

IT'S OVER

From staff and wire reports

Texas A&M coach Tony Barone will no longer be the head of the men's basketball program after this season.

In a statement, Wally Groff, A&M athletic director, said Barone will be reassigned to a position as a special assistant in the program.

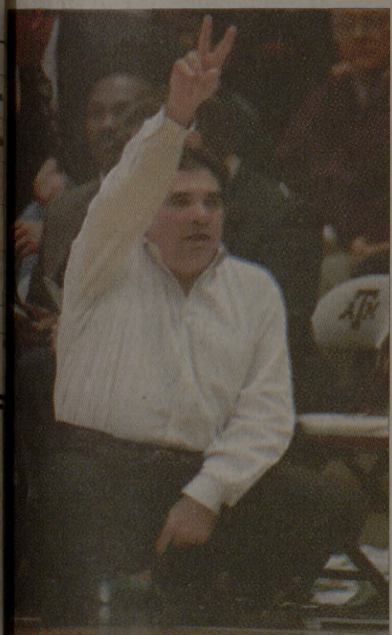
"One of my main concerns about the program is based on a lack of wins," Groff said.

Barone came to A&M after rebuilding Creighton University's basketball program. A&M had hoped he would accomplish a similar feat in College Station.

Unfortunately, Barone only chalked up one winning season for the Aggies.

Groff's statement said Barone would not comment on his reassignment "until the appropriate time."

The Aggies have lost a near-record-tying 13 straight games and have yet to win a conference game this season.



BRANDON BOLLOM/THE BATTALION

Tony Barone came from Creighton University where he led the team twice to the NCAA Tournament. His overall coaching record at A&M is 75-116. This season's record is 6-16.

Students act out against PTTS

KAMU-TV airs program addressing variety of issues from limited parking to reckless buses

By STACEY BECKS
Staff writer

Texas A&M's Television Production II class gave students an opportunity to voice concerns about parking to representatives of Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS) last night on KAMU-TV, Channel 18.

Some concerns voiced by students were that PTTS officers have a daily quota for tickets and that bus drivers are playing dangerous driving games called "where will my brakes fail next?"

Brian Minyard, a junior biochemistry major and the chair of the Student Senate's parking subcommittee, said students want PTTS to admit there is a parking problem on campus.

"When the director of PTTS is quoted in *The Battalion* saying there's no problem, it makes us see our concerns are not being solved," he said.

Minyard said the program should show PTTS that students think parking needs to be addressed.

"PTTS believes there is no parking problem on campus," he said. "We wanted to make sure PTTS realizes the students have legitimate concerns about parking."

The program featured two PTTS represen-

tatives, two student representatives and guests who asked questions. A student from the production class was the mediator between the two parties.

Woody Eisenhart, manager of customer service for PTTS, said there has never been a quota for officers giving tickets.

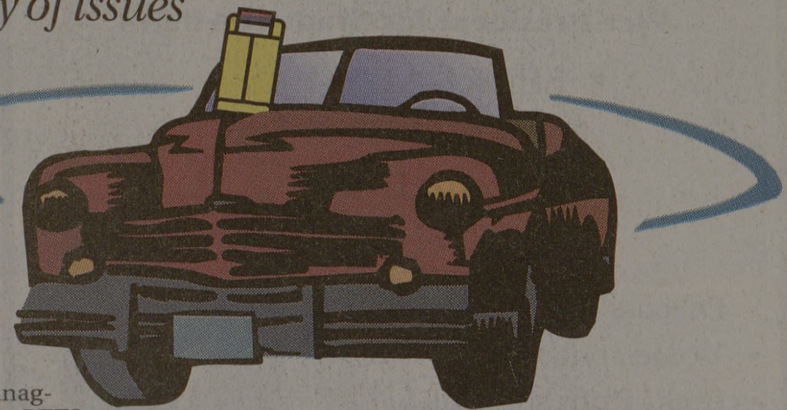
He said bus drivers take their jobs seriously, and if they are playing games, bus operations does not know about it.

One audience member said PTTS should not sell more parking tags than there are spaces.

Eisenhart said red lots are not oversold, but blue lots are oversold.

Red lots are reserved for students living on campus and blue lots are reserved for students living off campus.

"The red lot is not oversold," he said. "The blue parking is sold at 230 percent because



lots turn over as much as three times a day."

He said all universities oversell tags in anticipation of turnover.

Craig Rotter, a graduate student and student services chair for Student Senate, said PTTS should listen to students because they are the customers.

"Students have been extremely vocal and unhappy about the parking situation," he said. "PTTS as a service provider should listen to its customers."

The television program was the first of eight shows the class will produce this semester. The programs air Mondays at 9:00 p.m.

State proposes railroad relocation

By JENNIFER WILSON
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The Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) proposed Monday a \$75 million plan to move the Union Pacific Railroad 20 miles west of Bryan and College Station in an effort to eliminate trains traveling through the Texas A&M campus at Wellborn Road.

The transition would relocate the location of track running from Mumbler to Wellborn Road and eliminate trains going through campus.

Tom Williams, director of Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS), said he believes the proposal will benefit the students and faculty at A&M.

"We need to move the railroad," he said. "This is the last opportunity to see it happen and we need to take advantage of it and use all the available funds."

TTI reported Texas has the highest railroad fatality rate in the United States. Twenty trains traveled through College Station on Sunday, and this number is expected to increase in order

to maintain railroad operating safety and efficiency, TTI reported.

The new route will allow trains to move faster and carry more cargo because they will be in a less populated area.

By eliminating 88 crossings in the Bryan-College Station area, the proposal complies with recent federal legislation calling for a 25 percent reduction of railroad-street intersections by the year 2000.

Williams said the tracks should be relocated now before it is too late to address the problem.

A&M seeks out reputable professors

By RACHEL DAWLEY
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As Texas A&M works to become a world-renowned university, the quality of professors has become a major focus. Faculty reputation is key to the University's ranking in national surveys. A&M has two Nobel Laureates, five members of the National Academy of Science and 15 members of the National Academy of Engineering.

Dr. William Perry, dean of faculties and associate provost, said the University is looking for a "good mix" of teaching and research experience.

"When hiring assistant professors, we look at their graduate teaching experience and quality of their dissertation, as well as prior publications," Perry said.

"When hiring on the senior level, we assess their national international reputation and their quality of teaching. We look to see that they've been involved in the University."

Each department forms a Faculty Search Committee when hiring a new professor. In some departments, graduate and undergraduate students sit on this committee.

When candidates visit the University, they typically meet with students but there is no policy that requires student input in hiring decisions. Candidates often hold seminars for faculty and students in the department.

Perry said A&M does target some faculty members, but the search committee tries to get a large and diverse applicant pool.

"We are always looking for exceptional people," Perry said. "If we've heard that someone is interested in A&M, then we target some recruiting, but this an exception rather than the rule."

The search committee makes a recommendation to the department head. This recommendation then goes to the Provost's office for approval.

A&M must meet the market salary in order to stay competitive, although its salaries are behind those of its peers. Perry said the University is working to combat this problem.

While much emphasis is placed on research at A&M, all professors are required to teach.

Professors are allowed teaching credit for advising graduate dissertation students, serving as an undergraduate advisor, as well as teaching graduate and undergraduate classes.

"What we want at A&M is a community of scholars, both with students and faculty," Perry said. "We want faculty to be engaged in the search for knowledge and share it with students, each helping one another. Any knowledge gained benefits both us and society."

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Unchained melody



MIKE FUENTES/THE BATTALION

Barbara Nelms, a teacher at Bryan High School, takes a break Monday by "throwing" a pot at the University Plus Program located in the basement of the MSC.

INSIDE Leadership course under way

By KELLY HACKWORTH
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Fifteen Texas A&M students are learning leadership skills and international perspectives on business topics in a new program offered this semester at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

This is a trial semester for The Academy for Future International Leaders, a leadership and internship opportunity offered through the International Center at the Bush Library.

The three-hour course includes lectures delivered by 15 University faculty and international business leaders.

Ken Stanton, program director and director of the Institute for Pacific Asia, said the program gives participants a global perspective on their field of study.

"Every Thursday night is a different experience," he said. "It's different Texas A&M faculty and business leaders from all over the country coming to participate."

The guest speakers also serve as mentors for the rest of the semester, answering any questions about students' careers and interests.

The mentors help the students plan international careers and prepare them to work in an international environment, Stanton said.

Steve Sywulka, a junior agricultural development major, said the program is a great opportunity to interact with professors.

"It gives us a lot of reading material from many disciplines and teaches us what is going on in the world," he said.

Tammi Walker, a junior marketing major, said the program focuses on the importance of cultural awareness.

"We live in a society that tends to be closed off," she said. "You learn more about the world around you through this class."

Completion of the spring program is intended to prepare students to apply for international internships during the following summer.

The internships are with international firms or multinational firms in the United States.

Stanton said an advisory committee consisting of A&M faculty, administrators and business executives reviewed 40 applications before choosing the students for the program.



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Henry Moore exhibit showing at the J. Wayne Stark Galleries, thru March 8.
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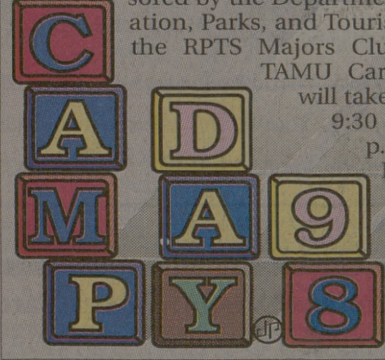
Camp Day allows students to relive days of campfires while finding jobs

By KATY LINEBERGER
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Representatives from 45 to 50 summer camps will be in the MSC today recruiting Aggies for jobs as counselors and staff.

The annual "Camp Day," sponsored by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Science, the RPTS Majors Club and the TAMU Career Center, will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the MSC hallway and Flagroom.

Dr. Louis Hodges, associate professor of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Sciences and campus Camp Day coordinator, said camps from across the country will be here looking for students to serve as counselors, activity coordinators/directors and lifeguards.



"This provides employment opportunities not only for our majors, but also for others around the University," Hodges said. "It also helps out the camping industry because they can bring in large numbers of people at a time."

Hodges said the camps are for the most part resident use summer camps, where kids of different ages stay for anywhere from five days to several months. He said the camp representatives, who are on a two-week tour of Texas colleges, are looking for students with interests in the outdoors, crafts, working with children, swimming, lifeguarding, equestrian events and all sports.

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