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living room are often all that one needs to have a good time. But how about trying someone else's living room? The best living room in all of Bryan-College Station belongs to landscaper and musician Curtis Jack. Located in The Grove, Jack's apartment is the perfect place to hang out, listen to music or watch DVD's. Offering much more of an experience than watching movies at a regular theater, many of the movies in the DVD collection have director's commentary

and a wide-screen view. The close proximity of restaurants such as Taco Bell and Little Caesar's to Jack's place offer a perfect snack source. In addition, Jack's band, Amersand, often performs impromptu concerts in the living room, adding to the bohemian atmosphere the location offers.

So, given the wealth of activities and sights the B-CS area has to offer, perhaps a beach resort is not the best place to spend spring break. Bryan-College Station: so much to see, so much to experience and all at an affordable price.

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SPRING BREAK

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medical school," Fields said. "I've shadowed an anesthesiologist before, and that was really fun. Every case that you get is different, so it's fun to shadow. It's not like you're watching heart surgeries all the time. Plus the anesthesiologist isn't busy all the time, so you have time to ask questions."

Fields said schoolwork has detracted from her spring break experience more than once.

"Last spring break, I had to study for the MCAT all week long, because I'm a procrastinator. The test was in the middle of April, and I hadn't really studied yet."

Lindsay Campbell, a senior education major, said this year she will spend the break in Breckenridge, Colo. She said she and her fiance plan to visit his parents and ski. She said that although she is leaving College Station for the week, she cannot leave her school work behind completely.

"I have a bunch of lessons to do. I'm putting together a small unit on the presidency that's due after the break, and I have a math quiz after the break as well," Campbell said.

Despite the amount of school work she will be taking along, Campbell said she is looking forward to the vacation.

"It will be special to me, because this has been a really hard semester. This will be a really welcome break."

She said she had her best spring break experience was skiing two years ago.

"I had never skied before, so the newness was cool ... and it was a lot more of a release than I thought it would be. It was just a great mental break," Campbell said.

As many Aggies pack their bags and leave College Station next week, Eric Hill, a senior geography major, will be among those students staying in town.

"I don't have any plans except for staying home and relaxing. I'm working for about half the week," Hill said. "My home is in Virginia, and I can't just drive there. Since most of my friends are just going home, what am I going to do—tag along?" he said.

Like Campbell and Fields, Hill said the best spring break is a complete break from school, homework free.

"I guess the best has been when I didn't have any schoolwork, so it's more relaxing," Hill said.

4,000 Oscar ballots missing

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Ten mailbags with all 4,000 Oscar ballots are missing in a real Hollywood whodunit for Academy Awards executives, a distinguished accounting firm and the Postal Service.

A week after mailing the ballots, tucked in business envelopes with 33-cent, first-class postage, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was getting panicky Tuesday because members had not received them.

The deadline for returning ballots is

March 21. The Oscars are March 26.

"We mailed the ballots, 4,000 of them, to Academy members last Wednesday and Price Waterhouse Coopers took the 10 mailbags to the Beverly Hills Post Office and left them there as would anybody," Academy spokesperson John Pavlik said.

"That's the last they have been seen," Pavlik said, adding foul play is not suspected. The mailing had been treated with considerable fanfare by the Oscar people, who invite the news me-

dia to witness the annual ritual at the Academy's offices.

In Washington, Postal Service spokesperson Monica Hand said the agency is investigating.

If the ballots are not found, the numbers on them will be invalidated and new ones will be printed and mailed.

Ballots have been lost by the post office before. In 1982, nominating ballots were mistakenly stuck into a bin marked for nonpriority bulk mail. They were found in time.

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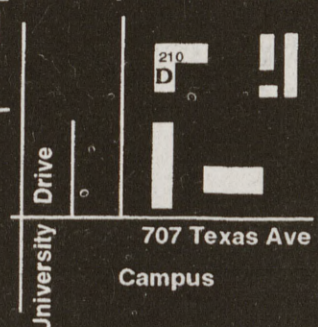
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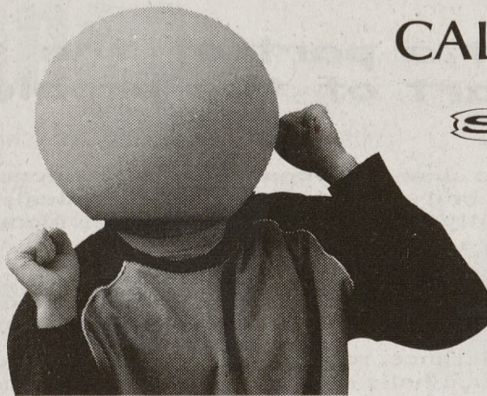
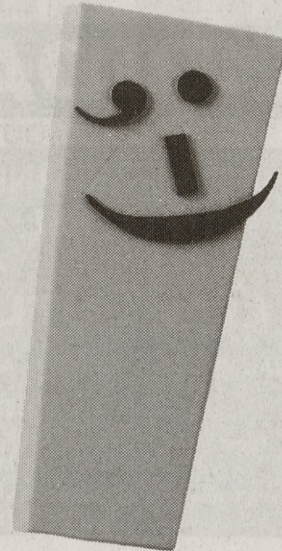
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