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This Week On Campus

Wednesday Feb. 28

Basketball (W) vs. Kansas 7:00
Women's Tennis vs. Houston
6:00 Varsity Tennis Center

Friday-Saturday-Sunday Mar.2,3,4

Baseball vs. Penn State (Fri-7:00)
vs. Indiana St. (Sat-5:00)
vs. UNLV (Sat-8:00)
vs. Indiana St. (Sun-7:00)

Softball - Aggie Invitational II
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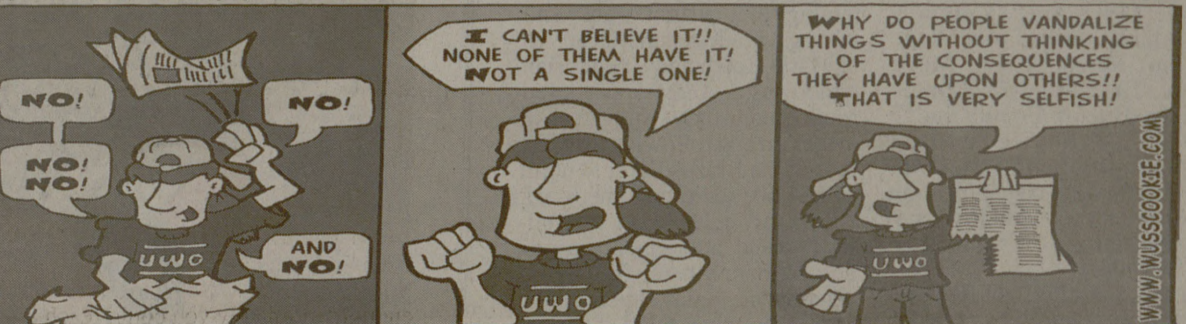
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routes," McIlhenny said. "The concept is that there may be negotiations of the three we chose. I am not sure we have done a lot of thinking outside the box, we really are able to make a decision possible."

Prior to the policy committee decision to return to the board, a number of residents in Burleson County and from College Station expressed concerns about the cost of route alternatives, threats of depreciation in the value of business and residential property, the day-to-day inconvenience recently associated with train

Forrest Lane, student body president and a senior political major, said the railroad could be a stumbling block for the community.

"I am not here advocating the destruction of other people's property," Lane said. "But what about students who have families and are currently affected by the train? Keeping it where it is now is a good solution. I have dealt with enough traffic, and I am tired of dealing with it."

The railroad issue was addressed by A&M more than three years ago and remains an issue as graduates on both main campuses of the Battalion, which sandwich the railroad that divide the University.

ACADEMICS

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Students aiming to improve their grades and get study tips are the option to join Academics Anonymous, a new group started by the Student Counseling Service. Through Academics Anonymous, students can increase self-awareness and get honest feedback from students, said Patti Collins, regional counselor for SCS and career services.

"The main focus of the group is to provide support for students who are motivated to do better and learn to balance their social and academic lives," Collins said.

The first meeting was held Tuesday, Feb. 22, and was a great success, said Betty Milburn, associate director of counseling at SCS.

"We are off and running with a group, and I think it will be beneficial to everyone who is participating," Milburn said.

SCS offers Academics Anonymous meetings every Thursday for 90 minutes. In order to participate in Academics Anonymous, students first must be screened by a regional counselor at SCS.

"The group is closed, but it is a demand for a similar group to start up another one," Collins said.

The group provides a social fit as well. Academics Anonymous provides an atmosphere to talk problems, and share experiences with peers. Students can find out from other the best way to study and manage their time, Collins said.

Collins says the group is for students who know they can do better than last semester and want a productive way to help themselves. "Students can identify strengths and weaknesses, set smart goals," Collins said.

Academics Anonymous students and will be in session nine weeks, Milburn said. The group is specifically for students who are on scholastic probation or are trying to get into graduate school, but students are invited to be screened to participate.

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administration has been active in encouraging the Know the Code program and conducting the surveys. I think, at orientation sessions, it is oftentimes dismissed as another part of the rules."

Ferguson said students must realize that academic dishonesty does not merely refer to cheating on an exam but encompasses plagiarism and using another student's homework assignment.

"There has been talk of the new code as Aggies 'elaborating, collaborating and borrowing,'" Ferguson said. "If Texas A&M University wants to become a top-10 university, then there will have to be some improvement."

Kibler said part of the University's Vision 2020 plan is contingent on addressing the issue of academic dishonesty.

"Clearly, if you want to portray yourself as a top-10 academic institution, you want to ensure integrity among your students and your faculty," Kibler said. "It does fall into the core of what Vision 2020 is all about."

There is no magic number we want to shoot for when students answer these surveys. We just want a campus that is more honest and safer."

Sgt. Allan Baron, a certified crime-prevention specialist for the University Police Department, said safety is an additional issue related to violations of the Aggie Code of Honor.

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— Rob Ferguson
executive vice president of student affairs

"It is important to remember that not everybody is an Aggie," Baron said. "Many of our students have that preconceived notion of the Aggie Code of Honor, 'Aggies don't lie, cheat or steal.' Because of this, many students tend to have a relaxed attitude toward their personal safety and property security habits on campus. Because of this, many provide the perfect opportunity for becoming a victim of crime."

Kibler said most of the time penalties for students caught stealing are more severe than for cheating. As a result, he said, there is a higher incidence of academic dishonesty.

Kibler said most students found cheating on a test or plagiarizing do not receive adequate punishment.

"A lot of successful campuses tend to be tougher on students in these type of situations," Kibler said. "I suspect we will be more attentive to the message we are sending students. We have not addressed it enough in the 20 years that I have been here. There has not been enough traction in the past to get this going. Clearly now, I think we have faculty interest and student interest. There has been a shift in the thinking on this topic nationally. I think it seems the right time for Texas A&M University to take an initiative."

The Center for Academic Integrity, organized by Kibler and consisting of about 225 institutions nationally, will hold a convention at the George Bush Presidential Conference Center in Fall 2001 where 300 students, faculty and administrators will discuss issues related to academic dishonesty.

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