

Society of Women Engineers **General Meeting**

When: Wed., February 23rd Time:6:45 p.m. - Free Papa John's 7:00 p.m. - General Meeting Where: ENPH 202 Speaker: Emily Norman (i2 Technologies)



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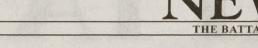
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Martin said

Corps plans Military Weekend

"Everyone is welcome to come and

Major Lucy Fernandez, the A&M's

participate in the roundtables. This year

we're trying to increase civilian turnout,"

Cadet Training Officer, said Military

Weekend originated as a weekend during

BY MAUREEN KANE The Battalion

Wednesday, February 23, 2000

Texas A&M will kick off the 17th annual Military Weekend today.

Kat Jones, chairperson of the Military Weekend Committee and a senior history major, said cadets from institutions nationwide come to learn about the A&M Corps of Cadets

program.

"The basic goal of Mili-tary Weekend is for cadets from other universities and military academies to discuss things pertinent to other ROTC programs and to the future of the military because we are all about to enter the military," said Greg Martin, Military Weekend Vice Chairperson and a junior information and operations management major. According to the Mili-

tary Weekend Committee, The Corps of Cadets will host other cadets from military Military Weekend consists schools around the country for Military Weekend. of "roundtable discussions,

centering on current issues relative to the military and its institutions, viewing daily cadet life, comparing different leadership practices and structures, as well as observing special unit and social activities.

The roundtables are open to the general student body, but organizers said there is usually not a big civilian turnout, even though professors attempt to notify people in their classes who they think

which the entire Corps underwent federal inspection and concluded with a formal military ball. In the '70s, federal inspection was no longer required and A&M invited other institutions to participate.

According to Fernandez, more institutions are invited to attend Military Weekend every year. This year, 40 cadets and 12 officers from 15 schools are expected to attend.

Some schools sending delegates in-

clude: The Citadel, United States Military Academy, Virginia Women's Institute of Leadership, Prairie View A&M University and Texas A&M-Galveston. Cadets from Virginia Tech University will also be attending Military Weekend. "Virginia Tech is the only other civil-

ian school with a seven day a week Corps of Cadets program. Their program is almost identical to ours."

"The schools are great about participating [in Military Weekend]. They send next year's selected leaders so it's beneficial to the entire corps," said Jones. She added that everyone involved learns how military programs are run at institutions around the country, and this new knowledge can be applied at the conference attendees' institutions.

Overcrowding and overast Jones said Military ments often discourage studen Weekend affects the entire living on campus. Corps of Cadets because Chareny Rydl, associate

all outfits are asked to host the visiting cadets and all cadets are invited to the roundtable discussions. Jones also said that by involving all cadets at A&M, visitors are provided an opportunity to see every aspect of Corps life at Texas A&M.

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Rydl said they make proje each year, but if they are off by "In the past, Military Weekend has cent either way, overcrowding been really successful, and we've gotderassignments will result. ten a lot of good insights from cadets," Martin said.

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Goldston said she lived offe during the summer once before found bill-paying to be frustrating inesday, l

"I didn't really know my mates that well and, although were nice girls, it was awkwardt about money and split up bills,' ston said.

McReary said paying bills is a ficult issue many students face w moving off-campus. Students who move from a re

dence hall are used to paying only of bill each semester, but when a studen moves off campus, they have to pay numerous bills and deposits, suit rent, telephone and utilities. Suit also have to consider furnishing apartments.

She warned students to card ly read lease contracts befores ing them

"Most of the property owners pretty good, but there are a few are worried about the bottom lin getting their money," McRearys

Friday, February 25 Rumours Café 7-10 Free Food, Free Music

Former secretary of Air Force to speak about academics presidential center

BY DANA JAMUS The Battalion

The only woman to hold the position of Secretary of U.S. Air Force will speak Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Presidential Conference Center.

Sheila Widnall, who has experience in academia and in government, will discuss the skills and attitudes that academics can contribute to heading a large military organization. She will also address the differences between academic and military institutions.

Widnall headed the Air Force from 1993 to 1997 and was responsible for the recruitment, organization, training, administration, maintenance and all other Air Force affairs. Widnall was also responsible for the Air Force's program and policy formulation, and coordination and with other military departments and agencies of the Department of Defense.

She resigned in 1997 to return to the position of Massachusetts Institute of Technology 's (MIT) aeronautics and astronautics professor and associate provost.

In November 1998, she was named Institute professor, the highest honor awarded by faculty and administration at MIT. Widnall, originally from Tacoma, Washington, received her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in aeronautics and astronautics from MIT.

She has also received recognition for her work on fluid mechanics and is the Vice-President of the National Academy of Engineering and President-Elect of the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics. Widnall was also the first female president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Other distinguished lecturers on the agenda at the conference center this semester are Nobel Chemist Sherwood Roland, scheduled for April 6 and A&M history professor, Albert Broussard, on April 26.

Tickets to this event, the first of the three Distinguished Lecture Series this semester, are at the MSC Box Office on the ground floor of Rudder Tower between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and are free of charge.

Settlement talks not impeding Microsoft trial WASHINGTON (AP) — Settlement renewed secrecy about the talks because of Bloomberg News reported that it asked Wiley hosts foreign

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talks in the Microsoft Corp. antitrust lawsuit are going so poorly that the trial judge is moving ahead with plans for final courtroom arguments before his verdict.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson did not see any need to delay the last round of arguments, set for Tuesday, to accommodate ongoing secret negotiations in Chicago between government lawyers and Microsoft officials.

Jackson previously told lawyers that if U.S. Circuit Judge Richard Posner, who agreed to serve as mediator, "seems to think that more time is needed, that certainly is something I would be willing to consider too."

But no such request for more time ever came, and there are not ongoing face-toface talks. Posner, who recently demanded news leaks, has met separately with the sides in every meeting to date except once, during an introductory session.

Though sources indicate little progress, negotiations are aimed at averting an agonizingly slow appeals battle that could wind through the federal courts for years.

Jackson, who limited witnesses and otherwise engineered the trial to progress relatively quickly, has strongly urged the sides to settle. Microsoft, whose software runs most of the world's personal computers, is accused of using its influence in the technology industry to illegally undermine rivals.

These final courtroom arguments come on the heels of a dispute last week on whether Microsoft's billionaire chairman, Bill Gates, was inclined to offer a key concession to government lawyers to settle.

Gates moments after a televised interview had ended whether he would be willing to disclose the secret blueprints for the company's flagship Windows software, which has earned Microsoft billions of dollars. Bloomberg said Gates answered, 'yes, if that's all it took." But Microsoft later forcefully insisted Gates never made the remark.

It was not the first time there has been confusion about Microsoft's willingness to disclose its so-called source code for Windows. Steve Ballmer, now the company's chief executive officer, hinted to a group of software professionals last May that Microsoft was studying the benefits of opening its blueprints, necessary for outside experts to make changes or improvements to Windows.

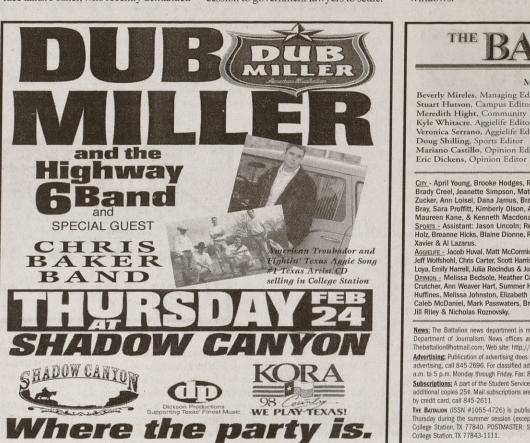
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News in Brief

The Memorial Student @ Wiley Lecture Series will pres lecture on the changing foreig icy of China at 7 p.m. i Memorial Student Center.

The lecture, titled "A Diffe Shade of Red: Chinese Con nism and U.S. Foreign Policy be hosted by a panel of foreig icy experts including Dr. Alfre Wilhelm Jr., director of the At and Pacific Program of the At Council of the United States Dr. Stephen W. Lewis, direct the Transnational China Proje the James A. Baker III Institut Public Policy.



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