

Students ordered to pay *Battalion*

Two Texas A&M students will pay \$1,500 and serve 100 hours of community service after taking thousands of copies of *The Battalion* on Oct. 31, last year.

Staff and student representatives from *The Battalion* and the two students resolved the situation in university mediation in late December.

During the hearing, the two students admitted to removing thousands of newspapers from various campus locations last fall, said Kim Novak, a representative of the Department of Student Life and the mediator in the settlement.

Novak said the parties were referred to mediation "in an attempt to reach a reasonable resolution regarding reimbursement for \$2,500 in advertising fees that were refunded by *The Battalion*."

Charles Self, head of the A&M journalism department, said the newspaper returned the advertising revenue because the papers were removed prior to circulation.

Oprah faces beef defamation suit

AMARILLO (AP) — You do not have to look — or smell — too long to realize Amarillo is in the heart of Texas cattle country.

It is here that Oprah Winfrey must defend herself against a beef-defamation lawsuit filed by local cattlemen.

The talk show host is accused of falsely spreading word that American beef could cause mad cow disease in people in the United States.

Winfrey's lawyers tried to have the case moved from this Panhandle town of 165,000 to Dallas, a more cosmopolitan city about a six-hour drive away.

Instead, jury selection is set for Tuesday in an area that produces 25 percent of the nation's grain-fed cattle, in a city where the largest private employer is a slaughterhouse and in a courthouse that has a mural of cattle above the elevators.

Bush Library hosts Asian conference

The George Bush Presidential Library hosted an international agriculture conference Jan. 14-16 to discuss production, trade, resource use and resource conservation in China and Pacific Asia.

A series of lectures delivered by professors and industry leaders presented ideas to experts and leaders in agriculture and the environment concerning the agricultural future and sustainable trade opportunities in China and Asia.

Dr. Douglas Loh, conference organizer and associate professor of Rangeland Ecology and Management Science at Texas A&M, said the conference was held because of the importance of the U.S.-Chinese relations.

"The relationship between the U.S. and China is very important to both countries," Loh said. "If these two countries have a good relationship, it benefits the whole world."

A&M expansion congests parking

Parking may be tight at the beginning of this semester due to current construction projects that have removed some parking spaces.

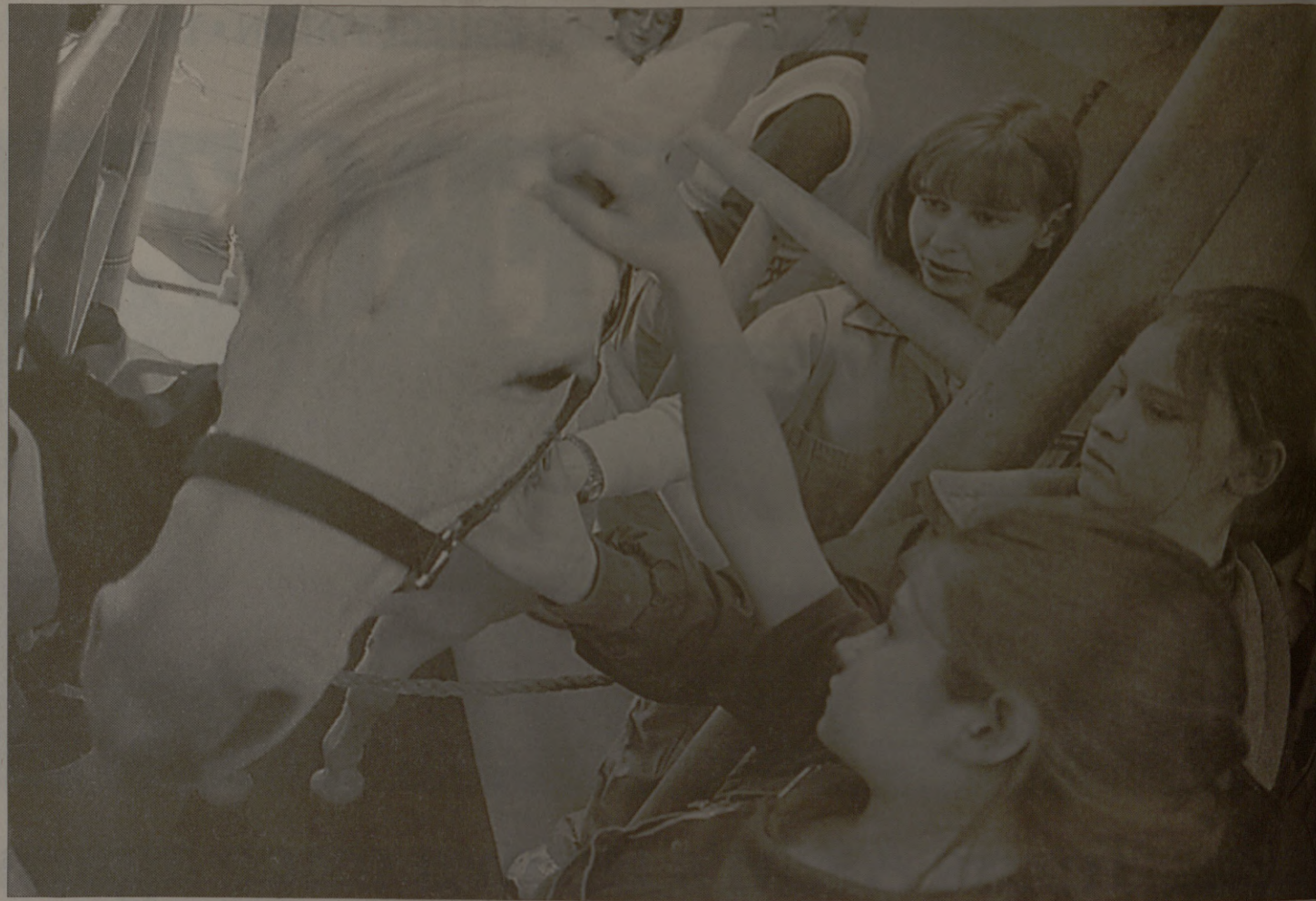
Construction in the parking lot behind the University Police Department has eliminated 350 on-campus red-dot spaces used by on-campus residents. Spaces near the tennis courts are temporarily closed due to construction that will be completed some time early in the spring.

Tom Williams, director of Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services, said students may park in the lot behind KAMU-TV station during the construction.

Williams said the opening of Reed Arena in April will open 1,500 more off-campus blue lot spaces, which are sold to students who live off-campus. He said that no new blue parking passes will be sold this semester.

Students living off campus who do not have blue passes may purchase a bus pass or use the available park-and-ride stops in the community.

Horse sense



Michelle Henthorne, a second-year veterinary medicine student, shows Heather Smith and Elizabeth Smith, grade-school students, how to measure a horse's pulse Saturday morning at the Veterinary Medical Science Complex. The event educated members of the U.S. Pony Club.

U.S. Naval cadet trial set to start

FORT WORTH (AP) — "Just do it!"

That was Diane Zamora's December 1995 command for her then fiancé to kill a pretty high school rival who had come between the teen-age lovers, according to her statement to police.

On a secluded, darkened road, investigators say, Zamora ordered David Graham to kill Adrienne Jones because of his one-time sexual tryst with the 16-year-old Mansfield sophomore.

"I think I got kind of hysterical, and I screamed, 'Just do it! Just do it!'" Zamora told investigators after her arrest almost a year later.

At that time, Zamora was a mid-

shipman at the U.S. Naval Academy and Graham a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy. They planned to wed in 2000.

On Tuesday, state District Judge Joe Drago will begin questioning prospective jurors in a weeklong effort to find an impartial panel for Zamora capital murder trial.

Graham will be tried later this year.

Despite enormous pressure from state motion for a change of venue, the judge says he is "optimistic" of seating a jury.

Under Drago's best-case scenario, he will qualify 75 to 80 percent of the jurors to sit on the panelists this week, get sworn in on Jan. 27 and start testimony on Jan. 28.

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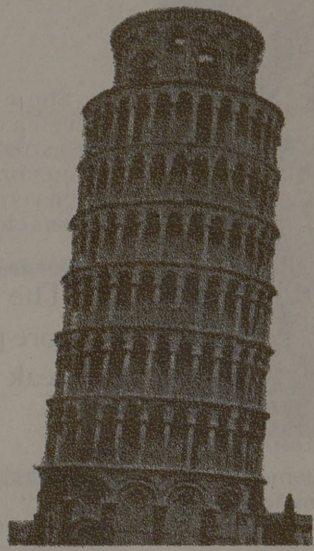
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Memorial Student Center 1998 Spring Calendar

spring has sprung

january

- 22 B.A.C.: "Flute Juice Productions...History of Jazz" Flagroom, 12 p.m./7 p.m.
- 24 Film Society: *The Game* Rudder Auditorium, 7 & 9:30 p.m.
- 25 "MSC Spring Open House" MSC 12-4 p.m.
- 29-30 OPAS: N.Y.C. Opera National Co.: *The Daughter of the Regiment*, Rudder Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
- 30 NOVA: "Spring Membership Drive Gaming Party" MSC 138-141, 7 p.m. 2 a.m.
- 31 Film Society: *Usual Suspects* Rudder Auditorium, 9:30 p.m.

February

- 2 Black Awareness Committee: "Share the Knowledge... Celebrate Black History" Flagroom, 12:00 p.m.
- 3 Political Forum: "Bosnia: Should America Be Involved?" MSC 206, 7 p.m.
- 6-7 CAMAC: "11th Annual Southwestern Conference on Latino Affairs"
- 7 Film Society: *Swingers* Rudder Theater, 9:30 p.m.
- 11 OPAS: "Prague Chamber Orchestra" Rudder Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
- 13-15 Nova: "WarCon '98" Rudder Tower/MS, beginning 12 p.m. Friday
- 14 Film Society: *Sabrina* (1954) Rudder Auditorium, 9:30 p.m.
- 18 Wiley Lecture Series: "Political Implications of a Changing Iran" MSC 228, 7:30 p.m.
- 18-22 Film Society: "5th Annual Texas Film Festival" Rudder Auditorium
- 19-21 SCONA: "Cities: Decline or Rebirth?" MSC/Rudder Complex
- 24-25 OPAS: *A Chorus Line* Rudder Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
- 25 Black Awareness Committee: "Harambee" Rudder Theater, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Film Society: *Devil's Advocate* Rudder Auditorium, 9:30 p.m.
- 27-28 ALOT: "Senior Leaders of Tomorrow" University Center Complex

*ongoing events

Black Awareness Committee: "Flute Juice with Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference" workshops open to public, 1/23-24
NOVA: "Spring Open Gaming" every weekend except holidays, MSC 138-141, Fri. 6 p.m.-2 a.m., Sat/Sun. 12 p.m.-2 a.m.
Literary Arts: "Shakespeare Festival" 3/30-4/6
Visual Arts: "William Farr: Bladder and Spleen" 2/9-3/20
"Artfest '97: Juried Exhibition of TAMU Student Artwork" 3/23-4/10
"Ivana Candiago: Polyopsia" 4/13-5/29
Forsyth Center Galleries: "Lilies of the Field: Floral Renderings in the Runyon Glass Collections" & "Scouting the West: Charles Marion Russell" 1/20-5/10
University Plus classes: please call 845-1631

march

- 1 Hospitality: "The Battle of Joe Rout" Old Main 2-4 p.m.
- 5 Black Awareness Committee: "Texas Business Leaders of the '90s" MSC 201, 12 p.m./MSC 206, 5 p.m.
- 7 Film Society: *The Godfather* Rudder Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 OPAS, Jr. *The Non-Toxic Band* Rudder Theater, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- 10-11 OPAS: *To Kill a Mockingbird* Rudder Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- 13-21 MBA/Law: "London Trip"
- 14 NOVA: "College Bowl: ACU-I Regionals" Zachary 12-4 p.m.
- 24 Political Forum & Executive Lecture Series: "World Government"
- 25 Black Awareness Committee: "I Dream a World: An Evening with Sonia Sanchez" Rudder Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- 26-29 Cepheid Variable: "AggieCon XXIX" MSC/Rudder Tower
- 27 "MSC Wiley Lecture Series" Rudder Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
- 27-28 Film Society: *Scream 2* Rudder Theater, 9:30 p.m.
- 28 Town Hall: *Caedmon's Call* Rudder Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

april

- 1-4 "MSC Spring Leadership Trip" in Houston, Texas
- 2-5 OPAS: *Blue Suede Shoes* Rudder Auditorium, 8:00 p.m. evening performances, (matinees on 5th at 3:00 p.m.)
- 4 Film Society: *The Usual Suspects* Rudder Theater, 9:30 p.m.
- 17 Town Hall: "MSC Variety Show" Rudder Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Film Society: *Goldfinger* Rudder Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Film Society: *Tomorrow Never Dies* Rudder Auditorium, 9:30 p.m.
- 25 NOVA: "Anarchy Bowl" Rudder Tower, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- 26 OPAS, Jr.: *The Magic School Bus-Live!* Rudder Theater, 2 & 5 p.m.
- 28-29 OPAS: *Tap Dogs* Rudder Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.

may

- 1 Film Society: Jackie Brown Rudder Auditorium, 9:30 p.m.
- 2 Film Society: L.A. Confidential Rudder Theater, 7:30 p.m.

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