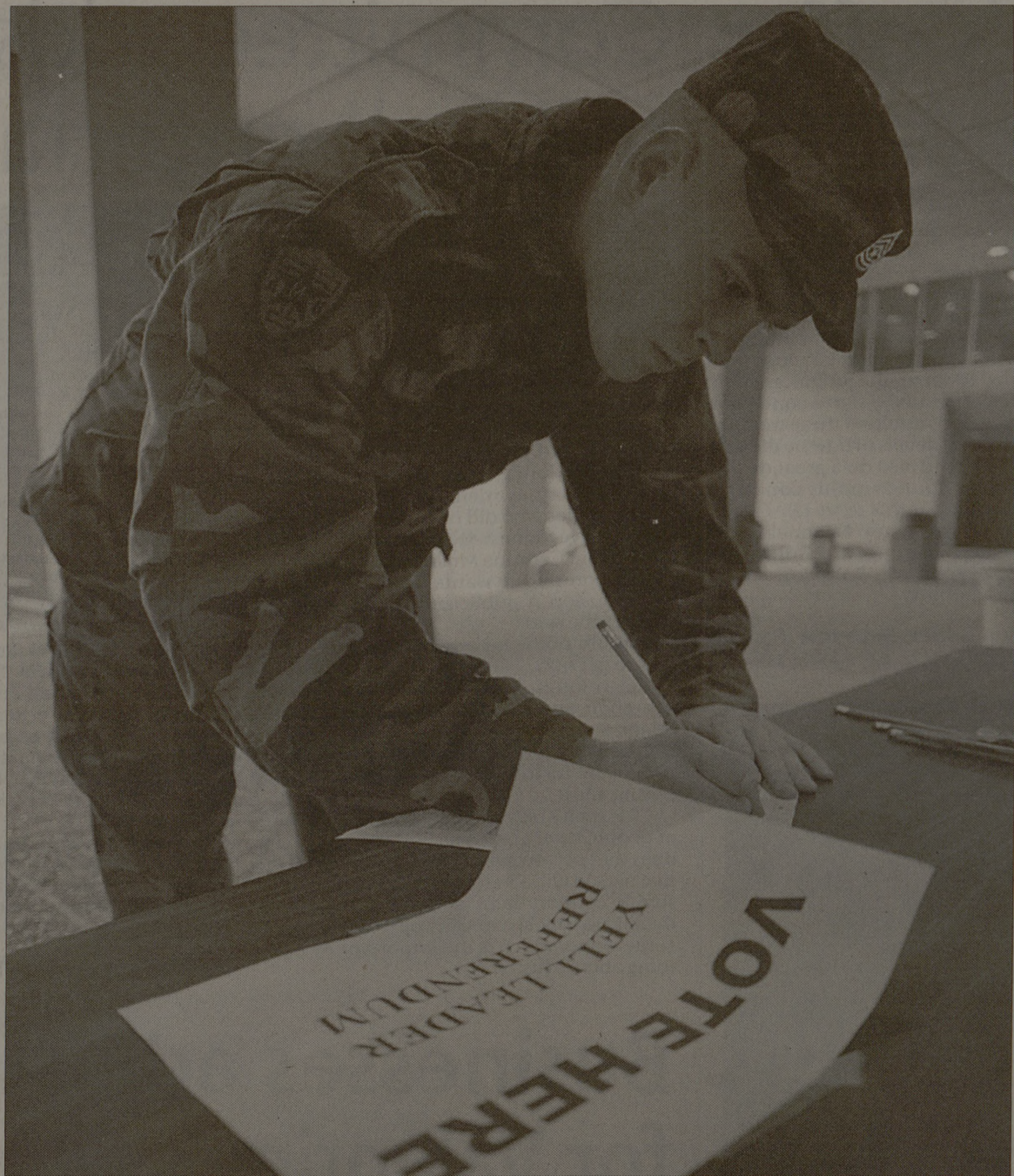


THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

Thursday • February 13, 1997



Making a Choice

Rick Fournier, a junior mechanical engineering major, votes in the yell leader run-off referendum election Wednesday in front of Evans Library.

Ryan Rogers, THE BATTALION

► State

Cowboy sues police over false allegations

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys star Erik Williams, falsely named with teammate Michael Irvin in a rape case, sued police Wednesday, accusing them of violating his civil rights.

The Pro Bowl offensive lineman also sued a TV station and one of its reporters for defaming him through its handling of the story.

Williams' federal lawsuit accused police of falsely accusing him in public statements and giving public credibility to a complaint by his accuser even

though officers knew there were problems with her complaint.

Lin Television Corp., the parent company of Dallas-Fort Worth station KXAS, and reporter Marty Griffin were named in the second lawsuit, a state case that alleges defamation, negligence, fraud, invasion of privacy and trespassing.

► Nation

Raising coffee prices may steam customers

CHICAGO (AP) — There's a different kind of jolt coming soon to coffee lovers. That cup of joe soon could cost more.

Too much rain in Latin America a strike in Colombia have sent for future delivery of beans toward two-year highs.

The nation's top seller of regular coffee — Folger's — already has raised prices 7 percent next summer, and grocery stores raise prices by the end of the year unless the wholesale prices back, said Ted Lingle, executive director of the Specialty Coffee Association of America.

Among the 49 percent of consumers who are coffee drinkers, not about to give up that daily

► This day in history

Today is Thursday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 1997. There are 321 days left in the year.

In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.

In 1633, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei arrived in Rome for trial before the Inquisition.

In 1635, the oldest public school in the United States, the Boston Public Latin School, was founded.

In 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.

In 1920, the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

In 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J., found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-death of the infant son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. Hauptmann was later executed.

In 1945, during World War II, the Soviets captured

Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans.

In 1945, Allied planes began bombing the city of Dresden.

In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb in Placid, N.Y., for the 13th Winter Olympics.

In 1984, Konstantin Chernenko was chosen general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee, succeeding the late Yuri Andropov.

► Today's birthdays

Singer Eileen Farrell is 77. Former test pilot E. "Chuck" Yeager is 74. Actress Kim Novak is 63. Actor George Segal is 63. Actor Oliver Reed is 53. Bo Svenson is 56. Actress Carol Lynley is 55. Stockard Channing is 53. Talk show host Jerry Seinfeld is 53. Singer Peter Gabriel is 47.

► Weather

Today



Mostly cloudy with northeast winds.

Tonight



Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain.

Tomorrow



Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain.

Highs & Lows

Today's Expected High 48°F

Tonight's Expected High 38°F

Tomorrow's Expected High 52°F

Tomorrow's Expected Low 33°F

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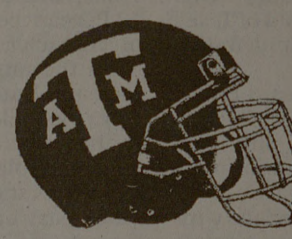
All suggestions welcome.
Deadline February 14, 1997

TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL 12TH MAN / WALK-ON ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 1997

TIME: 4:30 PM

WHERE: Kyle Field Stadium Film Room



For More Information: 845-0374

CLASS OF 1997 DESIGN CONTEST

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

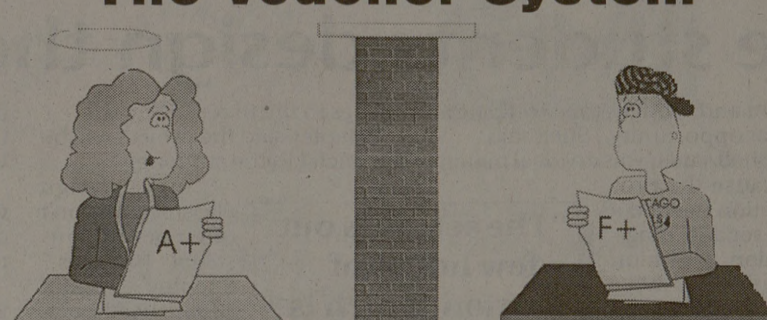
All artwork must be in black and white, no larger than 8.5" X 11", and illustrate the theme "STEP-OFF INTO THE SPOTLIGHT". Additional guidelines are available in the MSC, Student Activities, and other locations around campus.

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

Public Funds For Private Education? The Voucher System



Dr. David Erlandson - Professor of Education Administration

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 1997
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: MSC 201

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