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NEWS IN BRIEF

Freudian Slip will perform first show this Saturday

Freudian Slip will perform its first show of Fall 2001 Saturday, Sept. 8.

Saturday's show will only include the five core members of the group: Nate Strawn, Mark Wholwerda, Cameron Goldapp, Todd Upchurch and Dominick Nussce.

With the graduation and resignation of a few members, Freudian Slip is looking for replacements.

Former members of Freudian Slip are now working the other side of show business in New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago and part of Pavlov's Dogs in Dallas.

Fraternity member found unconscious, pronounced dead

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — A student at the University of Maryland died after being found unconscious on the porch of a fraternity house, police said.

Another fraternity member found Alexander Eugene Klochhoff, 20, of North Bellmore, N.Y., outside the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house Wednesday morning, police said. Klochhoff was pronounced dead at a hospital later that day.

Police said the only obvious sign of trauma was blood on his nose, and would not comment on whether they were investigating the death as an accident or homicide.

PUBLIC EYE

As of June 2001, the assets of the Texas A&M Foundation totaled \$575 million

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WEATHER

TODAY

HIGH 94° F

LOW 72° F

TOMORROW

HIGH 93° F

LOW 74° F

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Duncan losing money

By BRANDIE LIFFICK THE BATTALION

Because of financial difficulties at Duncan Dining Hall, the Corps of Cadets is requiring its members to eat lunch at Duncan three more times per week, in addition to the nine meals that Ron Beard, director of Food Services, said Duncan needed to stay afloat.

"There's a specific cost to run any unit on campus," Beard said. "When we don't have enough patrons during a certain serving time, we can't make ends meet. As an example, one price paid for a meal is about \$6. One-third of that goes to actual food costs, and the other two-thirds helps pay for the building, maintenance, payroll, benefits and other everyday expenses. All of that is just to cover our costs."

Brig. Gen. Donald Johnson, Corps of Cadets deputy commandant and chief of staff, said before Food Services updated computers three years ago, cadets were required to eat lunch in Duncan five days a week.

"Most of the cadets aren't aware that they are actually getting two extra lunches off from what was previously required of them," Johnson said. "Three years ago, dining services got new computers that couldn't swipe the cards, so they were allowed to eat wherever they wanted for lunch."

Currently, cadets eat breakfast five days and dinner four nights each week in Duncan.

"Cadets are not required to eat in Duncan at all, but their meal plans are debited for each of those meals," Johnson said. "Now we are asking them to eat lunch there Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday."

Trevor Voelkel, Corps public relations officer and a senior finance major, said the decision was made to debit cadets for three additional meals a week as a way of supporting Duncan.

"Even though other students are welcome to eat in Duncan, it's traditionally the dining center for the Corp of Cadets. It's important for us to support it by eating lunch there," Voelkel said.

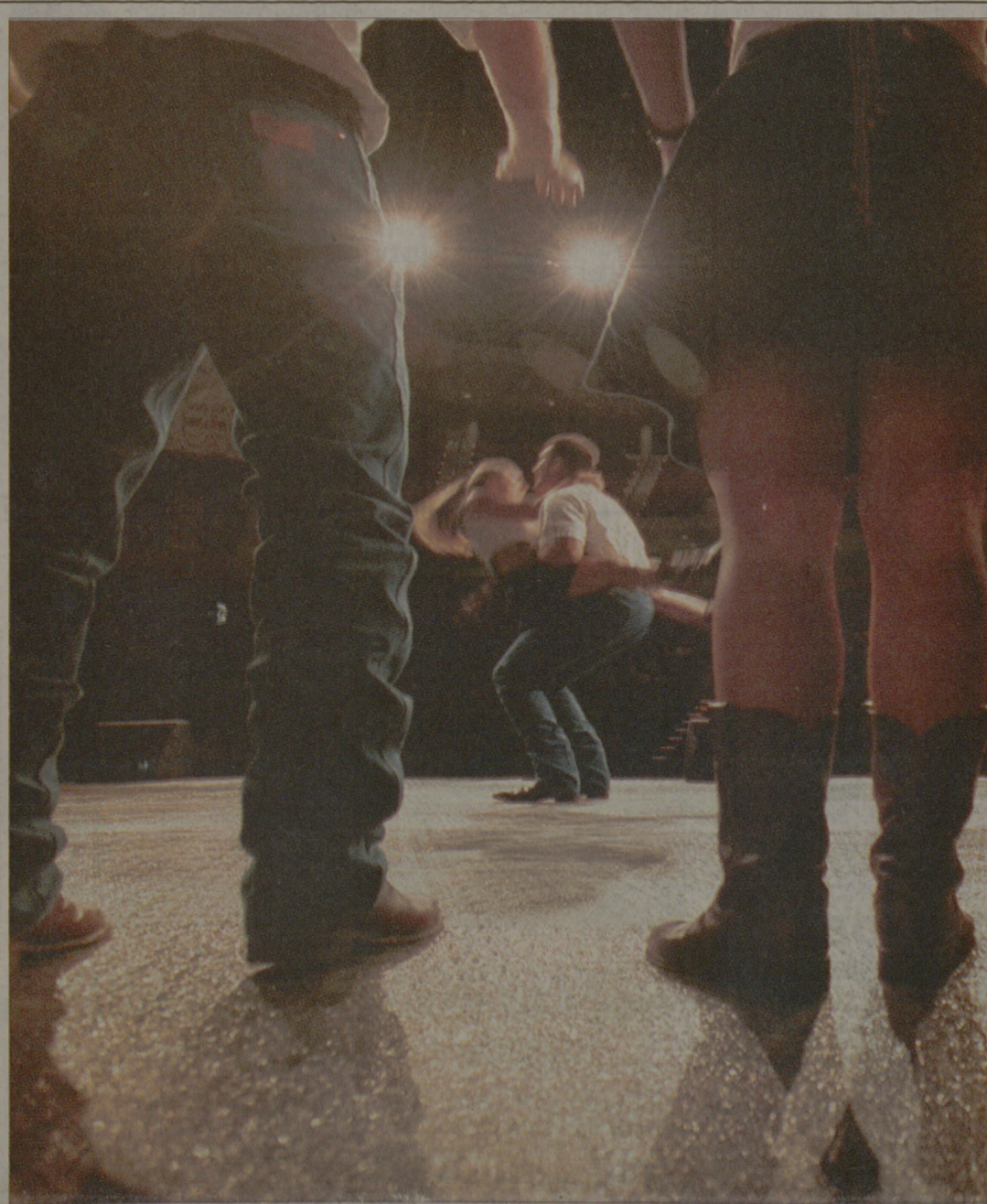
Johnson said cadets will not be charged for lunch in Duncan if they have a scheduling conflict during that time.

"Those who have class conflicts can come to me, and we'll make arrangements with Food Services so they can eat at another location," Johnson said. "We're willing to work with cadets on this issue."

For cadet Tim Bailey, a sophomore general studies major, walking to Duncan for lunch between classes is not always practical.

"It can be pretty inconvenient at times to go all the way to Duncan to eat," Bailey said. "But on the other hand, it's important for us to support Duncan. It's our dining hall."

Corp of Cadet members are required to purchase one of four Corps dining options, which offer a minimum of 15 meals per week, none of which can be carried from week to week.



The Aggie Wranglers perform during the Aggie All-University League Kickoff on Thursday night at Reed Arena. Their appearance was part of the pregame festivities. Aggie fans showed up to watch A&M play Wyoming on big-screen televisions. The Aggies came from behind to win the game 28-20.

Ags brand Cowboys Team comes from behind again for win

By BRIAN RUFF THE BATTALION

LARAMIE, Wyo. — Aggie fans witnessed a familiar sight on Thursday night, seeing the heavily favored Texas A&M football team fall behind the opponent — this time the Wyoming Cowboys — early and have to battle back to take a hard-nosed victory.

The Aggie offense took the spotlight in a high-flying 28-20 win over the Cowboys, despite temperatures lower than 40 degrees.

The A&M offense stumbled during the Aggies' opening drive of the game, giving Wyoming the momentum. The Cowboys stopped redshirt freshman Keith Joseph on a sweep to the right side on third and one, and the momentum from that stop would be carried over to the Cowboy offense.

Taking over on their side of the field, Wyoming quarterback Casey Bramlet completed passes of 19 and 14 yards, setting up the Cowboys to take the lead in the game when senior fullback Nate Scott plunged in from four yards out.

The Aggie offense would take control on the next drive when junior quarterback Mark Farris completed an important third-down pass to junior receiver Greg Porter, picking up 20 yards on the play. The drive would stall soon thereafter, when the offense committed three straight deadball penalties, moving the Aggies back out of field goal range. The Cowboy defense would force a punt, ending the Aggie scoring threat.

On the following drive, the defense gave the offense another shot when senior free safety

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All-University League kicks off Wyoming game with festivities

By CHRISTINA HOFFMAN THE BATTALION

To help fill the void in camaraderie-building activities created by the absence of Aggie Bonfire, Student Body President Schuyler Houser and students from different parts of the Aggie community have created the All-University (All-U) League.

"It is intended to create an interaction among different students in different locations across campus and hopefully will expand over several years," Houser said.

The All-U League will consist of competitive events in which the Corps of Cadets, the Greek system, on-campus residents and Off Campus Aggies will compete for the All-U League title and several other awards.

Some of the activities will include intramural sports, attendance at athletic events and campus programs, participation in traditions, service activities and other specific All-U League events.

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Microsoft breakup dropped

Administration abandons efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a dramatic shift, the Bush administration on Thursday abandoned the Clinton-era effort to break up Microsoft. It suggested a lesser antitrust penalty that could still force changes to the company's new Windows operating system.

The Justice Department also dropped charges that the software giant illegally hurt competitors by tying or bundling separate features, like a Web browser, to its flagship computer operating system.

Microsoft had hotly contested those charges because the company's strategy calls for integrating more new features into products like the new Windows XP operating system, due in stores next month.

Officials said the legal shift was not an overture to Microsoft to settle. They suggested the government will ask the new judge handling the antitrust case to review the Windows XP software and seek a penalty that ensures the company doesn't operate as an illegal monopoly in the future.

But the news that reverberated from Wall Street to Silicon Valley was the decision to stop trying to break up an American corporate icon that helped fuel the technology revolution of the 1990s.

The 19 states that joined the government in suing Microsoft and seeking its breakup acquiesced, saying an appeals court decision earlier this summer would make a breakup more difficult to pursue.

"This is an industry that moves incredibly fast," said Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller. "The case has gone on for quite some time now. It was time to move as quickly as we could to remedy."

Microsoft reacted with cautious optimism. "We remain committed to resolving the remaining issues in the case," spokesman Vivek Varma said.

Investors, however, showed some concern that the penalties the Bush administration will seek might still affect or delay next month's planned debut of Windows XP — which many on Wall Street hope will help invigorate the sluggish technology industry.

Microsoft shares finished the day down \$1.72 at \$56.02 per share.

Justice said it made the about-face to streamline the case and bring it to an end as quickly as possible. The goal, it said, was to "obtain prompt, effective and certain relief for consumers."

The department said it would still seek a penalty that would open the operating system market to competition.

To that end, the government proposed a penalty similar to some interim penalties imposed by the original trial judge, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson.

Those would, among other things, stop Microsoft from making certain exclusive deals with partners, force computer manufacturers to keep specific icons and programs on the Windows computer desktop, and give other companies more access to Windows blueprints.

Study: Drinking alcohol may fight strokes

DALLAS (AP) — Moderate drinking may reduce the risk of certain types of stroke and scarring in the core of elderly people's brains, a study found. But alcohol may also promote shrinkage of the brain — a condition seen in Alzheimer's patients.

Elderly light drinkers — those who take one to six drinks per week — were found to have less scarring than teetotalers or moderately heavy drinkers, defined as those who have more than 15 drinks a week.

And moderately heavy drinkers were 41 percent less likely than nondrinkers to have "silent strokes."

"It adds to the evidence that moderate drinking is not in and of itself a harmful activity," said study author Kenneth J. Mukamal, an instructor at Harvard Medical School and associate in medicine at Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

The bad news is that every drink is associated with greater brain shrinkage, Mukamal said.

The findings, based on MRI scans of the brains of 3,376 people over age 65, appear in Friday's issue of Stroke, a journal of the American Heart Association.

Experts said it is hard to tell if silent strokes and scarring are worse than shrinkage because the effects of the three conditions are not fully known.

"At this point we just don't know enough to have an idea about how they counterbalance each other," said Mark J. Alberts, professor of neurology and director of the Stroke Program at Northwestern University, who was not involved with the study. "More studies have to be done to show if the benefits of alcohol outweigh the risks."

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