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Welcome to Women's Spirit Month '02

Come and Celebrate Our Diversity!

Friday, March 1 - Saturday, March 2

"The Vagina Monologues"

Featuring local women performing the hilarious and provocative monologues from the theatre production by the same name.

7 p.m. Rudder Forum. For more information, send e-mail to tamutvm@hotmail.com.

Monday, March 4

"A Matter of Access: Building a Reproductive Rights Movement in the United States and Internationally"

Marlene Fried

202 Rudder Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5

Brown Bag Lunch: *"Challenges of Female Athletes"*
Michelle Royal & Selena Collins
707 Rudder Tower at Noon

Wednesday, March 6

Brown Bag Lunch: *"A History of Women's History at Texas A&M"*

Sara Alpern

Room 308 Academic Building at Noon

Thursday, March 7

Campus-wide random acts of recognition
Women's Spirit Month committee members will roam the campus recognizing individuals in honor of the celebration of National Women's History Month

Monday, March 18

Brown Bag Lunch: *"American Women's Perspective: Living in Kuwait"*

Lynn Hagan

402 Rudder Tower at Noon

"Marhaba: Greetings from a Western Woman in an Arab World"

Lynn Hagan

302 Rudder Tower at 6:30 p.m.

Executives from Enron testify

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling told senators Tuesday "I didn't lie to Congress or anyone else" in denying he was aware of the company's precarious finances or its use of complex partnerships to hide debt.

Skilling testified for five hours before the Senate Commerce Committee along with two other Enron executives, whose statements sometimes contradicted his. Afterward, Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., whose Commerce subcommittee on consumer affairs is investigating Enron, said, "Mr. Skilling has several stages of denial."

"It's unbelievable to me that the top people in this company didn't know what was happening," Dorgan said. He was referring to Skilling — who abruptly resigned last August — and Jeffrey McMahon, Enron's current president and chief operating officer.

Addressing skeptical lawmakers, Skilling also said, "I never duped Ken Lay," disputing previous statements by Sherron Watkins, a company vice president who said Skilling manipulated Enron's former chairman.

"I heard Ms. Watkins testify as to her opinion," Skilling said. "I have no idea what the basis was for this opinion."

Watkins, who sat at the same witness table with Skilling, separated from him by Skilling's attorney, was more critical of Lay's role than she had been in her Feb. 14 testimony to another congressional panel. She told the Senate committee Tuesday she was "incredibly frustrated" with Lay's inaction after she warned him in August of potentially serious accounting problems involving the partnerships.

"I believe that Enron had a brief window to salvage itself this past fall, and we missed that opportunity because of Mr.



Enron V.P. Sherron Watkins, left, former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling, center, and Jeffrey McMahon, right, are sworn in before testifying to the Senate Commerce Committee.

Lay's failure to recognize or accept that the company had manipulated its financial statements," Watkins said.

Skilling became more self-assured, almost cocky, as the

hearings called derivatives.

"If I were in charge of the world," he began a sentence recommending to senators what remedies they might consider to prevent another Enron-style catastrophe.

Skilling repeatedly said "I'm not an accountant" when asked about Watkins' warnings to Lay. Watkins testified she was afraid to take her misgivings to Skilling because he might fire her. She said she finds it "hard to believe that Mr. Skilling was not aware that something was amiss."

McMahon told the senators that Watkins' warnings "were concerning to me and I encouraged her, as others did, to see Mr. Lay about it."

Dorgan told Skilling that some of his statements were "unbelievable."

He asked Skilling about the \$66 million in Enron stock he sold between February 1999 and June 2001, contrasting it with the retirement savings of Enron employees that were

wiped out as the stock price last fall. The employees' retirees' 401(k) accounts loaded with Enron stock.

"You still have most of \$66 million; that family's savings is wiped out," Dorgan told Skilling, referring to a family in North Dakota that told it lost nearly all its \$330,000

Watkins said she believed that former chief financial officer Andrew Fastow "would have put his hands in the cookie jar" without Skilling's approval. Fastow personally made more than \$30 million from running the partnership.

Skilling said, "I relied on accountants," when asked about Watkins' warnings that Enron stock was improperly used as the foundation of a web of partnerships that eventually brought the company

"I have nothing to say," Skilling said, explaining he had decided to testify rather than take the Fifth Amendment. "Other innocents" called by congressional committee

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— Byron Dorgan
Democratic senator

hearing went on. At one point he wagged a finger at Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and told him to "back up, back up," as the senator read a document. Skilling at times lectured senators about the complex financial instru-

Rescue

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one had a part in helping the victims. Many found rocks to break open the windows and knives to cut the seat belts, and used their emergency training skills to administer CPR. "Everybody there had a part, and everybody was a hero," Scott said.

Students rescued all five victims from the submerged vehicle, using an assembly line to get the victims to shore, said Jeff Smith, captain of the Galveston Fire Department. The last victim recovered from the van was seven-month-old Brenda Rodriguez. She was under the water the longest because students attempting to free her from her carseat ended up removing the whole carseat, Smith said.

"It was truly remarkable, it was one of the most amazing rescues I have ever seen," he said. The conditions were very dangerous for

the rescuers because of the possibility of leaking gasoline and toxins, said Sergeant Jorge Trevino of the Galveston Police Department. Trevino called it a heroic act on the part of the rescuers because of the unstable condition the vehicle was in while underwater.

The rescuers were not severely injured, which is unusual in this kind of case, Smith said.

With his experience in the field, Smith said he is amazed all of the victims were OK after being under water for so long. One UT student, Spencer Ogden, received stitches in his hand after using it to break a window.

The students worked together well in a very organized fashion, Smith said.

Scott said it was instinct that made the students react so quickly and work so well together in such a short amount of time.

"The leadership qualities associated with Aggies was consistent in this res-

cue," Smith said.

Victims trapped in submerged vehicles usually do not get out unless it is by their own means, Smith said.

"We know those victims would not have survived without the intervention of A&M and Texas students," Smith said.

Jose Rodriguez is in jail with a \$250,000 bond on each of four counts of attempted capital murder, totaling \$1 million, Trevino said. The next step in the case will be to present the case to a grand jury, Trevino said. A trial date has not been set.

Rodriguez told police "God told me to do it," Trevino said.

Trauma surgeon Steven Wolf said his infant was assumed dead when she arrived at the hospital, but began breathing again on her own a few minutes later, Galveston County Daily News reports.

Wolf said the victims are not in their beds but are doing as well as can be expected.

Education

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kinesiology majors to all elementary education majors at Texas A&M. Elementary education majors currently take a course which provides them with the knowledge of how to teach physical education classes and health, Gabbada said.

Students who plan to be regular classroom teachers must take the course since some school districts have shortages of physical education teachers. If they are called to be physical education teachers, they will be prepared, he said.

Following the state's lead, A&M graduates continue to be pre-

pared to focus on physical education in elementary schools, Gabbada said.

"A&M is way ahead of the curve," he said. "We have been preparing our students for this for quite some time."

But some students said they are required to take the course even though they are not interested in physical education. Jeana Petruzzo, a junior education major, said she did not think the one course would be enough preparation for her to teach physical education if she had to.

"I think the course is more of a precaution in case we are called to teach physical education," Petruzzo said. "However, I do think that what I have learned from this course will help me incorporate health education into my class time."

"I choose not to drink and drive."



Janie Filoteo

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Weather may delay shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) — NASA got increasingly worried Tuesday about the unusually low temperatures predicted for this week's launch of a space shuttle on a service call to the Hubble Space Telescope. Shuttle weather officer Ed Priselac said there is a 40 percent chance it could be too cold to launch Thursday's attempt. He expects temperatures to rise to 40 degrees at sunrise, but NASA will be trying to launch Columbia.

Priselac said high winds would help mix cold air with warm air around the fueled shuttle and help prevent damage to the systems from the cold. Higher humidity is also desirable.