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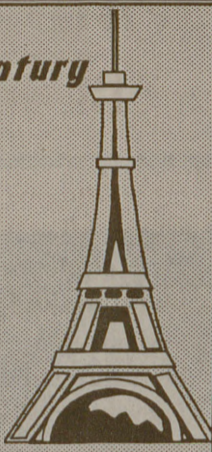
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# Gateway to the West

## St. Louis offers Aggies more than championship glory

BY MICKEY SALOMA  
The Battalion

St. Louis, Mo., is not the muddy bank territory that Mark Twain portrayed in the stories of Huck Finn, nor is it the magical wonderland portrayed in Judy Garland's Meet Me in St. Louis.

Nonetheless, St. Louis is one of the more entertaining cities in this country that is not plagued with massive traffic problems.

However St. Louis is not the thriving, cosmopolitan metropolis that New York City or Los Angeles is.

There are many things Aggies can do if they find themselves spending a weekend in St. Louis. There is something for everyone, whether interests run from sports, to food, to culture, to shopping or simply to having fun.

For Aggies who want more sports than the Big 12 championship game offers, St. Louis has the answer: the National Hockey League team, the St. Louis Blues. The Blues, led by defenseman Chris Pronger and center Pierre Turgeon, will face the Colorado Avalanche Saturday night at the St. Louis Kiel Center.

Sports fans can also make a pilgrimage to Busch Stadium, "The House that Stan Musial (not Mark McGwire) Built." Busch Stadium is home to the St. Louis Cardinal Hall of Fame and Museum.

Right across the street from Busch Stadium is one of St. Louis' hidden treasures — the International Bowling Hall of Fame. Great bowlers from the past and the present are immortalized there, much to the delight of bowling fans everywhere.

St. Louis also has extremely good food. St. Louis is well known for toasted ravioli, a rare treat. The St. Louis Pasta House Company has a good selection of Italian cui-

sine at affordable prices.

The restaurants in St. Louis encompass all kinds of food for all kinds of eaters. The two best kept food secrets in St. Louis are Llewelyn's Pub in the Central West End of St. Louis and Saleem's "Where Garlic is King" Restaurant in University City.

Llewelyn's has excellent, affordable food in an English pub-like setting. Saleem's has good Mediterranean food that will not set your tongue on fire.

St. Louis is also home to some quality learning and culture centers. Forest Park is an area of St.

The jewel of this tourist city is the St. Louis Arch. While many believe it is simply a neat thing to look at, the Arch also houses a museum that celebrates the historic Louisiana Purchase and the exploration of the West by Lewis and Clark.

For those interested in other aspects of history, the Anheiser Busch Brewery offers a tour of one of the biggest breweries in the world. A lot can be learned by tracing the history of the Busch family and their struggles to make their fortune. Another highlight is the chance to see the

built from the remnants of the train station. It is a shopping environment that contains trendy stores and a few with many restaurants.

By far, St. Louis has the most offer in the form of night life. Riverboat gambling is a way to add excitement to a trip to St. Louis. The Admiral Casino Queen has the most loose slot machines, bars and good drink specials.

St. Louis also has some trendy parts of town that places to simply hang out.

The Loop is a section that offers cafes, recording studios, the St. Louis Walk of Fame, a coffee shop in the Loop, the gag Coffee House, which offer the atmosphere of Central Perk. Instead, it's a smoky environment for poets and aspiring musicians.

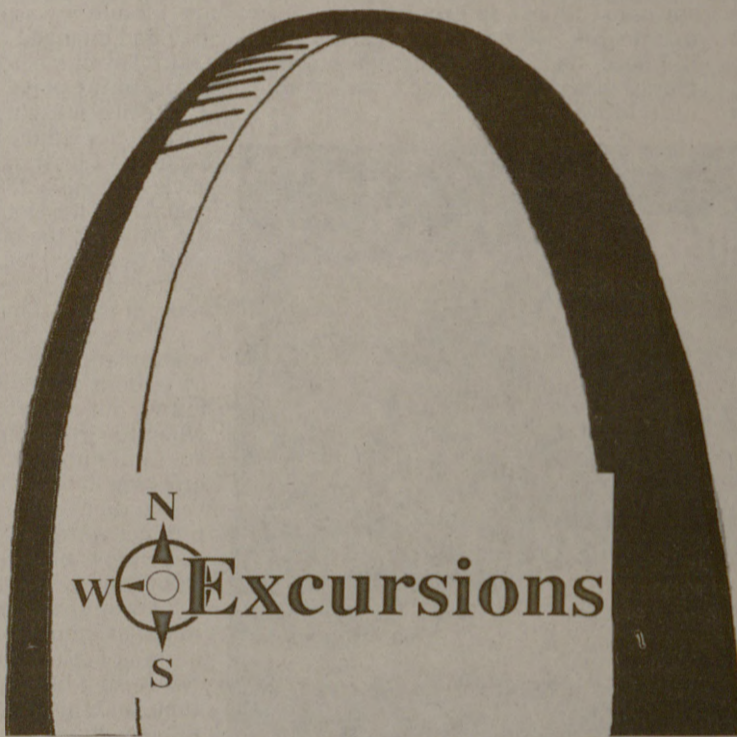
Blueberry Hill is a neighborhood that rocks each weekend with live band. Blueberry Hill has had artists such as B.B. King, Sinister Dane, and is a home to celebrities such as John Cougar who is originally from St. Louis.

Laclede's Landing is a busy section of St. Louis reminiscent of Austin's South Street. Mississippi Nights featured musical acts from Vaughn to Gwar.

The Landing has many restaurants and lots of bars. It's a place to dine, drink and dance night away with a college friend.

Though St. Louis is a fun one must always go to the groups and remember to bring your doors. In addition to the high murder rate and unemployment rate, St. Louis was named a venereal disease capital of the United States in 1997.

So be careful but have fun if weekend plans include St. Louis.



Louis that boasts museums such as the St. Louis Art Museum, the Jefferson Memorial, the St. Louis Science Center and the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

Clydesdale horses from the Budweiser commercials.

St. Louis is also home to many shopping arenas. Union Station is an interesting mall that was

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# The Battalion

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Please type your responses on a separate piece of paper

- 1) Why do you want to work at *The Battalion*, and what do you hope to accomplish?
- 2) What experience do you have that relates to the position you are applying for? (include classes, seminars)
- 3) What do you believe is the role of *The Battalion* on campus?
- 4) What changes do you feel would improve the quality of *The Battalion*? (give special attention to the section you're applying for)

Please attach a resume and samples of your work (stories you have written for publications or classes, pages you have designed, photos, drawings, or other creative samples)

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DEADLINE: December 9, 1998

### Undergraduate Student Requirements:

1. You must be a degree seeking student and have a total of 95 undergraduate credit hours reflected on the Texas A&M University Student Information Management System. (A passed course, which is repeated and passed, cannot count as additional credit hours.)
2. 60 undergraduate credit hours must have been completed in residence at Texas A&M University if your first semester at Texas A&M University was January 1994 or thereafter, or if you do not qualify under the successful semester requirement described in the following paragraph. Should your degree be conferred with less than 60 undergraduate resident credits, this requirement will be waived after you graduate and your degree is posted on the Student Information Management System.
3. 30 undergraduate credit hours must have been completed in residence at Texas A&M University, providing that prior to January 1, 1994, you were registered at Texas A&M University and successfully completed either a fall/spring semester or summer term (I and II or 10 weeks) as a full-time student in good standing (as defined in the University catalog).
4. You must have a 2.0 cumulative GPR at Texas A&M University.
5. You must be in good standing with the University, including no registration or transcript blocks for past due fees, loans, parking tickets, returned checks, etc.

### Graduate Student Requirements

- If you are a December 1998 degree candidate and you do not have an Aggie ring from a prior degree, you may place an order after you meet the following requirements:
1. Your degree is conferred and posted on the Texas A&M University Student Information Management System; and
  2. You are in good standing with the University, including no registration or transcript blocks for past due fees, loans, parking tickets, returned checks, etc.
- However, if you have completed all of your course work prior to this semester and have been cleared by the thesis clerk, you may request a "letter of completion" from the Office of Graduate Studies (providing it is not past their deadline). The original letter of completion, with the seal, may be presented to the Ring Office in lieu of your degree being posted.

### Procedure To Order A Ring:

1. If you meet all of the above requirements and wish to receive your ring on March 4, 1999, you must visit the Ring Office no later than Wednesday, December 9, 1998 between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. to complete the application for eligibility verification.
2. Return no later than December 11, 1998 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to check on the status of your order and if qualified, pay in full by cash, check, money order, or your personal Discover, Visa or MasterCard (with your name imprinted).

Men's 10K - \$325.00	14K - \$428.00
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## ATTENTION: UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE STUDENTS

Students who will either complete all of the above requirements after the Fall '98 semester final grades are posted, or after commencement, may order their rings beginning approximately January 20, 1999. Please visit the Aggie Ring Office beginning December 14 to complete an audit request and to receive order information. In the event you will not be in the College Station area between January 20 and February 10 to place your order in person, please pick up a mail order form and be sized for your ring between December 14 & 21.

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