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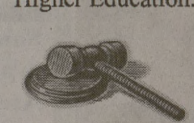
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The United States Supreme Court Decisions regarding
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Moderator:
Dr. Larry Oliver is an Associate Dean in the College of Liberal Arts and a Professor of English. He received his PhD in English, minoring in American Studies, from Pennsylvania State University in 1981. He joined the Texas A&M English Department in 1984.

Debaters:
Mr. Matthew Maddox is a senior Management major from Tomball, Texas. Maddox is the Chairman of the Young Conservatives of Texas (YCT), a student organization that among other issues is dedicated to ending government racial discrimination.

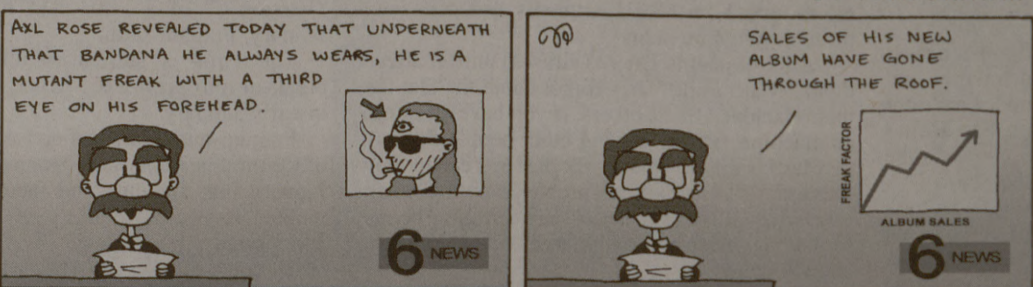
Mr. Nicholas Anthis, class of 2005, is a biochemistry major from Fort Worth, Texas. Anthis is the current President of the Texas Aggie Democrats, an organization dedicated to promoting equality and civil rights. He is also the Executive Vice President of Honors Student Council.

When: Wednesday, September 17, 2003
Where: MSC Room 201
Time: 6pm-8pm

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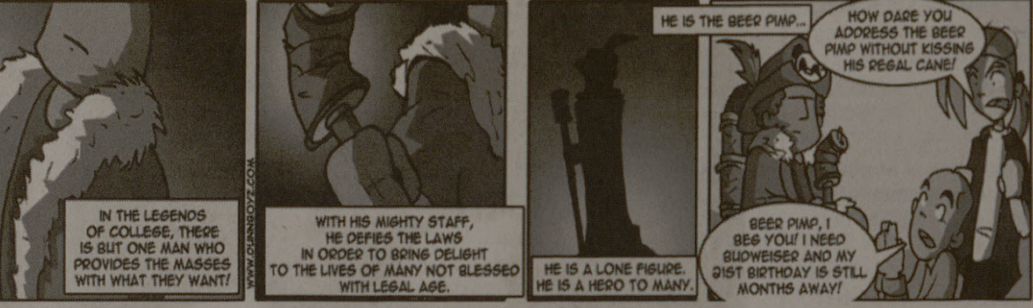
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Network

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McAfee both have sites that detail every virus that might hit your computer and offer solutions. Symantec lists the latest threats on its Web site and updates every two or three days.

"The Randex virus is just the tip of the iceberg," Putnam said.

Amy Guidry, a senior English major, said she has had numerous problems with the open-access labs this semester.

"Even getting into my accounts has been difficult," she said. "Before the computer can load settings, I often try to hit escape and leave before it's done because I don't have time to wait. And once it loads, it uses a Windows 2000 version and not XP."

Guidry said she understands that CIS is working hard to fix slow network problems.

"It's frustrating, but I understand that they're doing the best they can," she said. "There are so many profiles that the central system has to load at any one point in time. It's their responsibility to let us know about the problem, but our responsibility to deal with it and prevent future problems once we know about it. You can't fix a problem you don't know exists."

Putnam said to fix previous virus problems such as Code Red and the Blaster virus, his office shut down some residence halls during move-in week to get the problem under control. The network in these problematic dorms may be plugged because of a virus, or CIS technicians may have pulled the plug to find the specific computer that is the problem, he said.

"We're getting a lot better at tracking the problem's general location," Marti said. "It takes a lot of manpower to track individ-

ual computers down, though."

Marti said the speed of the network at any time depends upon "how many infected machines are connected."

Putnam said he has received several letters asking why CIS does not use Linux or Macs as opposed to Microsoft's operating system.

"The reality of the world is that people vote with their checkbooks and their feet," he said. "If Microsoft doesn't find ways to fix the problems, it may face losing customers."

Microsoft has gotten attention because its operating systems are popular, but other systems have their own virus problems, Putnam said.

"I suspect that Microsoft is a larger target, but I honestly can't say there is a system out there that is completely secure," he said. "Companies like to make programs that are easy to use, but that also means these programs are less secure."

WTO

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For consumers, the prices on many products would have fallen, unhindered by import tariffs, while other basic food supplies may have become more expensive without the help of subsidies.

Still, during five days of talks in Cancun, ministers spent little time on what was expected to be the main issue: agriculture.

Instead, they argued over whether to launch formal negotiations on several new topics, including rules on foreign investment and competition.

The failure of the talks

makes it nearly impossible for the WTO to reach its main goal: a new global trade treaty by the end of the next year.

In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva expressed disappointment Monday over the failure of the talks but said it represented a victory for the developing world, which demanded a level playing field.

"We didn't ask for any benefits, privileges or favors, what we are asking is that we are treated equally by the developing countries that want foreign trade," Silva said. "We want the opportunity to compete freely."

Session

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Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst presides over the Senate and said he was glad all the lawmakers were back.

"We're here and finally we've got a quorum. The Democrats have shown up. We can do the business that we're all elected to do," Dewhurst said.

The new session is the latest round in a bitter fight over the composition of Texas' delegation to the U.S. Capitol. Currently, Democrats have a 17-15 majority in Texas' congressional delegation.

On Monday, the Senate Republicans unveiled a new congressional redistricting map. The Senate sponsor, Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, said the map reflects the composition of the Texas Senate and estimated it could give Republicans 19 or 20 seats.

Depression

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past four weeks have you felt calm and peaceful?"

"Patients were administered the questionnaires using a standardized procedure," Meagher said. "To evaluate them we also looked at a number of psychometric indices to evaluate the reliability and validity of our data in another study."

Patti Collins, a counselor for the Student Counseling Service, said plans are being considered to have testing easily accessible to students through The Comprehensive College Initiative, a program put out by the Screening for Mental Health Organization. The organization has put out screenings concerning alcohol awareness, eating disorders and depression. An online test is available to college students through this organization, Collins said.

The test can separate those patients with a psychiatric condition from those without a psychiatric condition and from those with a medical condition, Meagher said.

Meagher said there is a "magic" question that can accurately predict major depression and panic disorder: How much of the time during the past four weeks have you felt downhearted and blue? A response of "a good bit of the time" or more would indicate a high likelihood of depression.

Dr. Ted Stachowiak, associate director for the Student Counseling Service, said there are two major kinds of depression. Major depression substantially interferes with one's ability to function and creates a lack of interest to go to work or anywhere else. In this case, professional intervention along with a prescription medication is recommended.

The second type is a milder case that sometimes affects college students, Stachowiak said. This depression is characterized by an inability to concentrate. Reading and retaining material becomes a struggle, and time in class is not spent paying attention to the professor.

"Ten to 15 percent of the population will experience depression at one point or another," Stachowiak said.

Although some of these symptoms are experienced by most students from time to time it is not considered depression unless symptoms persist, Stachowiak said.

If left alone, professionals say that depression could progressively get worse.

"The earlier (you are) treated, the better it is for you," says Stachowiak.

Guerrillas

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Taliban, traded fire with the U.S. troops for about an hour before fleeing toward the Pakistan border. There were no reported casualties.


In another attack Saturday two rockets landed near a U.S. base in neighboring Khost province, said a statement issued in Bagram, the headquarters for American forces in Afghanistan.

In Islamabad, Pakistan Foreign Ministry spokesman Masood Khan said "the backbone of the terrorists has been broken," but a small number of Taliban and al-Qaida have regrouped.

"We should arrest, neutralize all terrorism ... in the bordering area of Pakistan-Afghanistan," he said, calling for better cooperation among U.S., Afghan and Pakistani forces in the area.

Officials have said they suspect militants have increased their activities to mark the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, which prompted the U.S.-led operation that swept the Taliban from power at the end of 2001.

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