

MSC Hospitality cordially invites you to  
**Etiquette Dinners**  
April 19 and 20  
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.  
The Faculty Club (11th floor Rudder Tower)  
Business Dress  
TICKETS: \$12 at MSC Box Office  
A five course meal and priceless advice  
for those times when slurping your soup just won't do  
Questions? Call 845-1515 or visit <http://hospitality.tamu.edu>

The National Pan-Hellenic Council presents...  
**AGGIELAND STOMPFEEST**  
"Overexposed and Uncensored"  
AKA **STOMPFEEST** gone WILD  
AΦA ΔΣΘ ΩΨΦ  
Stompfest 2004  
April 14, 2004  
7PM Rudder Auditorium  
Texas A&M University  
Tickets \$5 at MSC Box Office

**Hope Pregnancy Centers**  
OF BRAZOS VALLEY  
**FREE PREGNANCY TEST**  
◆ Pregnancy, Adoption & Abortion Education  
◆ Post Abortion Peer Counseling  
◆ Adoption, Medical & Community Service Referrals  
◆ All Services Free & Confidential  
◆ Open M-F 9-5 and some evenings & Saturdays  
◆ [www.hopepregnancy.org](http://www.hopepregnancy.org)  
695-9193 846-1097  
205 Brentwood College Station 4001 E. 29th St. #108 Bryan

**Excitement. Adventure. Surprise. Thrills.**  
This ain't your parents travel agency ... it's yours.  
Cancun.....\$398  
San Jose.....\$423  
Paris.....\$496  
Going to Europe?  
Euro rail passes issued on the spot! No shipping or booking fees means you get the lowest price possible!  
LONDON UNDERGROUND  
From: \$24 EUROSTAR From: \$78  
BRIT RAIL PASS  
From: \$142 EURAIL PASSEY From: \$249  
One stop. No hassles.  
We've got everything you need for your next trip.  
721 Texas Ave. S College Station (979) 696.5077  
www.statravel.com  
**STUDENT TRAVEL & BEYOND**  
ONLINE >> ON THE PHONE >> ON CAMPUS >> ON THE STREET

The Victoria N. and Robert A. Rowland, III '65 Visiting Artists and Performance Studies Fund and the Theater Arts Program of The Department of Performance Studies proudly present a lecture by  
**MING CHO LEE**  
2002 National Medal of Arts Recipient  
Presented at the Kennedy Center By President George W. Bush  
Tony Award Winner  
Head of Design, Yale University  
"Art, Artists, and A Liberal Arts Education"  
Ming Cho Lee, "the single most influential force in American stage design," heads the design program at Yale School of Drama and has trained a number of successful designers in his 25 years at the drama school. Lee has also won numerous awards for his theater, dance, and opera designs, including Broadway's highest honor, the Tony Award, New York Drama Desk Award and New York and Los Angeles Outer Critics Awards, as well as Guggenheim and National Endowment of the Arts Distinguished Artist fellowships. In 2002 he was presented the National Medal of Arts by President Bush. Lee has been a leading spokesman for Arts Education in America.  
FREE PUBLIC LECTURE  
MONDAY: APRIL 12  
4:00 PM  
RUDDER THEATRE  
Additional Support from  
The Academy for The Visual and Performing Arts  
The Melburn G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research

**FISH**



**BY R. DELUNA MBA**

Continued from page 1

job search methods and alternative MBA alumni programs where graduate business students can network with Aggies in business. "No longer can you just come to wait for jobs to come to you," Scherer said. "You have to reach out to a business community and work with the business school." Scherer said she is quickly from being ranked number 51 to 23.

"I'm just ecstatic," Scherer said. "It was such a tremendous effort put forth by the dean, staff and faculty, and just thrilling to see those pay off in a relatively short time."

Jim Brune, president of the MBA Association, said he decided to attend the school because it offered excellent, shortened programs. He said he was accepted at another ranked school but decided to come to the Mays Business School because of the enthusiasm of the dean and the staff.

"I was so encouraged by what the goals were for the program," Brune said. "I saw potential in the program, and I knew it would be ranked higher soon."

Brune said that although he knew the program had potential, he was still surprised by the great jump in the ranking.

"It makes my decision better, and I never questioned my decision," Brune said.

James Leigh, associate professor of marketing and director of the MBA program, said that although he was surprised also, the ranking is long overdue.

"As long as I've been here and that's over 20 years, I've always been a sleeper," Leigh said. "We're the best kept secret around, and I think we've finally got some recognition on that."

Leigh said this recognition will allow him to better mentor graduate students and help them get higher paying jobs. Scherer said the ranking will benefit the program because it will continue to attract high-quality students and employees.

Leigh said that to do the business school must maintain the ranking.

"It's incumbent on us to be there," Leigh said. "But I think we've headed in the right direction. We have been for years."

**NOISE & POLLUTION**



**BY JOSH DARWIN**

**DUNNBOYZ**



**by Will Lloyd**

**Diversity**

Continued from page 1A

likes and dislikes, and the way we look or the height we are," she said. "But, people focus on the people that may be their perception of being diverse."

The Keeping the Dream Alive Diversity Awards have been held since 1991 to acknowledge and honor the efforts of members of the A&M community who strive during the year to promote understanding and appreciation of diversity at A&M.

Lacombe received the Gary Gray Memorial Student Recognition Award, which was named after a student who was quadriplegic and died while attending A&M.

"I was astounded and astonished and shocked, but very, very honored and humbled by it," Lacombe said. "Gary sounded like a really great person too, so it was really an honor."

Among other awards given out, John Scroggs, a graduate student in science and technology journalism from Corpus Christi, received the ALLIES Rainbow Award for his work in the gay and lesbian community.

"Diversity is all about accepting, advocating for and learning from the plurality of voices that

exist," Scroggs said.

Scroggs is 33 years old and a full-time communication specialist for the A&M Institute for Scientific Computation.

Scroggs is president of the Rainbow Graduate Student Association and a member of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Aggies Professional Network.

Scroggs said he is also on the Graduate Student Council and the College of Liberal Arts Graduate Student Council.

The Residence Hall Association won a group award for diversity, called the Champion of Diversity award.

Lauren Chrismer, RHA vice president of operations and a senior geology major, said the group promoted diversity this semester through the Diversity Project, where it made and distributed T-shirts.

"(The shirt) said 'It doesn't matter' on the front, and then on the back, it said 'We're all Aggies,' and it had many different descriptive words about diversity on the back, like, male, female, black, white, homosexual, heterosexual," Chrismer said. "All different sorts of diversity words that have either caused controversy or those some people might have a problem with at A&M."

**Memo**

Continued from page 1A

Sept. 11, Rice declared, was that any terrorist attack "was likely to take place overseas."

Most of the CIA reporting during the summer of 2001 did focus on possible overseas targets. But the memo specifically told Bush that al-Qaida had reached American shores, had a support system in place and was engaging in "patterns of suspicious activity ... consistent with preparations for hijackings or other types of attacks."

In May 2002, Rice said "there was specific threat reporting about al-Qaida attacks against U.S. targets." She did not mention

that it was in the report sent to the president.

To accentuate the potential domestic threat, the memo told Bush the FBI had 70 investigations related to bin Laden under way.

The president's memo mentioned two current threats: suspected al-Qaida operatives might have cased federal buildings in New York and that, according to a phone call to an American embassy in the Middle East, a group of bin Laden supporters was in the United States to plan attacks with explosives. The FBI later concluded the two Yemeni men photographing buildings in New York were tourists.

Slade Gorton, a member of the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks, said the memo "did talk about potential attacks

in the United States," but "it didn't give the slightest clue as to what they would be where they would be."

"The FBI has more questions to answer than Condoleezza Rice or (former presidential anti-terrorism adviser) Dick Clark anyone we've had testify before us," said Gorton, a former Republican senator from Washington state.

Gorton said the reference in the memo to the president about 70 FBI investigations "would be sort of comforting to the person who read it the first time around."

Commissioner Richard Ben-Veniste, Democrat, saw as significant the memo's references to May 2001 intelligence about possible al-Qaida explosives plot in the United States.

**Off Campus Aggies 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Parent's Weekend Golf Tournament**  
Benefiting St. Jade Children's Research Hospital  
April 17<sup>th</sup> at TAMU Golf Course  
Shotgun start at 8 AM  
\$110 registration fee per team that includes green fees, cart, and meals  
\$10,000 Hole-in-One competition  
Prizes include free rounds of golf at country clubs around the area and other golf merchandise  
For more info and registration please visit [oca.tamu.edu](http://oca.tamu.edu)

**THE BATTALION**  
Elizabeth N. Webb, Editor in Chief  
Kendra Kingsley, Managing Editor  
Melissa Sullivan, City Editor  
Sonia Moghe, City Assistant  
Kim Katopodis, Aggieworld Editor  
Nisha Fatima, Entertainment Editor  
George Deutsch, Opinion Editor  
Matt Rigney, Opinion Assistant  
Troy Miller, Sports Editor  
Brad Bennett, Sports Assistant  
Rachel Valencia, Copy Chief  
Ruben DeLuna, Graphics Editor  
Joshua Hobson, Photo Editor  
Jacquelyn Spruce, Radio Producer  
Jaynath Kannaiyan, Web Editor  
Manish Jindal, Webmaster  
**STAFF MEMBERS**  
AGGIEWORLD - Angela Arenivar, Jose Cruz, Courtney Platt, Sarah Szuminski, Tori Foster, Amber Gray, Will Knouse, Lauren Smith  
CITY - Eric Ambrosio, Brian Cain, Jason Hanselka, Kristin Kemp, Elizabeth Knapp, Rhiannon Meyers, Carrie Pierce, Michael Player, Erin Price, Pammy Ramji, Joaquin Salcedo, Aerin Toussaint, James Twine, Natalie Younts  
COPY - Micala Proesch, Lauren Rouse, Emily Hendrickson, Julia Bone, Alicia Svetlik, April Wareham, Lindsay Forson, Nicole Knight  
ENTERTAINMENT - Julie Bone, Paul Cozby, Daniel Chapman, Chris Elmi, Robert Saucedo, David Shackelford, Christina Teichman, Jessica Lock  
SPORTS - Kyle Davoust, Ryan Irby, Jon Gilbert, Jordan Meserole  
PHOTO - Sharon Aeschbach, JP Beato III, Randal Ford, John C. Livas, Evan O'Connell, Art Wright  
OPINION - John David Bickley, Holly Conneway, Nicholas Davis, David Ege, Lauren Esposito, Collins Enzaunyan, Jeff Foley, Sommer Hamilton, Josh Langston, Chris Lively, Matt Maddox, Hayden Vag, Scott Monk, Lindsay Orman, Clint Pappas, Daniel Rossell, Cody Sain, David Shackelford, David Shoemaker, Jonathan Steed, Mike Walters, Matt Younger  
GRAPHICS - Gracie Arenas, Andrew Bunting, Josh Darwin, Rylie Deyoe, Ivan Flores, Griffin, Will Lloyd, Tony Piedra, Paul Wilson  
NEWSROOM CLERKS - Ben Cao, Angela Hines, Melissa Knight, Chris Mattos, Cassie Mechler, Rachel Myers, Steven Pettko, Jonathan Williams  
ADVERTISING - Jose Arreaga, Donna Park, Michael Bingham, Brad Cox, Lauren Dangelmayr, Scott Dennis, Al Duffie, CJ Giles, Sommer Hamilton, Amy Harp, Schuetz, Tiffany Young  
THE BATTALION (ISSN #1055-4726) is published daily, Monday through Friday during the fall and spring semesters and Monday through Thursday during the summer session (except University holidays and exam periods). Texas A&M University Periodicals Postage Paid at College Station, TX 77840. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Battalion, Texas A&M University, 1111 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-1111.  
News: The Battalion news department is managed by students at Texas A&M University in the Division of Media, a unit of the Department of Journalism. News offices are in O14 Reed McDonald Building. Phone: 845-3313; Fax: 845-2647; E-mail: [news@thebattalion.net](mailto:news@thebattalion.net); Web site: <http://www.thebattalion.net>  
Advertising: Publication of advertising does not imply sponsorship or endorsement by The Battalion. For local, national and display advertising, call 845-2696. For classified advertising, call 845-0559. Advertising rates are in O15 Reed McDonald, and office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Fax: 845-2611.  
Subscriptions: A part of the Student Services Fee entitles each Texas A&M student to pick up a single copy of The Battalion. First copy free, additional copies 25¢. Mail subscriptions are \$60 per school year, \$30 for the spring semester and \$17.50 for the summer. To charge by credit card, call 845-2611.