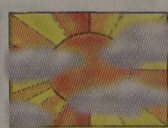




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NEWS BRIEFS

ESL students study energy efficiency

The Texas A&M Energy Systems Laboratory (ESL) and the Bryan-College Station Habitat for Humanity are building a local house to learn more about energy efficiency this fall. The ESL and College of Architecture students will rewire the Habitat house with sensors to monitor temperature, humidity, carbon dioxide, solar radiation and the use of energy sources. The ESL's work will help Habitat conserve energy conservation measures which save money for Habitat and who live in the houses. The A&M students will use the information to understand how a house uses energy.

Victoria's Secret given 'miracle' ruling

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (AP) — The Miracle bra turned out to be a courtroom bust for Victoria's Secret. The lingerie company with the sexy catalog has been ordered to pay A&H Sportswear Co. of Stockton more than \$1.2 million. U.S. District Judge Franklin S. Van Dyke ruled that Victoria's Secret's use of the word "miracle" in its Bra line infringes on the Miracle swimsuit that A&H produces. The Miracle swimsuit gives the wearer a proper appearance. Miracle Bra makes the wearer appear to have a larger bust size. In a ruling released Monday, Van Dyke said Victoria's Secret must pay 2 percent of all net sales of Miracle products since November. Victoria's Secret must also run a disclaimer each time it uses the "miracle" name and pay a 2 percent royalty on the profits.

Wendy's pressured vegetarian group

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Wendy's is changing its new garden veggie pita sandwiches after a vegetarian group filed a beef over its ingredients. The Vegetarian Awareness Network filed Tuesday the fast-food chain misrepresented its new product in nutritional guides available at its restaurants. The group said the veggie pita described as "vegetarian" and "vegetable" even though the filling contains gelatin, which comes from animal tissue. Wendy's International Inc., which operates 1,500 restaurants worldwide, says it will remove all gelatin from the filling and should have it in restaurants within two months, spokeswoman Rebecca Lusk said Tuesday. In the meantime, it will continue using the same sauce, she said. Lusk said Wendy's discovered the problem last week and recalled thousands of guides from stores.

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Griffey Jr. led the voting for the 1997 AL and NL Star rosters were released. See Page 3.

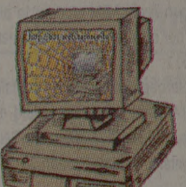
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Boycott of Disney Company displays ignorance of American society. See Page 5.

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## Aggies clean up cut site Bonfire will burn Thanksgiving evening

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Before Aggies can "build the hell outta Bonfire," they have to find the wood to build it. The redpots are searching for a suitable cut site for the fall, but they must clean up last year's site near Hearne first. John Gallemore, head stack and a senior agribusiness major, said a cut site will be chosen within the next month after the clean-up at the Hearne site is complete. Gallemore said the junior and senior redpots do a majority of the cut site cleaning with the help of brownpots. Blaine Lewis, a junior redpot and management major, said the goal of clean-up is to make the land usable again for the landowners. "We try to get it back to where it was before we got there," he said. The redpots collect trees that were felled but not used last fall and clean roads at cut site. Also, the redpots use bulldozers to "pop" stumps out of the ground. The stumps are piled

together, burned and buried. After the stumps are pulled out, the redpots use a root rake to tear out the roots. Lewis said Aggie Bonfire has a responsibility to the landowners to clean the land after it is used. "After we go down there and take all those logs, we owe it to these kind people who give us their land to work on to clean that up," Lewis said. Gallemore said that in the past, problems have occurred when cut site was not cleaned up. Therefore, the redpots must now finish cleaning up the old site before the University will approve a new site. Before a site is chosen, the redpots go to the possible site and talk with the landowners. Also, they survey the land and amount of timber and look for any problems, such as drainage. "It's (cut site selection) a pretty tedious selection process," Gallemore said.

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### Pay-Per-Chew

## Tyson's bite mars 'sport'

Well, it has been officially proven, Mike Tyson's bite is worse than his bark. Often ridiculed for his "feminine" voice, Tyson has proved that voices can be deceiving.

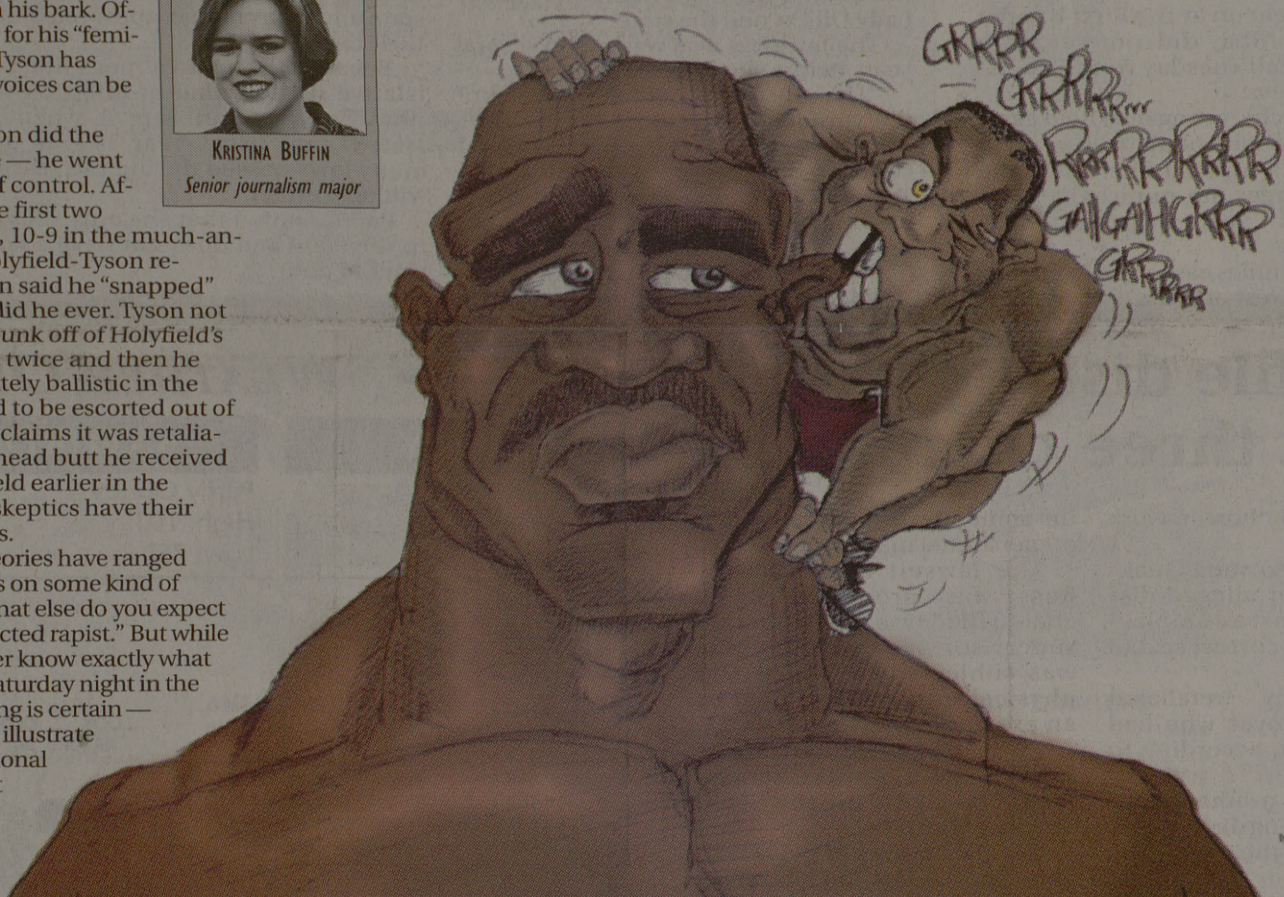
Mike Tyson did the unthinkable — he went totally out of control. After losing the first two rounds 10-9, 10-9 in the much-anticipated Holyfield-Tyson rematch, Tyson said he "snapped" — and boy did he ever. Tyson not only bit a chunk off of Holyfield's ear, he did it twice and then he went absolutely ballistic in the ring and had to be escorted out of the ring. He claims it was retaliation for the head butt he received from Holyfield earlier in the match, but skeptics have their own theories.

These theories have ranged from "he was on some kind of drugs" to "what else do you expect from a convicted rapist." But while we may never know exactly what happened Saturday night in the ring, one thing is certain — these events illustrate why professional boxing is not and should not be a sport.

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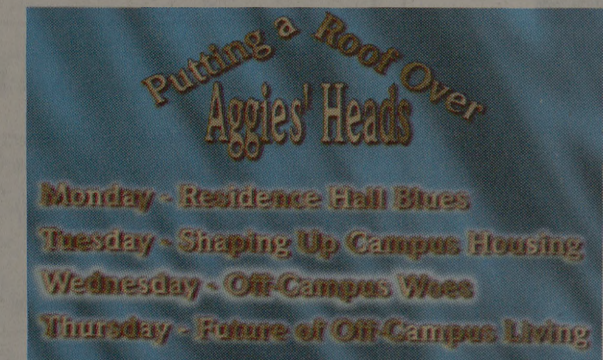


GRAPHIC: Brad Graeber

## Maintenance, deposit troubles bring headaches

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About 75 percent of Texas A&M students live off campus because of preference or no other choice. Of the students who apply for on-campus housing this year, almost 1,500 will not be assigned a dorm room and must find somewhere else to live, the Department of Student Life said. But even with the extra room and independence gained by living off campus, an apartment, duplex or house can sometimes give students problems.



GRAPHIC: Tim Moog

Victor Romero Jr., lease specialist for the Department of Student Life, said living conditions play a major role in a student's life, and they should choose housing carefully to avoid problems. "If you are having problems in a living situation, then you are having problems in class and work and in the rest of your life," Romero said. Romero said the biggest problem students face living off campus is maintenance of accommodations. "In the summer, air conditioners are always breaking," he said, "and the complexes have trouble keeping up with maintenance." Allison Smith, coordinator of Off Campus, Adult and

Graduate Student Services in the Department of Student Life, said housing costs may be another problem and can determine where a student will live.

"Students are interested in knowing what they are paying for," Smith said. "They need to know what a higher price means. It involves closeness, location and accommodations." A price list of apartments and duplexes/fourplexes offered by Student Life gives students an idea of what apartments are in their price range.

According to this list, the average monthly rent price for a two-bedroom, one-bath apartment in a nine-month lease in Bryan-College Station is \$480.54.

Security, utility and pet deposits and utility expenses are not included in the rent price. Smith said a problem exists when students are misled about getting their deposit back.

"There are laws that exist to protect the property manager and residents," she said. "There is no reason someone shouldn't get back their deposit if they read what they sign their name to on the lease."

Romero said pets often cause residents to lose security deposits.

Catharine Watkins, a landlord and resident of a College Station apartment complex, said the condition of the living quarters after tenants leave determines whether a deposit is refunded. Some students, she said, leave apartments with holes in the walls, torn and stained carpeting, and damage to appliances.

"We had one two-bedroom apartment leased out to three people, and they lost their deposit because their two dogs tore up the blinds, the carpet was stained badly and the kitchen appliances were abused," Watkins said.

However, some student tenants said they did not receive their deposits back when they should have.

Lori Edmunson, a resident of a College Station apartment complex and a sophomore biology major, said she and her roommate lost a \$200 deposit because the landlord said the walls were damaged by nail holes and the paint was badly chipped.

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## Clinton criticized for slow moves to sanction Internet

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, criticized by industry leaders for moving slowly to sanction an Internet marketplace for American businesses, today called for key patent and intellectual property policies to be in place within 12 months.

In an East Room ceremony, the president also committed the administration to a schedule that would allow a full array of international online business transactions by 2000. Government involvement in the venture, he said, should encourage online commerce to flourish rather than drown in a sea of regulations.

"Electronic commerce is like the Wild West of the economy," Clinton said. "In the 21st century, we can build much of our prosperity on innovations in cyberspace in ways that most of us cannot even imagine."

A presidential task force released its recommendation for a hands-off, no-new-taxes approach to regulating commerce on the Internet. But some industry leaders remain unhappy that Clinton has moved slowly and has not budged on the restricted sale of encryption devices.

"We don't feel the United States is necessarily in the lead on this," said Dennis Tsu, director of electronic commerce for Sun Microsystems.

He said it was good news that the task force recommended letting the Internet industry regulate its own business in cyberspace. But, he added, the pace of key decisions on patents, copyrights, protection for intellectual property and tariffs were "not happening fast enough."

As a result, Tsu said, the United States risks being locked out of trading blocs, in Southeast Asia, for example, where more aggressive governments have already moved to encourage international online business.

One White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said such dire warnings are premature, that the issues are still open in most countries and that Clinton intends for the United States to be in the lead.

The president today was laying out specific goals on intellectual property, privacy and patent policies that he would like to see met in the next 12 months, the official said.

Industry analysts expect Internet trade, if left mostly unfettered by government regulation, to reach \$200 billion in the United States by 2000.

The report was drawn up by a presidential task force of businesses, consumer groups and Internet educators. A draft version recommended the government take a hands-off approach to the worldwide computer network, levying no new taxes and keeping the Internet a duty-free zone.

That is in marked contrast to the administration's attempts to ban obscenity on the Internet. Clinton has said he would separately pursue alternative protections for children using the computer network.

The task force would leave unchanged the Clinton administration's policy that encryption technology can only be exported if the technology is able to be decoded by national security agencies.

The industry complains that such a restriction leaves other countries leery of American encryption products and renders American companies unable to compete.



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