

HelpLine
 Week Days: 4 PM to 8 AM
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845-2700

I'm upset! We just broke up and I need to talk to someone. I think I hate my major. I'm worried about my grades. How can I see someone at the counseling service? Mom just called & I'm worried about home. I'm so lonely. Can we talk a while?

The HelpLine is a program of the Student Counseling Service, a department in the Division of Student Affairs.

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 161 Bizzell Hall West 845-0544

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Give a little



Brent White, a sophomore biomedical science major, relaxes in his seat while donating blood for the American Red Cross Blood Drive. The blood drive, which runs through Feb. 20, is being put on by the American Red Cross and Alpha Phi Omega.

Oprah's defense requests judge drop beef case

AMARILLO (AP)—Virtually nothing about the cattlemen's beef defamation case against Oprah Winfrey merits the trial continuing, defense attorneys told a federal judge outside the jury's presence Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson quizzed attorneys from both sides as she considered defenses to reject the plaintiffs' case and rule in Winfrey's favor.

The motions were filed Friday after the plaintiffs finished four weeks of calling witnesses. Robinson told jurors not to return until Wednesday so she could consider ending the trial.

In the motions, lawyers for the talk show host, her production company and a vegetarian activist who appeared on the April 16, 1996, program about "dangerous foods" reiterated their stance that statements made on the show did not unfairly disparage U.S. beef.

They also questioned the legality of the 1995 law cattlemen are citing. The civil statute protects perishable food products from knowingly false and defamatory statements.

"Under the plaintiffs' theory, any person in the United States who owned a cow has a cause of action," defense attorney Charles Babcock said. "It creates much danger, too much risk to people speaking on generic topics."

The cattlemen claim that Winfrey's show, a feature on whether the decade-long British epidemic of mad cow disease was a concern for U.S. beef consumers, caused cattle prices to plunge.

Plaintiffs say the market tumble cost them \$1 billion. They claim the show incorrectly portrayed cattle as being at risk of mad cow disease, which never been detected in the United States.

Babcock also argued that cattle feeders are wrong people to be using the perishable food law, arguing that livestock aren't in that category "in the way that people could eat them."

"They have to go through another step in the process—the slaughterhouse," Babcock said.



Walt Disney World

Information Services

Help Us Make the Magic

Representatives of the Walt Disney World Information Services Team will be presenting Wednesday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m. in Rudder Room 402 on the topics of Business Systems at Walt Disney World and to discuss intern opportunities for summer and fall in Orlando, Florida.

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MSC SCONA 43 • "Cities: Decline or Rebirth?"

Thursday, February 19 6:00 p.m. MSC 201
"The Future of America's Cities"
 Mr. Bruce Katz, Director of the Center on Urban and Metropolitan Planning, Brookings Institution

Friday, February 20 10:45 a.m. MSC 201
"The American City in the New Millennium"
 The Honorable Kirk Watson, Mayor of Austin, Texas

Friday, February 20 1:45 p.m. MSC 201
"Are America's Cities Ready for the 21st Century?"
 Lt. Gen. Julius Becton, Jr. (Ret.), CEO/Supintendent, Washington, D.C. School District
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