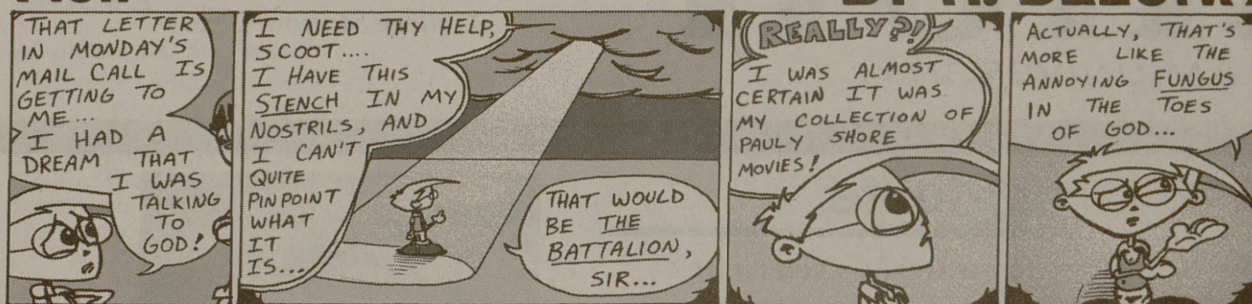


## Fish



## BY R. DELUNA

## Series addresses Y2K problem

BY CARRIE BENNETT  
The Battalion

As we approach the millennium, questions concerning the effects of the Y2K computer bug increase.

Bryan, College Station, Texas A&M, the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce and community businesses and organizations are hosting the second of three public forums to address health, safety and education issues tonight at 7 p.m. at the College Station Conference Center.

Joe Brown, public information officer for the City of Bryan, said the forums inform the public about problems the area could face and the preparations different services and businesses are making for the millennium.

"We want to tell people what we are doing about the Y2K computer bug, what to expect and to expect the unexpected," Brown said.

Brown said the Bryan-College Station area is conducting tests to insure that computers are Y2K

compliant. He said officials discovered the Bryan water system computers were not compliant, but they are working on correcting the problem.

"The Bryan-College Station community is on top of the game in preparing for any Y2K problems," Brown said. "If we do experience any disruptions in this area, it will probably come from outside sources, such as grocery store distribution warehouses or other large distributing sources."

The forum will open with a brief overview of the Y2K bug. Representatives from St. Joseph Regional Health Center, College Station Medical Center, the Bryan and College Station police and fire departments and the Bryan and College Station school districts will form a panel. Each panel member will be allowed two minutes to speak about computer preparations they have been making.

Brown said questions and concerns from the audience will be addressed at the end of the forum,

which he said is a good time exchange of ideas because answers will not be timed.

Brown said one issue not discussed at the last forum will be discussed at this forum. Preparations for disrupting homes. He said to organize a Cross Emergency Home Kit, which consists of bottled water and flashlights.

"We're not endorsing the sage to hoard food or supplies," Brown said. "We want to get the public to prevent any disruptions."

Brown said drastic measures would include withdrawing money from banks or hoarding food and supplies, which cause shortages.

"We're prepared to deal with technological component of Y2K bug, but we're not sure the human reaction," Brown said.

A third forum discussing banking, gas and grocery store preparations will be April 1 at the Center.

## Simel & Lewis



## By Mel

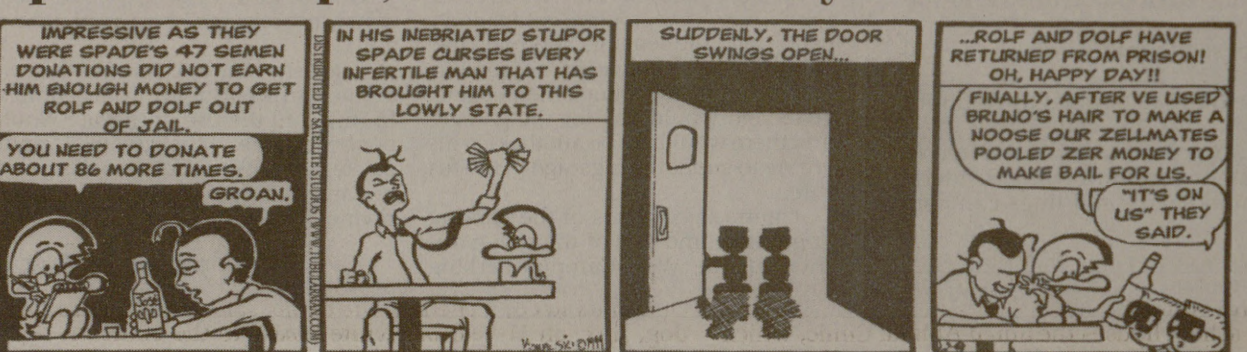
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## Conference to focus on presidency and rhetoric

BY SAMEH FAHMY  
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The Texas A&M Center for Presidential Studies (CPS) will hold its fifth annual conference Thursday through Sunday at the George Bush Presidential Conference Center.

The conference will start at 6:30 p.m. and is expected to draw more than 150 participants. It will focus on how presidents have used rhetoric in U.S. leadership. Past conferences have addressed the presidency and the environment, the presidency and Cold War rhetoric and speech writing.

Dr. Martin Medhurst, professor of speech communication and coordinator of the program in presidential rhetoric, said rhetoric is integral to the way a president is perceived.

"Those who have used rhetoric effectively are ultimately remembered as better leaders than those that did not," Medhurst said.

Dr. Leroy Dorsey, associate professor of speech communication, said the conference is the first program in the country to bring together scholars to talk about rhetoric and the presidency.

"Participants will gain a better understanding of how the president uses rhetoric to shape perceptions of what it means to be an American," he said.

David Zarefsky, dean of the School of Speech and professor of communication studies at Northwestern

University in Chicago, will deliver the keynote address. Conference presenters will discuss the rhetorical effectiveness of nine presidents, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton.

The conference will include luncheon roundtables Friday and Saturday featuring the relationship between a president's rhetorical skills and their abilities to provide political leadership and the rhetorical leadership of Abraham Lincoln.

CPS is an academic unit in the Bush School of Government and Public Service designed to increase public's understanding of the presidency as an institution.

## GARAGE

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Guerra said there is still parking available at Reedna and Olsen Field, but students do not use it because of the 30-minute walk to campus is not convenient.

"We want to make sure there is a need for parking and not just a need for convenience," Guerra said.

Guerra said a survey taken on Constituency showed a majority of students were against the parking garage.

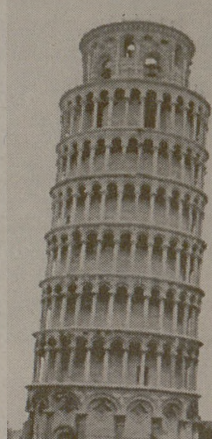
Senator Alicia Esslinger, a senior political science major, said students who were in favor of the garage changed their minds after learning that parking would increase.

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