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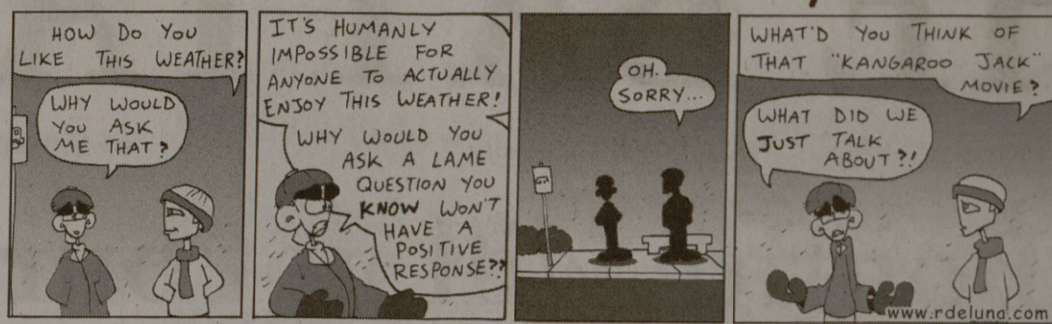
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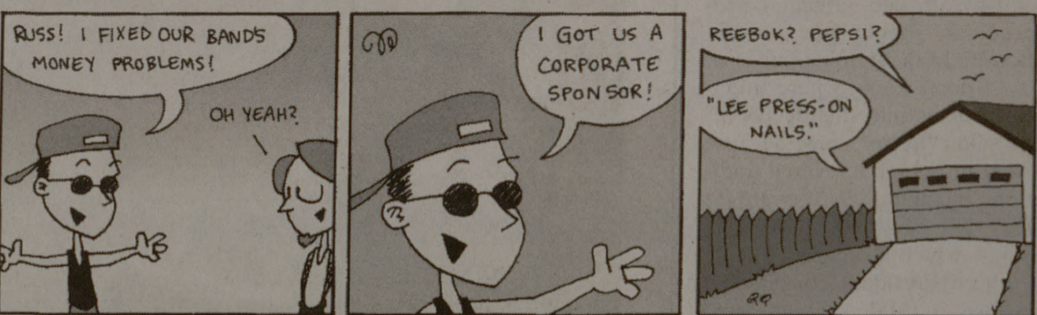
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By C.J.



Noise Pollution

by Josh Darwin



Students

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look at the files, there's always litigation against the University. Litigation doesn't prevent football games."

Braus said although she thinks the Bonfire Memorial planned for Fall 2004 is a worthy gesture, it does not adequately compensate families for the losses of those killed and injured in the collapse of Bonfire in 1999.

"My son is struggling to find money to stay in school and pay for medical bills, and they're building an \$8 million memorial," she said. Senior industrial engineering major Triwahyu Widodo's roommate, Tim Kerlee Jr., was killed in the Bonfire collapse. Widodo said he wanted Bonfire to return.

"The accident didn't change

the way Tim's parents feel about the tradition," he said. "I want Bonfire to come back."

Widodo said Bonfire's absence has left a hole in the A&M campus atmosphere.

"Without it, the Aggie spirit has changed," he said. "There's something missing."

Luke Cheatham, spokesman for the Unity Project, a student-led effort not affiliated with A&M that built an off-campus bonfire in November, said he was disappointed with Gates' announcement.

"It's the same thing year after year," he said. "Clearly students have no voice. This needs to change."

Ryan Kirkpatrick, co-chair of the Bonfire Coalition and Class of 1999, said there were mixed feelings among the members of the coalition.

The Bonfire Coalition presented facts about bonfires held across the country in a meeting

with Gates earlier this month.

Kirkpatrick said he understands Gates' hesitation in bringing back the 90-year-old tradition too soon.

"I think it's a positive thing," Kirkpatrick said. "With the current budget constraints, it's difficult to justify spending money on a bonfire."

But Kirkpatrick, like other students, said he remains optimistic about the return of Bonfire. "Just because it didn't burn this year doesn't mean it's not going to burn next year," he said. "In 2004, we are going to work with the administration to get Bonfire to burn again."

Marc Barringer, Kirkpatrick's co-chair on the coalition, agreed.

"I am disappointed with Gates' decision, but happy that he didn't permanently cancel Bonfire," said Barringer, a former student of A&M. "There's a good chance of it returning once the litigation is resolved."

RHA

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One delegate complained that Neumann's criticism that the organization spends too much time bickering over internal matters was underscored by the tone of the debate.

When the resolution came to the floor, Casares stepped down as presiding officer and handed the gavel to RHA parliamentarian Jessie Miller, who admonished the delegates to refrain from personal attacks.

"This is getting personal, and we need to quit the sarcasm and rude comments," Miller said.

Despite the contentious debate, Casares said there would be no lasting division among RHA leaders.

"We needed to have this dialogue, and at the end of the day, we're all Aggies," he said.

The resolution was the only legislation the assembly took up at its meeting.

NEWS IN BRIEF

'The Vagina Monologues' to be performed

Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues," a continuation of the Texas A&M's V-Day anti-violence against women and girls, will be performed Thursday and Friday at Rudder Theater. Both performances begin at 8 p.m.

Performances benefit the Program for the Reduction of Rural Family Violence. For more information, contact vday@neo.tamu.edu.

Liberal Arts host career fair Friday

To assist students in finding full-time jobs and internships, the College of Liberal Arts is sponsoring the Liberal Arts Career Fair in conjunction with the Communications Career Fair this Friday in the Rudder Exhibit Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

National Instruments, Target, Teach for America, the U.S. Peace Corps and Velocity Electronics are just a few of the companies that will be on campus recruiting students, said Sarah Schuler, an academic adviser in the College of Liberal Arts.

"The uncertainty in the current economy is of concern to all students who are graduating during these times," said Marc Boerema, director of experiential education in the Career Center.

Parking permits for West Campus garage available

Permits for the West Campus Parking Garage will be available for purchase by all commuter and resident students, faculty staff and vendors, said Doug Williams, associate director of Transportation Services.

Transportation Services is also looking into other matters concerning the operation of what will be the largest parking garage on campus.

"We are discussing the possibility of offering discounted parking rates in the West Campus Garage, especially in the evening," Williams said.

The garage is located on the north side of the Student Recreation Center. Both the garage and the pedestrian passageway underneath Wellborn Road are on schedule and will be completed in August 2003.

State Farm excludes nuclear damage from coverage

State Farm Insurance Co., the nation's largest auto insurer, is mailing notices to its 40 million policyholders informing them they are not covered against nuclear blasts and radiation damage.

State Farm joined a host of companies in excluding nuclear-related auto claims amid heightened fear over terrorism.

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