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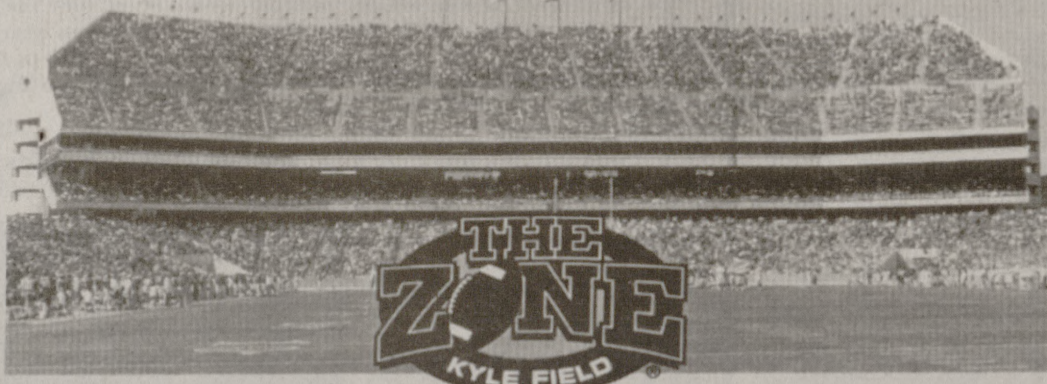
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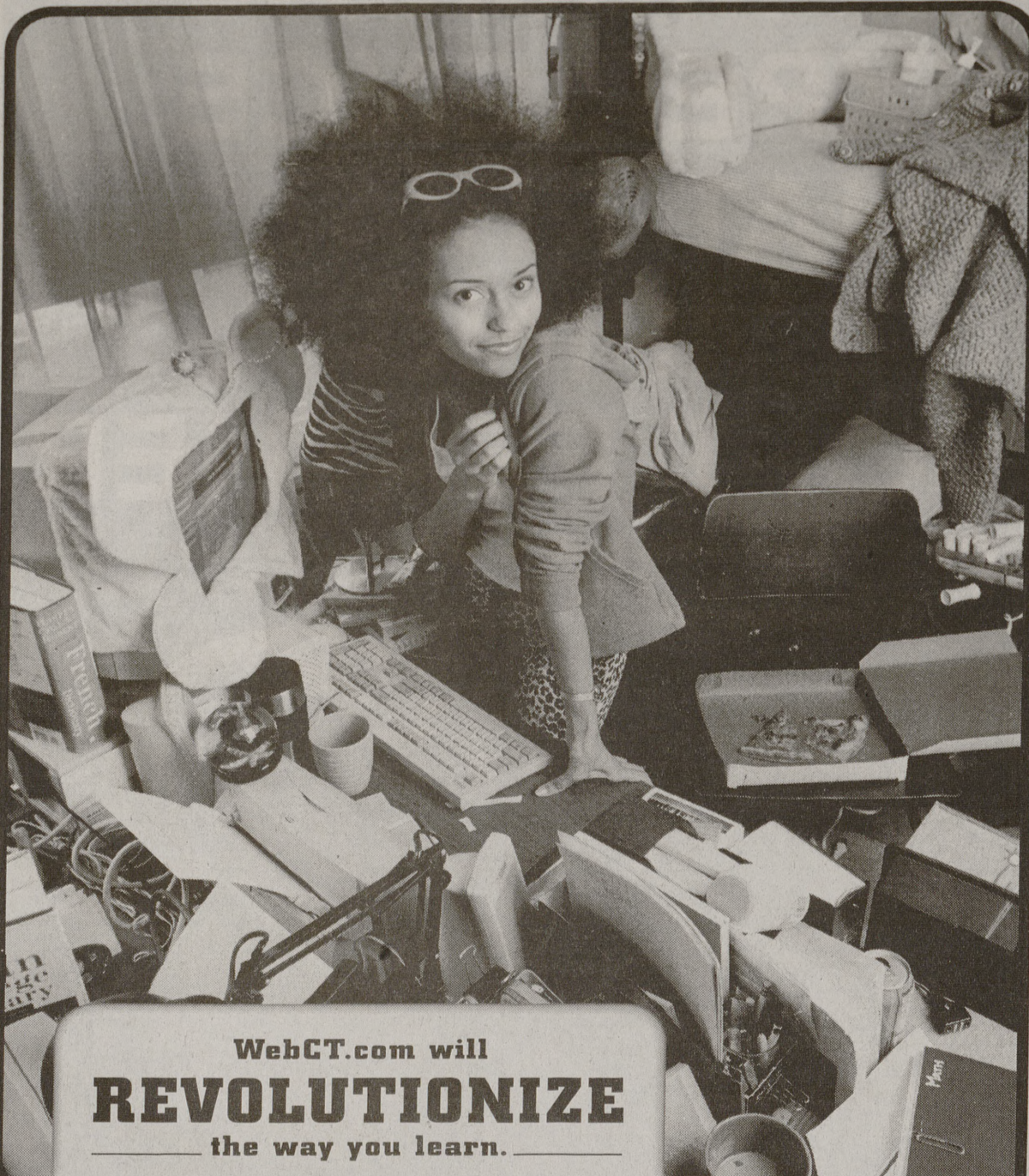
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THE BATTALION

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Extracurricular inactivity

Summer means time off for some — but not all — student organizations

BY MELISSA PANTANO
The Battalion

A quick glimpse around the Texas A&M campus between classes during the summer reveals a very different scene from the usual bustle of fall and spring.

The campus undergoes minor changes as some staples like dining halls and libraries close earlier, and, like the students that compose their ranks, some student organizations opt to take a break during the summer sessions, while others continue to go about their work.

Lisa Cantu, a member of the business fraternity Pi Sigma Epsilon and a senior nutrition major, said her organization goes out with a bang and then takes the summer off.

"We always have a big banquet at the end of the year," Cantu said. "That marks the end of the semester, and we don't have any 'official' events after that until rush next year."

Cantu said just because the organization does not have any official events does not mean she does not see other members.

"We are a tightly knit group," Cantu said. "We usually get together at parties, or go out together during the summer."

Brandon Savat, a junior agricultural development major and a member of the Corps of Cadets' Company D-2, said the summer is one of the busiest times for the Corps.

"Summer is when we do most of our recruiting," Savat said. "Usually, every outfit picks about two members to stay in the Quad[rangle]. They stay in uniform all summer and spend most of their time taking prospective members around campus."

Savat said that having members of the Corps visible and on campus aids their recruiting.

"[Summer] is the best time to get recruits because there

are a lot of provisional students around, and people have more time to walk around campus and really figure out what the Corps is all about. Also, that is when the University has the most campus visits by people who are still in high school and who are interested in A&M."

In addition to recruiting future cadets, the individual outfits get together during their vacation to keep in touch with their friends.

"Usually all the outfits go to New Braunfels and then down the river after school is out," Savat said. "But the members who stay up here are because the people who you hang out with over the year are your good friends."



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whole group and gives everyone a break from their regular routine. While most students welcome the inactivity that comes with vacation allows, some students believe that doing nothing during the summer can mean their organizations are not growing.

Carey Withem, a member of the Nutrition and Dietetics Association and a senior nutrition major, said she wishes her organization did more over the summer.

"A lot of people go away for the summer, and I think an organization held even just a few events it would be better for the organization as a whole," she said.

"And people could see friends that they haven't seen in a while, or that they didn't know were even in town."

Celebrities' financial adviser indicted

NEW YORK (AP)—A financial adviser to some of Hollywood's young stars has been indicted on charges of spending their money on helicopters, hotels, limousines and rent for his SoHo loft.

The cost of living in a world that included clients Leonardo DiCaprio, Ben Stiller and Courtney Cox caused Dana C. Giacchetto to reach into their accounts and grab at least \$9 million, said the indictment issued Tuesday.

Giacchetto, 37, allegedly misappropriated the money through Cassandra, a company he ran from Manhattan.

The federal indictment gives new details on allegations announced when Giacchetto was arrested last month. It accuses him of taking the money to benefit himself, his company, third parties to which he lent money or to pay other clients and conceal the fraud.

In the last year alone, Giacchetto al-

legedly spent at least \$8,000 on helicopters, \$3,400 on limousines, \$12,000 to lease a new Mercedes-Benz and more than \$30,000 on stereos, computers, art and clothing.

He allegedly rang up more than \$120,000 in hotel bills, including a stint at a Hollywood hotel that cost more than \$80,000 for 10 suites, the indictment said. Restaurant bills added another \$55,000.

He gave millions of dollars belonging to his clients to friends and associates, the government said.

The comforts allegedly supported his ability to flash the pearls of success at Hollywood parties where he could pad a client list so valuable that, after his arrest, he announced through his lawyer that he wanted to become an agent.

The indictment said Giacchetto promised clients he used a conservative investment strategy and did not take custody

of their money when he actually was using their accounts.

When federal authorities noticed the allegedly lied to them and altered a portion of a Cassandra balance sheet.

The altered portion of the balance sheet falsely represented that the company had liabilities and net capital of more than \$2 million when it actually had more than \$2 million in liabilities and was insolvent more than \$2.2 million, the indictment said.

The indictment also accused Giacchetto of failing to disclose that he owed \$4 million to the band Phish. Giacchetto was arrested and was released on bail last month. Later, he was ordered held without bail until prosecutors said he was caught at an airport with an expired passport, a cash and \$44,000 in airplane tickets.

If convicted, Giacchetto faces a maximum 10 years in prison and a fine of \$18 million on a securities fraud charge.

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