

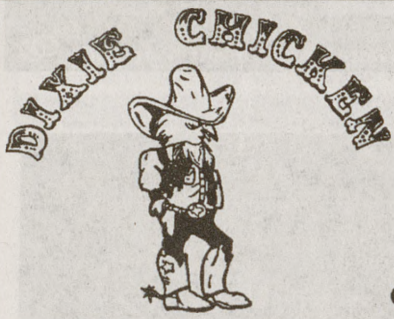
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3rd Meeting

When: October 11, 2001
Where: 225 MSC
Time: 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact us at:
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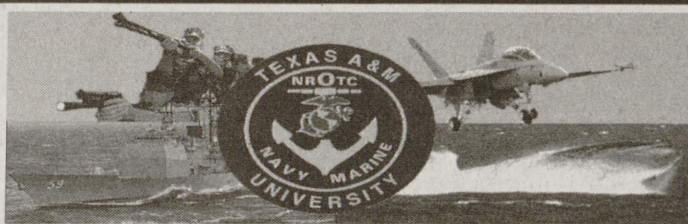
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	7 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 14	2 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 19	7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 20	2 p.m.
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Sun., Oct. 21	2 p.m.

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Oct 18: Intermediate Access 2000
Oct 19: Intermediate Word 2000
Oct 22: Intro to Word 97
Oct 23: Advanced Access 2000
Nov 26: A+ Hardware
Dec 3: A+ Operating Systems

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Sports

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THE BATTALION

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Astros top St. Louis, secure home field

Houston to open playoffs against Atlanta

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Houston Astros let the NL Central race go down to the last game before they finished the job.

Behind Shane Reynolds' 100th career victory, the Astros won their fourth division title in five years by beating the St. Louis Cardinals 9-2 Sunday. The loss left the Cardinals with the wild card spot.

Both teams clinched playoff spots on Friday night, and on Sunday, they were playing for homefield advantage throughout the postseason.

The Astros led by five-and-a-half games on Sept. 24, but lost nine of 11 before winning Sunday. They open at home today against the Atlanta Braves, and the Cardinals open at Arizona later that day.

It's not that much of an advantage, according to manager Larry Dierker.

"I guess it might be more intimidating to face Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson because they throw harder," Dierker said.

"But I don't know of any team that wants to face Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine."

The Astros and Cardinals finished with 93-69 records. Houston won the division because of a head-to-head tiebreaker, going 9-7 against the Cardinals.

The Cardinals didn't seem overly disappointed.

"Sunday wasn't a do-or-die game where the loser had to go home," said 22-game winner Matt Morris, who will start Game 1 of the playoffs. "So I don't think we're real upset."

Despite late-season pitching woes, Houston completed the largest turnaround in

franchise history. The Astros were 72-90 last year and fourth in the Central.

The previous best single-season improvement was 18 games from 1997 to '98.

"Our pitching has been better this year," Dierker said. "If you keep giving up runs all the time, it really gets the position players kind of down and it spoils the atmosphere."

St. Louis, a .500 team at the All-Star game, was 50-26

Houston put it away with four runs in the seventh to chase Kile.

Craig Biggio had an RBI double and scored on Julio Lugo's single before the two-run homer by Bagwell, who had two crucial throwing errors in the Cardinals' 10-6 victory on Saturday.

"The key for us is we didn't hang our heads when we got behind," Bagwell said. "Offensively, we knew we had a tough pitcher out there, but we concentrated and did our jobs."

Reynolds (14-11) scattered eight hits in 7 1/3 innings, with the only damage coming on J.D. Drew's 27th homer in the first.

He gave up at least one hit in every inning, striking out one and walking none, and won for the fifth time in six decisions.

Kile, who entered the game second in the NL with a 2.90 ERA, allowed more runs than in any of his other 33 starts.

He lasted 6 2/3 innings, giving up seven runs on 10 hits and finishing with a 3.09 ERA.

"I let the guys down," Kile said. "That's what it boils down to."

Mark McGwire flied out as pinch-hitter in the ninth, finishing at .187 with 29 homers, 64 RBIs and 118 strikeouts in 299 at-bats.

He struck out all four at-bats Friday night, and on Saturday said he would consider retiring after the season.

He quickly left after Sunday's game without talking to reporters. La Russa said he didn't know how he'd use McGwire in the playoffs.

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— Jeff Bagwell
Houston Astros' first baseman

after the break. The Cardinals won 17 of their last 22 games.

"That's one of the few important games in the second half where we've gotten beat," said manager Tony La Russa. "We couldn't get anything going."

Richard Hidalgo and Jeff Bagwell hit two-run homers for the Astros off Darryl Kile (16-11).

Hidalgo was 3-for-4, and his 19th homer put the Astros ahead for good, 2-1 in the second, Bagwell doubled off the right-field wall and scored on Lance Berkman's single in the sixth, and

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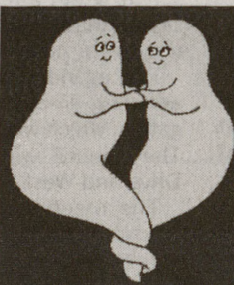
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All week long there will be tables at the MSC from 10-2pm.

Tuesday, 9th:

Religious Tolerance Panel, 7-8:15pm MSC 226
NOW-Lesbianism and Feminism, 7pm RUDD 407

Wednesday, 10th:

Speak Out Against Hate, 11-2pm Free Speech Area
GLBT-PN Queer 102: Informal Lecture, TBA

Thursday, 11th:

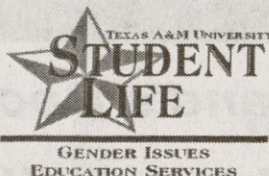
National Coming Out Day
GLBTA Meeting with Greek Life, 7pm TBA
Coffee Talk sponsored by GIES and the Women's Center, 4-5pm ACAD

Friday, 12th:

Heartstrong Presentation, TBA

Sunday, 14th:

Allies Advance, 2-5pm



For more information on the week's events, check out
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