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Mon., Sept 3	Informational	Rudder 404, 7-8:00pm
Tues., Sept 4	Informational	Rudder 402, 7-8:00pm
Wed., Sept 5	Faculty Club (Top of Rudder Tower)	11th Floor, 7-9:00pm
Thurs., Sept 6	"Get to know the Spikes"	TBA
Sat., Sept 8	Athletic Day and BBQ Social	Sam Rayburn M.S. 2-5:00pm

\*Must make one of two Informationals  
\*No Interviews; Interviews conducted at socials; Must attend to be eligible!

Applications in Student Activities Office in Koldus Building, due by September 7 at same location

**Using the World Wide Web for Research**

Texas A&M University Libraries is offering a class to assist Texas A&M University students and faculty in effectively using the World Wide Web for research.

Using the World Wide Web for research is offered in two parts, a basic session preceding a more advanced one on one each evening. Come to both sessions if you want to start at a basic level. Come only to Beyond the Basics if you wish to enhance your basic knowledge of using the World Wide Web.

**Introduction to Using the World Wide Web for Research**

Designed for those new to Internet use. This introduction to World Wide Web searching using Internet Explorer emphasizes basic search techniques and how to organize your sites using Favorites. Sessions include demonstration and hands-on practice if time permits.

Day	Date	Time	Location
Monday	September 3	5:45 - 6:15 pm	Student Computing Center, 102B
Tuesday	September 4	5:30 - 6:00 pm	West Campus Library, Rm. 126
Wednesday	September 5	6:15 - 6:45 pm	Student Computing Center, 114
Thursday	September 6	5:30 - 6:00 pm	Student Computing Center, 114

**Beyond the Basics - Using the World Wide Web for Research**

This session surveys selected World Wide Web search tools useful for research (directories, search engines, metasites and meta-search engines), illustrates more advanced search strategies, and provides criteria for evaluating and citing web information. Privacy issues are addressed. Sessions include demonstration and hands-on practice if time permits.

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Bring a 3.5" formatted high density disk if you want to save information. There is no charge and no sign-up is necessary. All are welcome.

Something to be  
**SCENE**

By BETH BROWN  
THE BATTALION

Dinosaurs, apes and pies. Oh my! As the summer movie season winds down, Hollywood has audiences wondering if it really was a blockbuster summer. Moviegoers had a variety of options of what to see this summer, but critics and audiences alike did not vary much on their opinions of the films that hit the big screen in the last three months. Perhaps the biggest disappointment was *Planet of the Apes*, starring Mark Wahlberg and Tim Roth. It was given a lot of hype in early summer months, but once it hit the big screen, the truth came out — it was a bad

earned audiences' laughter in the first film, including masturbation gone wrong. But there was nothing distinct about this film that set it apart from its predecessor. In fact, it almost got a little old after a while. It was not a waste of money to go see this film because there were lots of laughs, but more could have been done with the storyline and some of the jokes seemed forced at times. And, of course, there were the dinosaurs of *Jurassic Park 3*. While the story line was not intelligent and the acting was not subtle enough, the technology and visual effects were impressive. The dinosaurs actually looked real and were more believable than the reptiles of the original *Jurassic Park*. Sam Neill returns as Dr. Alan Grant to battle the giant beasts, but the story leaves much to be

Smith claims this will be that last film of his kind. After upsetting practically every group and organization in the country, he finally has upset the one group that he most, his fans. In *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*, Banky Edwards (Lee) sells a script featuring Bluntman and Chronic comic book characters created by Jay and Silent Bob. When Jay and Silent Bob find they will not be included in the making of the film, they set out to ruin the film's premiere. *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back* promises a fun journey full of Smith humor that made his films a success in the past. Even if he is crossing their fingers and hoping it will be the last time Smith is heard from. Another film of early fall that has fans is *Rock Star*, starring Mark Wahlberg, Jennifer Aniston. In the film, Cole (Wahlberg) plays a cover band front man who gets the chance to replace the lead singer of his band, Steel Dragon. Aniston plays the supportive girlfriend who is not always so supportive. She becomes the typical boy-loses-girl, boy-gets-girl story thrown together with the lyrics of a modern rocker. Stephen Herek added some authenticity to the film by using real musicians such as Verve Pipe guitarist Vander Ark and Ozzy Osbourne's guitarist Zakk Wylde. The film has appeal as a Cinderella story, twist, and will hopefully give audiences some jamming hair-band music to listen to while they fall in love. Aniston and Wahlberg. Viewers can expect yet another period piece this fall in the form of *The Musketeer*, starring Tim Roth, Stephen Rea, Mena Suvari and James Chambers in the title role. It focuses on one Musketeer, D'Artagnan, and allows viewers a closer look at a literary hero. Director Hyams promises the film is not just a swashbuckling adventure flick. Hyams' collaboration with Hong Kong action choreographer Xin Xiong will add spice to action scenes, but will this film be just another Musketeer movie? Other films set to be released within the next two months are *Training Day* starring Denzel Washington and Ethan Phillips, *Glitter* starring Mariah Carey, *The Weather Man* starring Will Smith, and *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back* starring Jason Lee, Ben Affleck and Smith himself. Of course, Jason Mewes rounds out the cast as the foul-mouthed, over-sexed but lovable Jay. What has Smith fans concerned, however, is that

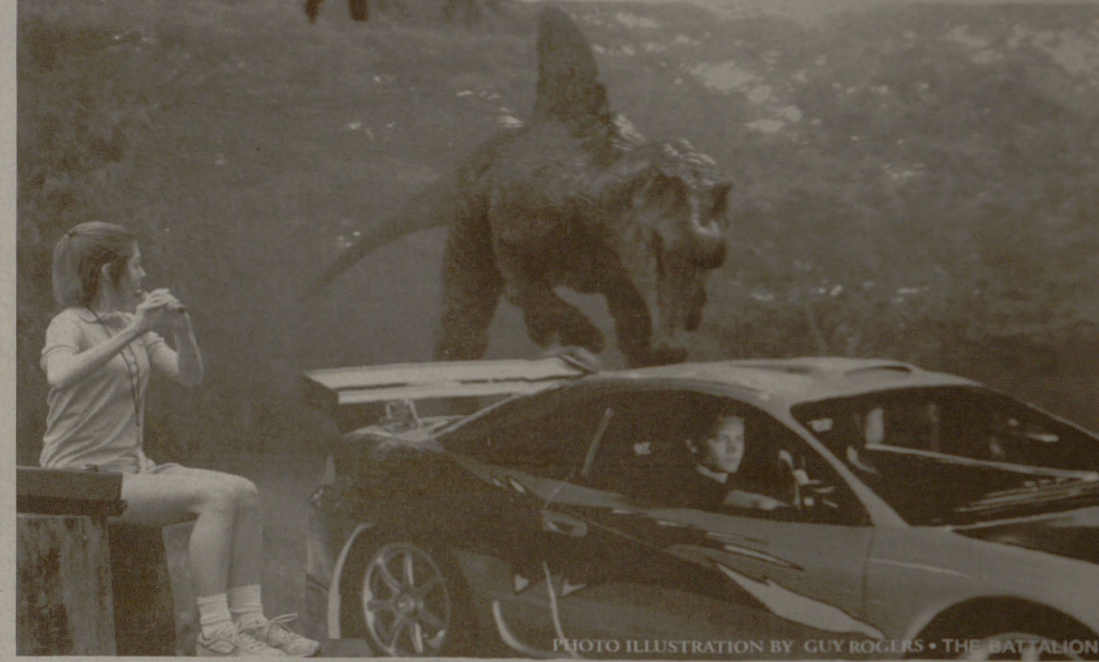


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movie. Most viewers were expecting the same storyline from the original *Planet of the Apes* made famous by Charlton Heston, but Hollywood did not deliver. Where was Dr. Zayas? The story was almost silly, and the screaming from the apes did not help. To further irritate viewers, director Tim Burton ended the film with one of those "yes-we-hope-to-make-a-sequel" endings that left audiences confused. On the other end of the spectrum was *American Pie 2*, the sequel to the smash hit that grossed viewers out but had them rolling in the aisles. All of the same characters returned to reunite at a lake house after their first year of college for more fun. It certainly was the same brand of bathroom humor that

desired. Perhaps two dinosaur park films were enough — or perhaps one was enough. Box office leaders from the summer so far are *American Pie 2*, *Rush Hour 2*, *Jurassic Park 3*, *The Fast and the Furious* and *America's Sweethearts*. The question now: What does Hollywood have in store next for moviegoers? One of the most talked about fall movies is *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*, which is the latest effort from filmmaker Kevin Smith. Smith delivers the quirky characters that audiences grew to love from his earlier films, such as *Clerks* and *Mallrats*, played by actors Jason Lee, Ben Affleck and Smith himself. Of course, Jason Mewes rounds out the cast as the foul-mouthed, over-sexed but lovable Jay. What has Smith fans concerned, however, is that

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