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## Aggies die in wreck

### Weekend car crash marks third, fourth accident-related fatalities

BY BETH MILLER AND MEGAN WRIGHT  
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An automobile accident involving a 1996 Ford Ranger pickup truck and a 1994 Ford Escort on FM 2818 Monday at 8:28 p.m. claimed the lives of two Texas A&M students.

The students were the third and fourth accident-related fatalities for A&M students in the past three weeks and the second and third in two days.

Ernie Montoya, a sergeant for the Bryan Police Department, said Pauline Izette Derby, driver of the Escort and junior management information systems major, and Melissa Morrow, passenger of the Escort and a junior general studies major, were killed when the larger collided with the Escort's right side. Jason Michael Pence, driver of the

Ranger, was not injured in the accident. Officials said Derby swerved into the northbound lane to avoid colliding with the vehicle in front of her, which was slowing to make a left turn.

The third student to die in the two-day period was killed Sunday on Texas 6 in Hearne. The accident resulting in the death of Amber Lightwine, a junior health education major was caused by fatigue, officials said.

Officials suspect Robert McCreary Jr., a student at Prairie View A&M, fell asleep while traveling north and drifted into a southbound lane, colliding with the truck carrying Lightwine and Robison.

Purple ribbons have been placed throughout campus in honor of Lightwine and Robison as a symbol of their friends' grief.

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Friends of Amber Lightwine, a junior health education major, and Arthur Robison, a Texas Tech Law Student, placed purple ribbons around campus Monday night to show their grief. Both died Sunday on Highway 6 in a car wreck near Hearne.

partment crime-statistic report said the number of automobile accidents for the city decreased in comparison to the statistics of previous years, but a study conducted by Texas Citizen Action ranked Bryan-College Station ninth in the state for the number of aggressive driving deaths per 100,000 residents.

## Younger generations uneducated on impact of womens' movement

BY MEREDITH HIGHT  
The Battalion

The possible death of the women's movement was a topic of discussion yesterday as Sheila Tobias, a renowned feminist author, delivered a lecture based on her book, *Faces of Feminism: Lessons from Our Past*.

Tobias pointed to four areas where younger generations are ignorant to the women's movement, including the state of women's rights prior to 1960, a lack of understanding for the movement's accomplishments, a true depiction of who the feminists in the movement were and how much work is left to do.

Tobias, a Harvard graduate and founder of the women studies department at Cornell University, spoke about her personal

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SALLIE TURNER/THE BATTALION

Sheila Tobias, a feminist author, speaks on possible death of the women's movement yesterday as a part of Women's Week.

## Program focuses on efficient work habits

• *Director of Student Activities speaks on work habits.*

BY CARRIE BENNETT  
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Dr. Ben Welch, director of Student Activities, will speak about believing oneself during the Texas A&M University Association of Professional Support Staff (TAPSS) monthly meeting today at noon in 226 MSC.

Rosie Schoenfeld, TAPSS treasurer and administrative assistant in the Office of the Vice President for Administration, said TAPSS is composed of university and community support staff.

"The support staff includes any position from administrative assistant on down," Schoenfeld said. "Last year was the first time TAPSS added the support staff of the entire community to the support staff of the University."

Linda Gilbert, a senior human resource technician and director of the TAPSS conference to be held in June, said the TAPSS organization provides the staff networking within the A&M

System. "TAPSS offers tools and workshops which focus on how to do a job efficiently," Gilbert said.

Welch's speech will provide members with information about the positive effects recognition can have on work-place atmosphere and work habits.

Welch said acknowledging the actions of others leads to an increase in self esteem.

"It is important to acknowledge hard work in all workers, from custodial workers on up to managers," Welch said.

Welch said a survey was conducted inquiring what aspect of the work environment employees desired most.

He said employers expected the most common answer to be an increase in salary, but it was not.

"The employees wanted to know that their hard work was appreciated by their bosses or managers," Welch said.

Welch said an individual's sense of happiness comes from impacting others.

"Our sense of happiness comes from the feeling that a difference is being made in the lives of others," Welch said.

## Making an example



Mark Lorenzo, a senior theater arts major, and Casey Haney, a sophomore business major, observe the after-effects of drunk driving as they peer into the remains of a Ford Bronco at Omega Delta Phi's Brothers Against Drunk Driving (B.A.D.D.) exhibit at Rudder Fountain Tuesday afternoon.

## College Republicans host abortion debate

BY MEREDITH HIGHT  
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An abortion debate held by the College Republicans last night raised questions about late-term abortions and promoting abstinence.

The debate featured Sherry Paul, director of Hope Pregnancy Center, Gary Varner, an associate professor of philosophy and a clinic escort for the Planned Parenthood clinic in Bryan and Susan Nennery, vice-president of communications for Planned Parenthood of Southeast Texas.

Each side was given time to present its views, followed by a question-and-answer session between the speakers.

A question-and-answer session open to the audience was held at the end of the debate.

Paul opened the debate quoting a slogan of Planned Parenthood.

"Every child is a wanted child," she said. "I like that. Every child is a wanted child to God."

She said life begins when the ovum is penetrated by the sperm.

"The choice is made when two people choose to



CARIÑO CASAS/THE BATTALION

Susan Nennery (R), vice president of communications for Planned Parenthood of Southeast Texas, responds to questions posed by Sherry Paul, director of Hope Pregnancy Center, at last night's abortion debate sponsored by College Republicans.

have sex," she said.

Paul said she believes that legalized abortion has created a culture that does not respect life.

"Life is cheap because of the legalization of abortion," she said.

Varner presented his ethical theory on abortion. He said all living things have a basic moral standing, including human fetuses, plants, animals and or-

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## New restaurants serve up culinary choices

BY AMANDA PALM  
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College Station residents will have two new dining choices when Kona Ranch Steak House and Johnny Carino's Country Italian restaurants open this May.

Creed Ford III, chief executive officer of Fired Up Inc., a casual dining restaurant company, Clas of '75. He is the former chief operations officer for Brinker International and helped bring Chili's Grill & Bar and On The Border Cafe to College Station.

Ford left Brinker International in 1997 and founded Fired Up Inc. with his partner, Norman Abdallah.

Ford said the growth of College Station and the increase in companies coming into the area will support additional restaurants.

"We have 13 restaurants in the Southwest and plan to grow to add six to seven restaurants a year in

Texas and Colorado," he said.

Ford said people in College Station regularly frequent restaurants, and more dining choices will add to the community.

"Olive Garden is the only big Italian restaurant, and there is a need for a more casual Italian place," he said. "That's what Johnny Carino's offers. And Kona Ranch is one more option in dining. It's not about competition; it's another choice."

Jimmy Loup, manager of Outback Steakhouse, said he anticipates the restaurant will be slightly affected by the opening of Kona Ranch.

"Any time a new restaurant opens, we're going to feel it no matter what, but eventually we'll get back to normal," he said. "The community has grown so much, it really just provides another choice. I think we'll see more competition on bigger days, like football game days."

Ford said he wants to serve everyone in the market, residents and visitors.

"We want to serve students, faculty and all the various people that come into the College Station area," he said. "We also plan to use AggieBucks to be open to student needs."

Ford said the success of Fired Up Inc. can be attributed to three things.

"I have over 25 years experience in casual dining, and I've learned that to be successful you need personal experience, a solid team and good concepts."

Ford said the restaurants will be an ideal aspect of Wolfe Pen Creek Park on Harvey Road.

"Our vice president of design and part owner, Charles Mercer, has created two unique designs that complement the charm and natural setting of Wolfe Pen Creek Park," he said.