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these countries took this power from Islamic fundamentalists.

Now these Islamic fundamentalist leaders want this power back and to add to it their Islamic principles," Black said.

Black highlighted several key events in the past 100 years that have pushed Islamic fundamentalists to act as they have in the recent past.

The first event that cause a disruption among the Islamic nations was World War I. Secondly, the conduct of the British and French colonial

ROADTRIPS

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some loyal Aggies out on the road. We passed the Gig em barn and pulled over for pictures.

On the way back, Malone said his buddies that drove assumed they would hike home, but they were thinking otherwise. So, the fight began and they finally compromised.

"The ride home was pretty uncomfortable because we all crowded into a few trucks,' Malone said.

Last year, Allison Bradley, a junior speech communications major, acted like she was a tourist in Dallas even though her friends lived there. She said it was a blast as they viewed museums and went downtown to the comedy club. "It's almost like going on a

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powers in the 1930s and 1940s, and third formation of the State of Israel," Black said

The capture of the Gaza Strip and Bank by Israel, the Gulf War in 1990 and and the subsequent presence of U.S. in Saudi Arabia are several issues that reset off Islamic fundamentalists such Laden, Black said.

Black also noted the constraints the l religion places on political institutions. The religion of Islam does not have in places

tem for political or legal agendas, but calls for over economic and all social issues," Blac "These constraints cause a failure in countr Afghanistan from forming true nation states and for people like Osama bin Laden to have power

> "This road trip was fu disasters, but it still made fun weekend," Bennett said

Bennett said the girls their dates did not make i time for dinner, so stopped at Taco Cabana ate in the car near a dump because there was no part deadly as a bo lot in sight. A girl spilledo all over her white dress they finally arrived at the mal just in time to say h and goodbye as everyone leaving. To add to the trag

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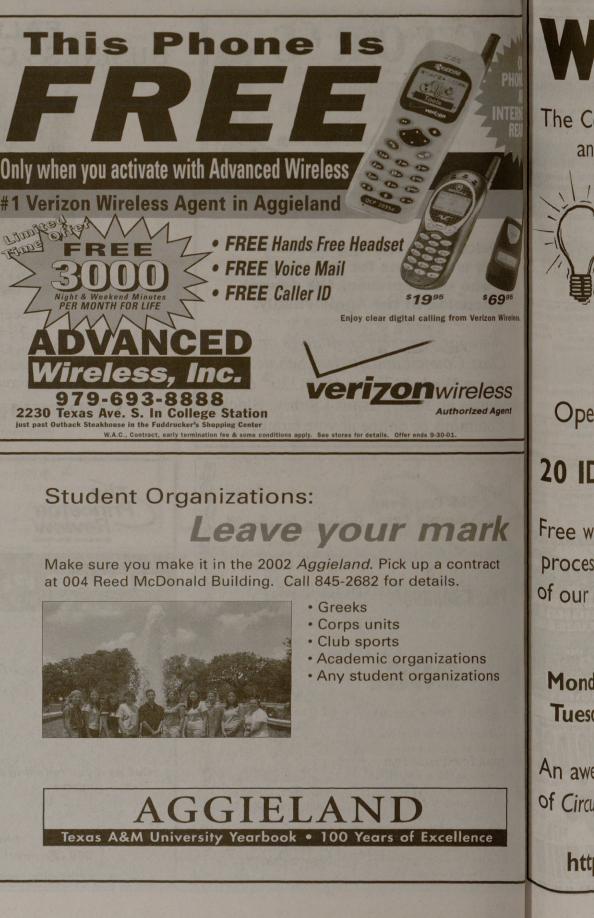
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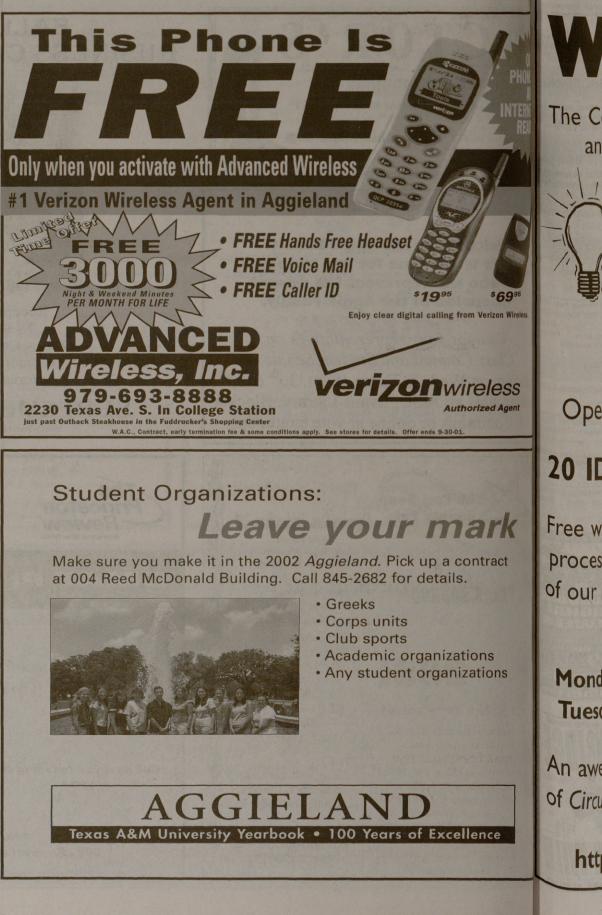
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- Allison Bradley junior speech College formals are usually

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are registered.

out of town and offer many opportunities for road trips. Rebecca Bennett, a junior business major, journeyed to Austin for a Sigma Phi Lambda formal her freshman vear.

mini-vacation while you're in school," Bradley said. "The most memorable part is being crammed into a car together and jamming to music."

It's almost like going on a mini-vacation while you're in school ."

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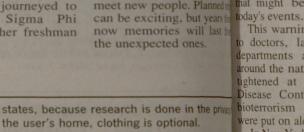
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tion and even has maps available for the

This is a very useful site, but definitely if be a better resource when more restaurant

who are unfamiliar with the area.

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ise for beyond the grave? For Christians, what is a Biblical response to terrorism? There is a power that transcends wealth and military strength in any tragedy. We see the image of God in the deeds of those who served and even died for others. But is that all we can hope for?

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