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agricultural development major Keoke Makahilahila (left) and junior agricultural development major Kyle Ruppert team up with others

members of their leadership development class to remove a can of water from a circle using vari-

ous objects without touching the can.

Noise violations top police calls

By Anna Chaloupka THE BATTALION

When searching for the perfect place to hang their hats, most college students are drawn to apartments with low rent, plenty of room and quiet neighbors

But, according to the College Station Police Department (CSPD), noisy neighbors are hard to avoid at some apartments and can attract the attention of the police department.

Lt. Rodney Sigler, public information officer of the CSPD, said complaints about loud parties consistently top the list of calls made to police officers by large apartment complexes in College Station.

Minors in possession of alcohol (MIPs) and false alarms come in second and third, respectively, on the number of calls for service, Sigler said.

A call for service refers to any request for police service made by private citizens or police officers, including non-emergency and 911 calls.

The Crime Analysis Unit of the CSPD releases monthly reports of the number of calls for service for each apartment complex. The apartments are ranked according to the number of calls made to the number of units in the

For the month of March, Southgate Village Apartments ranked first with 71 calls to 200 units. Windsor Point Apartments and Sausalito Apartments came in second and third with 54 calls to 192 units and 30 calls to 148 units, respectively.

Although they may not be ranked at the top of the list of calls for service, Sigler said some of the larger apartment complexes make significant numbers of calls for service, typically for loud parties, MIPs and alarms.

'If you're looking at physically dangerous stuff," Sigler said, "there's not a whole lot to worry about."

Jennifer Hernandez, assistant manager of Sterling University Village, said she was not

aware of any major criminal issues at her complex aside from noise and MIP violations.

She said she does not like to use the words "safe" or "dangerous" when referring to the apartment complex.

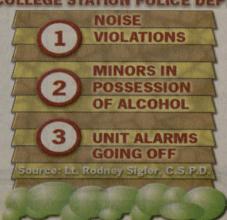
"I don't use the word 'safe," Hernandez said. "But, I encourage all my residents to call the police department if there is anything they feel uncomfortable with."

Hernandez said the complex has one entrance and one exit, designed to discourage people from mischievous activity, and the complex employs a courtesy officer who walks the property and completes routine checks.

Cabrina Scott, crime analyst for the CSPD,

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lechnology to change education

By Carol Treece THE BATTALION

Developing technology will ge the way students learn professors teach by the 2020, said John Hoyle, essor of educational nistration at Texas A&M. In a series of lectures examg the future of education, e will address how changtechnology might erase the college experience has ically been perceived to be. With increasing use of the net and global technolomany more Internet-based nteractive learning courses available for students

nd the world, he said.

However, Hoyle said there is

a fear that quality will be lost in the translation of information and interruptions because of some inadequate technologies.

"The learning and caring community is the heart and sole of a university," Hoyle said. "How do you make an Aggie by wire?'

Hoyle teaches in a traditional classroom setting at A&M while teaching a class through realtime interactive video conferencing over the Internet to students who are pursuing a master's degree in education.

Every other week, Hoyle travels to conduct his video class in person and uses examples of A&M traditions

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Coleman explains rap culture

By Melissa Sullivan THE BATTALION

Hip-hop is a serious sociological topic that contains several artistic aspects, including rap, philosophy and graffiti art, English professor Finnie Coleman said Tuesday in a discussion titled "Rap, Rhetoric and Revolution."

Coleman introduced culture in the form of hip-hop and rap music and discussed specific musicians and how each of their styles contributes to the hip-hop movement. For example, he said, Busta Rhymes is known for

"[Rhymes] was criticized for doing that," Coleman said. "People said he had nothing positive to say about the issues that affected

Opinions and debate concerning cultural origins of African communities tend to center around two competing ideas. Black Atlanticism and Afrocentrism, and a new hip generation is adding to the debate, he said.

Coleman said many have a misconception

"It is important to let the youth provide leadership.

singing over the music and creating a nega-that buyers of rap and hip-hop music are typically African-Americans. However, he said 70 percent of hardcore rap is purchased by white males.

Coleman began to study the topic of hiphop across the United States and then continued studying abroad in Mexico and India.

"It began when I accompanied a friend to a conference in Thailand," Coleman said. "We went on interviews and what I imagined hiphop to be was totally different than I thought." Coleman was reluctant to introduce his

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Al-Qaida capture valuable

WASHINGTON (AP) -The capture of a top al-Qaida leader is a victory in the war against terrorism that could lead to valuable information about Osama bin Laden's network, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

White House spokesperson Ari Fleischer said Abu Zubaydah was a member of bin Laden's inner circle, a top terrorism plotter and recruiter of al-Qaida operatives.

'He will be interrogated about his knowledge of ongoing plans to conduct terrorist activities," Fleischer said. "This represents a very serious blow to al-Qaida.

captured Zubaydah on Thursday and turned him over to U.S. authorities. U.S. officials would not say Tuesday where Zubaydah was but said he was not expected in the United States any time soon.

Like other alleged al-Qaida leaders. Zubaydah could eventually be held at U.S. military detention facilities Afghanistan, aboard a Navy ship or at the U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Pentagon officials said Tuesday that Zubaydah was not in U.S. military custody, however.

Zubaydah also could be

Authorities in Pakistan transferred to a third country where U.S. laws prohibiting mistreatment of prisoners do not apply.

> Zubaydah was convicted in absentia on terrorism charges in Jordan in 2000 in connection with a foiled plot to bomb a tourist hotel during the millennium celebrations.

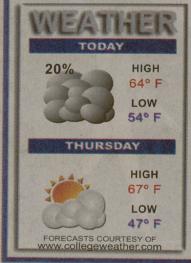
Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday that Zubaydah was in custody and receiving medical care for several wounds that "seem not to be life-threatening.'

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Kennedy relative goes on trial in Connecticut

NORWALK, Conn. (AP) medy cousin Michael Skakel went rial for murder Tuesday, accused of dgeoning a neighbor girl to death 27 s ago when they were both 15. Superior Court Judge John anewsky Jr. introduced prospective is to Skakel, who stood and gave a ght smile. Later, as he left the court-

e and was asked how the day went, akel replied: "It was good. Two jurors were chosen, but lawyers

all 12 and the four alternates. The rest of the trial may take up to two months.

Skakel, 41, is accused of beating Martha Moxley with a golf club in their wealthy Greenwich neighborhood in 1975. The nephew of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was arrested in January 2000 after a one-judge grand jury investigated the murder following articles and books about the old case.

He was arraigned as a juvenile

said it could take over a month to seat because of his age when the crime was committed, but the case was later transferred to adult court. If convicted, Skakel could face life in prison.

There were no Kennedy's or Moxley's in the courtroom Tuesday.

The jury pool included several executives, a teacher and TV financial analyst Louis Rukeyser, recently ousted from the Public Broadcasting Service series "Wall \$treet Week" after 32 years.

Rukeyser was excused after a humorous exchange with Superior Court Judge John Kavanewsky Jr. Asked if he was needed at his job, Rukeyser replied, "I'm irreplaceable," drawing laughter from others on the panel.

Lists of potential witnesses were released Tuesday. Courtney Kennedy, Skakel's cousin and a daughter of the

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