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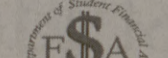
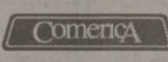
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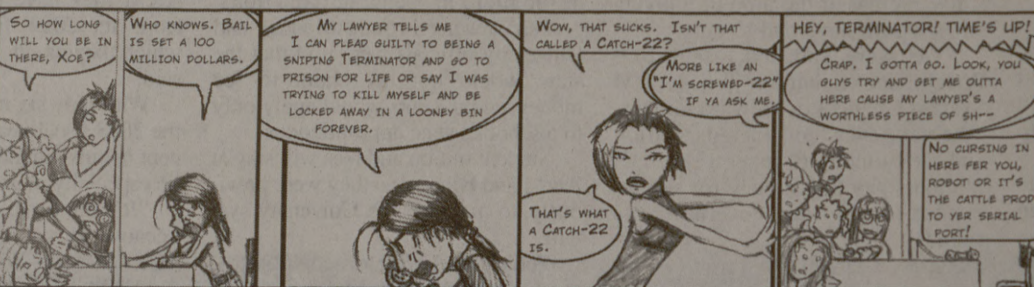
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Protest

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the oil companies, and that is what this war is about. Russia and the U.S. have already started negotiations on splitting up Iraq's oil once the war is over," Steed said. "There's evidence right there. We haven't been attacked and by going in there we'll destabilize the whole region and open a huge can of worms."

Steed said he thinks the Bush administration is not considering the interests of all American citizens.

"One-third of our nation's homeless are veterans, and Bush wants to create more, even after cutting funding to the VA hospitals," he said. "Bush and Cheney have never

been in combat. I'm going to listen to the people who have been in combat, and right now most of those people are against this war."

With current economic problems in Venezuela meaning less exported gasoline to the United States, it is estimated that a war with Iraq will cause gasoline prices to skyrocket to as much as \$3 a gallon in some parts of the country, Steed said.

Paul Cozby, a freshman international business management major, said he supported the protesters after he stopped to sign the protesters' petition in the plaza.

"War is the last resort, but in some cases it can't be avoided," Cozby said.

Steven Mitchell, a member of the Corps of Cadets and

sophomore environmental design major, said war is sometimes a necessary evil.

"If not for war we would be speaking Japanese or German. (Iraq) is going to bring this war on everyone whether we like it or not," said Mitchell.

Halfway through the protest, Denita Noland, the interim minister for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, stepped up on one of the nearby benches and the protesters fell silent.

"The leaders of our great nation have forgotten the lessons of history and war," said Noland, as the shadow of a flag at half-staff fell across the crowd of protesters.

The protesters also held a vigil at 6 p.m. at the Academic Plaza.

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In 2001, students contributed \$208 million to local economy, which is \$8.5 million from the previous year, he said.

"That same year, the typical A&M student spent \$48 locally," Stephenson said. "That translates into more on and off campus."

Senior biomedical science major Sruti Sreerama works at A&M in the veterinary medicine biology department.

She said students are given an advantage when coming to A&M because of the number of jobs available to students.

"I think the fact that A&M is located in a smaller community creates lots of jobs on and off campus for students," Sreerama said. "If we were located in a much bigger area, you would not see as many students working in departments on campus or in restaurants and other service jobs in town."

Force

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auspices of TX-TF1," Martell said.

Martell said a precondition of being on TX-TF1 is having arrangements already made with family and work to leave at a moment's notice. Members are compensated for time away from work. Family members are not allowed to accompany them on missions that last several weeks.

TX-TF1 is a state agency based in College Station as part of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, but its shuttle search and recovery mission will be under federal jurisdiction.

CLARIFICATION

Due to a press problem, the front page stories "Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrates over east Texas" and "Shuttle disintegrates in East Texas" did not continue on page 4. However, these stories are available in their entirety at The Battalion's Web site www.thebatt.com.

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