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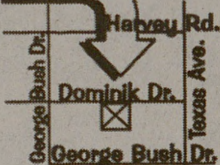
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THE BATTALION

Wednesday, September 26, 2001

On the road again ...

Students take to the road, leave worries at school

By HEATHER CAMPBELL
THE BATTALION

Liz Wilburn, a sophomore biomedical sciences major, was excited about the presidential election last year and hopped into a car to travel to Austin with her friends.

"We couldn't believe we actually left town that night because everyone had 8 a.m. tests the next day," Wilburn said.

She and a group of her sorority sisters left on a Tuesday night for then Governor George W. Bush's election rally. Wilburn said it was a last-minute decision to go. They showed their Aggie spirit at the capitol by holding a yell practice along with other Aggies and were on television.

Instead of sitting around the entire weekend, most students like Wilburn, pile into the nearest car and head out of town. Spontaneous road trips can be an adventure for students, and lasting memories can be made.

"It was a great bonding experience," Wilburn said.

Julie Weber, a recent A&M graduate, also traveled to Austin for the rally.

"My favorite thing about road trips is not the destination but the journey," Weber said. "It's getting there that's the best part."

Last year, during the week before finals, a group hit the road to clear their minds and escape the stress of studying.

Phillip Bethancourt, a sophomore business major, and Rodney Reed, a sophomore speech communications major, drove to Stuart Beach in Galveston and relaxed with friends.

"The best part is getting away for a while because you get so wrapped up in school. We learned a very important lesson — you have to always bring the party with you," Bethancourt said.

Yobany Mayen, a junior business major, said visiting countries is great for college trips.

He and Evan

Loomis, a junior business major, backpacked in East Asia and took part in many adventures. He said they jumped on a rickety bus, disassembled their bikes and rode in a cart on the back of a tractor to get to their destination. Loomis and Mayen arrived at a park by a river and slept there.

"Road trips in other countries provide unique and adventurous experiences surrounded by people who don't speak your language," Mayen said. "It's kind of like a first date, scary and fun at the same time."

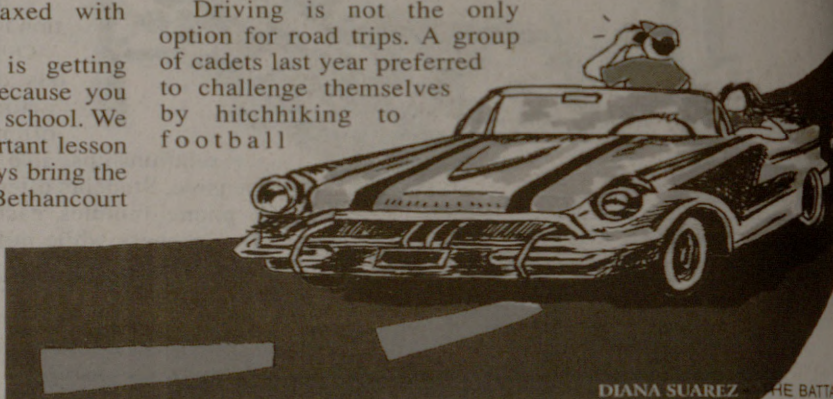
Driving is not the only option for road trips. A group of cadets last year preferred to challenge themselves by hitchhiking to football

games. They ventured out to Bryan and hiked most of the way to Waco. Keith Cocanougher, junior accounting major, dropped them off on the side of Highway 6 before they began the long trip.

Matt Malone, a junior political science major, hiked on the trail and said they held signs up that said "Beat the Hell out of Baylor" as they walked.

"We were surprised because we got three rides there," Malone said. "I guess there were

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Website Reviews

By Kelly Preiser

www.Questia.com
Online Library
(Grade: A)

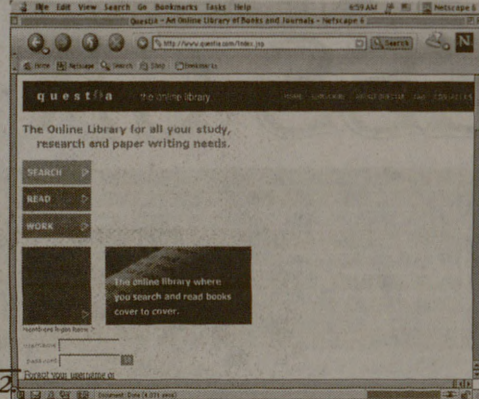
Now students can forget about going to the library only to spend hours wandering around the endless aisles of books only to find that the one book they want is not there.

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Students can use the Website not only to research papers and find sources, but also to read an entire text online and print pages for free. When reading the text online, users can highlight on the text and put in their own notes.

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It is easy to search the site and users will be amazed at how much information is readily available through Questia.com. Searches



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AggielandMenus.com
Online Menu
(Grade: B)

Anyone who has ever had the late-night munchies definitely will appreciate Aggielandmenus.com.

This site offers access to local restaurant menus 24 hours a day and is very easy to navigate.

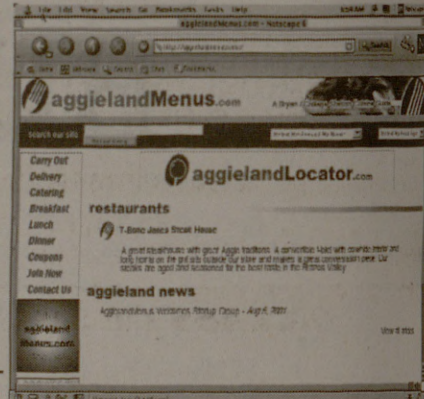
There are links for different kinds of restaurants, including carry out, delivery, catering, breakfast, lunch and dinner links. Beyond those, there is a link for finding coupons, which are invaluable to college students.

Users also can search for restaurants by name or by the type of food they are craving such as American, Chinese, Italian, etc.

The only problem with this Website is that a lot of the restaurants listed do not yet have their menus posted. This is because the site is fairly new and many restaurants may not know about it yet. Restaurants hoping to get their menu online can register with the site.

The Website offers a thorough listing of what each restaurant has to offer.

For example, the Double Dave's link tells the prices, forms of payment, locations of the restaurant and the



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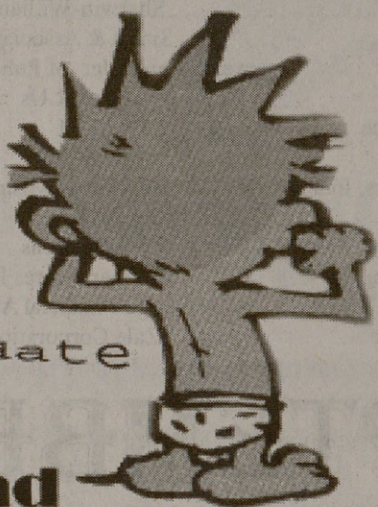
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