Saturday, February 15th

SWE Fun Run 8:00am

Research Park

Monday, February 17th

10:00am - 4:00 pm **Kickoff Celebration** 

Academic Plaza Play Games & Win Prizes @ Raffle: XBOX\*PALM\*DVD PLAYER\*MORE

5:00pm - 9:00pm **AIChE Basketball Tournament** 

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**Tuesday, February 18th** 

**Engineering Projects Day** 10:00am - 2:00pm 11:00am - 1:00pm FREE Pizza Lunch

Zachry Lobby Zachry Lobby Zachry Rm. 102

7:30pm Dr. Bennett: Dean of Engineeering " 9 DAYS AT GROUND ZERO "

Wednesday, February 19th

10:00am - 2:00pm **Students Interests Gallery** 7:00pm - 10:00pm **AIAA Bowling Tournament**  Zachry Lobby Triangle Bowl

Thursday, February 20st 10:00am - 2:00pm

**Photo Scavenger Hunt** 7:00pm - finished LIFE Pool/42 Tournament

starts @ Zachry Lobby Alfred T. Hornbacks

for more information visit: http://sec.tamu.edu

**NATIONAL ENGINEERS' WEEK: FEBRUARY 15** 



Pick Your Size \$ **LARGE 2-Topping** 

pu/delivery Breadsticks • Cheesesticks Chicken Strips • Cinnapie

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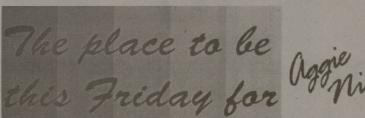
Northgate 601 University Dr. 979-846-3600

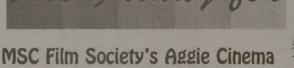
**Post Oak Square Center** 100 Harvey Rd., Suite D 979-764-7272

**Rock Prairie** 1700 Rock Prairie 979-680-0508

Sunday: 11 a.m. - midnight

Monday - Wednesday: 11 a.m. - 1 Thursday: 11 a.m. - 2 a.m. Friday & Saturday: 11 a.m. - 3 a.m.





7:30pm & 10:00pm in the Theater

Presents:

Only \$1 with wristband



IN THE BASEMENT 9PM TILL 1AM

Free Bowling

Free Billiards

Free Dance Dance Revolution

Free Popcorn & Soda

Arts & Crafts

Must

Show A&M ID

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around the

MSC

Contests will start at 10pm in the flagroom, come early to be a contestant

midnight drawing for \$250

Don't be alone on Valentine's Day

Win a date to Robert Earl Keen and Cowboy Mouth

Remember the old Mtv show Singled Out?

Well, come play with your fellow Ags

on Friday February 14th!

6 lucky couples will be set up with fabulous dates

for Saturday, February 15th including flowers, dinner and concert tickets.

Get Singled



FREE ITALIAN FOOD in the 12th Man starting at 9pm

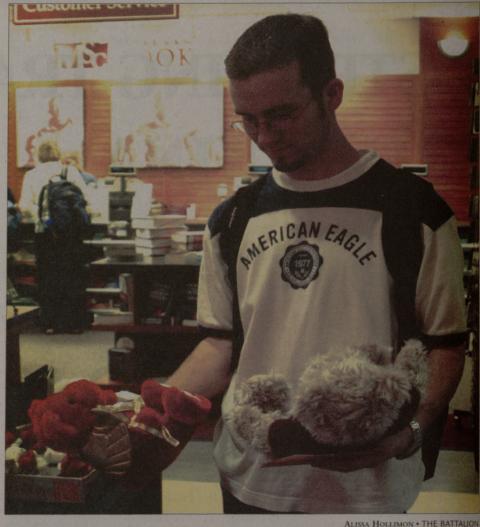
For more information contact 845-1515

FRIDAY NIGHT

FEBRUARY 14

IN THE MSC

Tough decision



Freshman business major Barrett Lesher debates about which bear to buy for his girlfriend for Valentine's Day.

## Enron

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leader Tom Daschle called the report "a call to action and we will act.'

Democrats have pushed legislation to deny tax benefits on sham transactions, but the Bush administration "has continued to oppose it even after the collapse of Enron," said Daschle, D-S.D. "I call on the administration to stand up for honest taxpayers instead of continuing to resist efforts to crack down on corporate tax shelters."

Big accounting firms, investment banks and law firms — including Bankers Trust, Chase Manhattan, Deloitte & Touche and fallen Arthur Andersen — that gave Enron tax advice pushing legal boundaries did not escape blame from senators and congressional investigators.

The outside advisers, who received some \$88 million in fees from Enron, colluded, said Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, the Finance Committee's senior Democrat. "Enron and its advisers conspired to mine the tax code for tax schemes. They ensured that no one — particularly the IRS would ever discover what they were up to."

Enron's failure in late 2001 destroyed the retire ment savings of thousands of employees and hur individual investors and pension funds nationwide The joint taxation committee's inquiry was among more than a dozen congressional investigations last year into Enron's collapse.

The Houston-based company paid no federal income tax at all from 1996 through 1999, 832 million in 2000 and nothing again in 2001.

Enron's tax deals "pushed the concept of bus ness purpose to the limit (and perhaps beyond the panel's report says. "Enron's behavior illutrates that a motivated corporation can manipula highly technical provisions of the law." By using advice from sophisticated lawyers, investment bankers and accountants, "corporations li Enron have an inherent advantage over the IRS,

Lindy Paull, the joint panel's chief of staff stopped short of saying Enron violated the ta laws, telling senators that Enron gained "inappr priate benefits" from its use of the schemes. "This result should not happen under the tax code," she testified.

## Shuttle

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wing indicated that super-hot

plasma had penetrated the shuttle. "I think there was a substantial hole in the wing," said Steven P. Schneider, an associate professor at Purdue University's Aerospace Sciences Laboratory. "That would not be at all surprising. All the sensors in the wing failed or gave bad readings" by the time ground controllers lost contact with

Columbia, he said. The board dismissed suggestions Columbia's left landing gear was improperly lowered as it raced through Earth's atmosphere at more than 12,000 miles per hour. NASA disclosed earlier Thursday that a sensor indicated the gear was down just 26 seconds before Columbia's destruction.

If Columbia's gear was lowered at that speed — and in those searing temperatures as the shuttle descended over Texas from about 40 miles up — the heat and rushing air would have sheared off Columbia's tires and led quickly to the spacecraft's tumbling destruction, experts said.

Officials said they were confident that unusual sensor reading was wrong. Tires are supposed to remain raised until the shuttle is about 200 feet over the runway and flying 345 miles per hour.

Two other sensors in the same wheel compartment indicated the gear was still properly

raised, they said.
While Columbia's piloting computers began almost simultaneously firing thrusters struggling to keep wings level, officials said, a mysterious disruption in the air flowing near the left wing was not serious enough to suggest the shuttle's gear might be down.

The investigating board con cluded that its research "does no support the scenario of an earl deployment of the left gear.'

NASA also confirmed the searchers near Hemphill, Texas about 140 miles northeast Houston, recovered what believed to be one Columbia's radial tires. spokesman was not immediate ly sure which of the shuttle tires was found.

The tire was blackened and sustained a massive split acro its tread, but it was impossible know whether the tire was damaged aboard Columbia or when it struck the ground.

The board's announcement came one day after NASA released e-mails showing midle el safety engineers in Virginiaan Houston considered the risks of tires bursting inside Columbia belly from heat damage.



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