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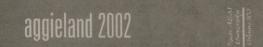
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# Lights, camera ... action

Aggie and Longhorn unite to produce short films

By Micah Grau THE BATTALION

When Andy Morris and Bobby Leshikar first met in high school, neither of them knew that some day they would be operating a short-film production company. Morris, a junior interdisciplinary studies major at Texas A&M, and Leshikar, a senior English major at the University of Texas, have managed to put school rivalry aside all for the sake of Mor or Les Productions. Inspired by filmmakers like Kevin Smith, who also started out with next to nothing, the two hoped to have some fun and gain experience in film production

"We had some scripts to work with, but we both had jobs and girlfriends," Morris said. "I lost my girlfriend and Bobby lost his job, so we ended up having some extra time on our hands.'

Both Morris and Leshikar agree that filling their high school years full of a variety of activities has helped them to succeed. Time spent in Odyssey of the Mind and Destination Imagination has helped in their quick thinking and aided them in creating characters spontaneously.

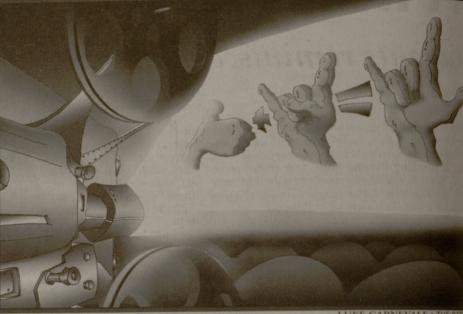
"You read the script but the script doesn't reveal much about the character's life, so my experience in various clubs has really helped out in showing how my character would feel in their current situation," Leshikar said.

Both Morris and Leshikar are armed with theater experience from high school as they participated together in UIL One

After a week of classes at their respective universities, the two met up and found they had nothing to do. Morris had already started making home movies for his family using his sister's digital video camera and the iMovies program on his computer. Taking this experience, Andy planned to make home movies for other families by filming and then editing whatever people would hire

"The problem with home video is that people just record them and then never watch them again," Morris said. "After editing and adding music, you can create something that will be enjoyable to watch over and over again."

Morris said the idea first came to him after filming birthday parties for his nephews and observing that they wanted to



watch the final edited home movie over and

An expanded credit limit meant a digital camera of their own for Morris and Leshikar. After searching around they found a camera on clearance. Using friends and family to play miscellaneous roles, they were able to save money by not having to pay cast members. With their new digital camcorder, a supply of cast members and an iMac computer with iMovies for editing, the two set out to create their first short film. Starring both Morris and Leshikar, the short was filmed at Morris' home.

"Nothing To Do is a piece to inspire people to do something because a lot of us are just sitting around doing nothing, which is what inspired us to start making movies in the first place," Morris said. "After filming and editing, we had to re-film due to audio problems. I'm glad we did because it ended up being much better in other ways.'

Once filming and editing was complete for Nothing To Do, the duo set out to create another short film titled An Angel, which is a heartfelt version of the "Good Samaritan" story. Andy explains the basic idea behind An Angel is that one should treat everyone as though they could pay you back, even if you know they can't.

An Angel was even submitted to the

Texas Filmmakers Showcase, screens short-films for industry produ and directors. Although the film was selected, Morris and Leshikar plans on mitting another film next year.

Both Morris and Leshikar hope to up production this summer due to the they have more time available for film The duo plans to begin work filming Hunter of Dead Creek Woods, another written by Kel Taylor. This next filmp ises to be a good one, as it is Mor or first film of the horror genre.

Morris explained the hardest part it making short films is getting every into place at the same time. Besides an ing for someone to play the miscellar roles, both Morris and Leshikar musth time that both can be present for film With jobs, school, family and other of tions, they both agree it is difficult to together. The 90 miles that sept College Station from Austin does not either. Whether it is editing, workingon website, or writing new scripts, M enjoys spending whatever time he call to work on Mor or Les projects.

"Mor or Les started just to see" could do it, and drawing on our experie from Odyssey of the Mind and stuff. just been a blast," Leshikar said.

# **NEWS IN BRIEF** Girl dies at Limp

**Bizkit** concert

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) -Limp Bizkit warned concert organizers of security problems during its tour of Australia and New Zealand before a teen-age fan died in a crowd crush, lead singer Fred Durst said

Monday.

Durst was testifying by live video link from Los Angeles at the inquest into the death of 15-year-old Jessica Michalik, who suffered a heart attack during a Limp Bizkit performance in Sydney on Jan. 26, 2001, who died five days later.

At the end of an inquiry, coroner Jacqueline Milledge can recommend charges be filed, but prosecutors don't have to act on



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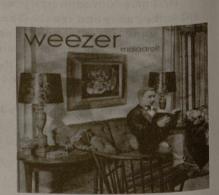
Weezer Maladroit Geffen Records

Rivers Cuomo is a rock and roll genius. Cuomo, the brains behind the band Weezer and its newest release Maladroit, has outdone himself this time. Maladroit is what hard core Weezer fans have been waiting for. With pinches of Pinkerton, mixed with shades of the "Green" and "Blue" albums, Maladroit delves into the soul with driven songs like "Slob" and "Slave," while still managing to dip into the lighter side of life with "Burndt Jamb" and "Dope Nose," the first single of the newly released album. The hard core design of "Take Control," the bluesy, melodic feel of "Death and Destruction" and the brazen lyrics of "Slob" establish the experimental music stylings that make this album unlike any other Weezer album to date. Maladroit is a trip from beginning to end, something not too rare for a Weezer album. Cuomo fuses pop melodies with metal riffs, while still managing to stick to the familiar Weezer sound found on previous albums. Maladroit listeners will be surprised to find the absence of catchy choruses exemplified in such favorites as "Say It Ain't So," "Buddy Holly" and the more recent "Hashpipe." Although some may find this to be disappointing, Maladroit brings out the raw

side of Weezer and proves not only is it king of the catchy tune, but the master of mi cal reinvention. A great album from begin to end, Weezer has surpised listeners once with Maladroit and taken its muscial talent new and welcome level.

-Kelcey Ries





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