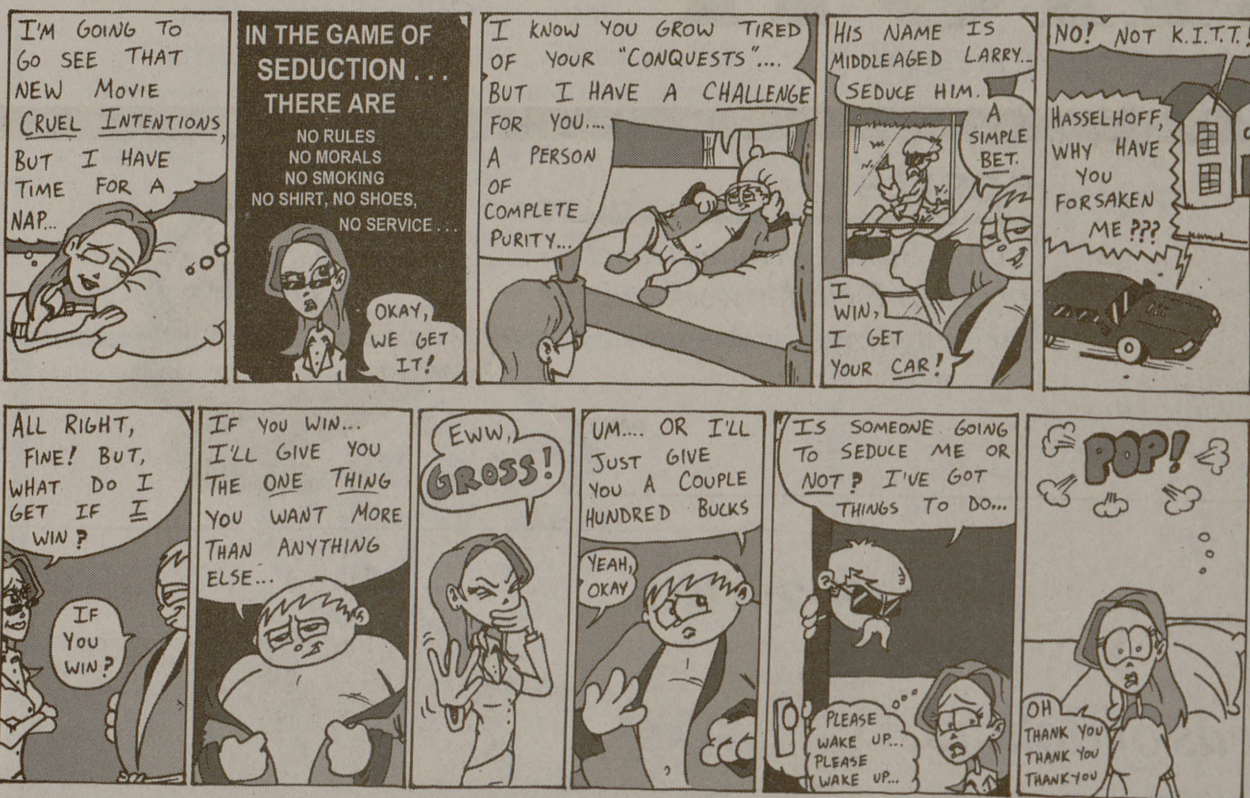


## Fish



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## Y2K forum wraps up

### Health, safety, education preparations among items discussed by community representatives

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Brazos Valley health, safety and education preparations underway were discussed by a panel of 15 representatives from community services and businesses at a Y2K public forum last night at the College Station Conference Center.

The panel consisted of representatives from Texas A&M, St. Joseph Regional Health Center and the Bryan and College Station fire and police departments. Kim Reverman, Y2K Coordinator for A&M, said the University has begun working to prevent the Y2K.

"The utilities at Texas A&M are compliant," Reverman said. "The Physical Plant and the waste and water systems have been tested and are ready for Dec. 31."

Reverman said the emergency department and A.P. Beutel Health Center are compliant and are preparing contingency plans in case of complications.

"Our information technology systems will be ready so students will be able to register and also receive grades," Reverman said.

"Financial aid and Aggie Bucks will also be ready and available to students."

Lee Freeman, Bryan police chief, said the police department will have additional staff working Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 in case they are necessary.

"We will have 65 percent more staff around the city that night," Freeman said.

David Giordano, College Station fire chief, said there will be emergency services available Dec. 31, even if Y2K-bug complications occur.

"Our fire trucks and ambulances will start even if there are complications because we have a fleet service that can provide our vehicles with fuel," Giordano said.

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— Kim Reverman  
Texas A&M Y2K coordinator

"911 emergency service should function, and if it should go down, we plan to place vehicles at predetermined locations around the area in case of emergency."

Bryan and College Station fire department representatives said they will have additional staff on Dec. 31.

Giordano said households should prepare supplies similar

to those gathered for a storm, thunderstorm or storm.

"[Citizens] should fill cars with gas, but do not have large amounts of fuel in garage," Giordano said. He recommended buying batteries and flashlights, but not buy large amounts of candles.

Giordano said to have cash or traveler's checks available in case of bank problems. He recommended citizens not panic and withdraw money from their bank accounts.

John Phillips, vice president of information services for Joseph Regional Health Center, said hospital systems are compliant.

"We have tested the information system consisting of patient information, billing and demographics, and it seems to be working well," Phillips said. "Medical devices have been checked and passed successfully well."

Phillips said hospitals have been prepared for emergencies regardless of Y2K-bug effects; they will augment the emergency contingency plan.

"We have back-up electrical in the form of generators, we also have a back-up supply," Phillips said. "We're stocking up on food and supplies, so we will have anything from a few days to a few weeks excess supply."

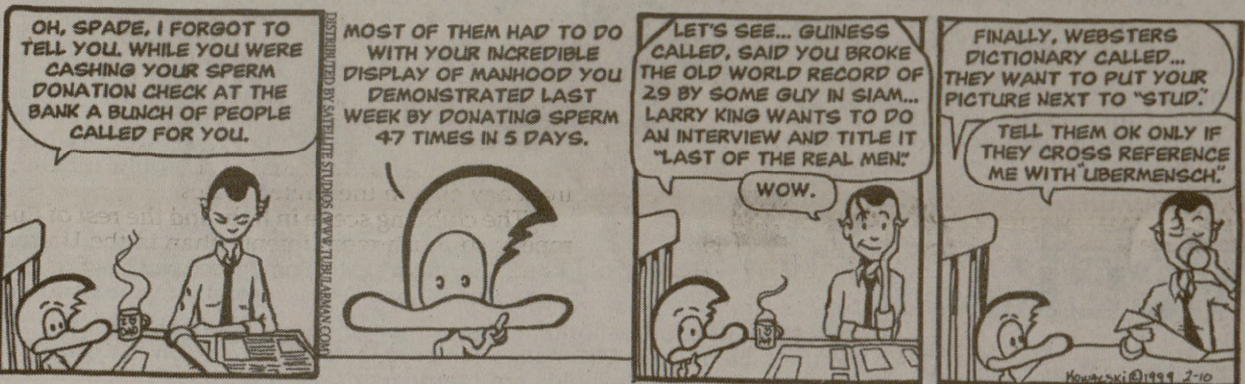
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## Spade Phillips, PI

By Matt Kowalski



## SYMPOSIUM

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struction, said knowledge of science and math have important implications for society.

"These are the life skills that adults need to function effectively in our society which is becoming more science and technology oriented," he said.

A&M faculty and staff will be among the 126 presenters of seminars,

tours and workshops and 100 students will volunteer at the symposium.

Balgoral said the symposium will give teachers ideas for enhancing their lectures and will allow students the opportunity to learn from research scientists.

"[Students] will have their interest in science sparked or re-energized," she said.

Workshops for teachers will include coastal conservation, using the Internet for teaching and using oceanography to teach science.

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"[The Association of Teacher Students] thought it was an excellent opportunity to bring together all of the conditions that we treasure. Reveille to Bonfire, especially for those who may have been involved in them," he said.

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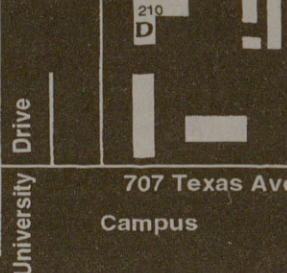
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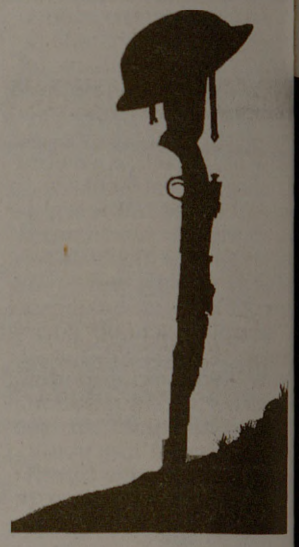
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