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Evan O'Connell • THE BATTLE

Sophomore general studies major Brad Larson practices on the A&M golf course practice green Monday afternoon.

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Mr. Blackhorse Mitchell Lecture

Journey of a Native American Author  
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204E Evans Library

<http://www.tamu.edu/university>

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### U.S.-Russian-Dutch crew begins two-day journey to international space station

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan (AP)— A Russian-American-Dutch crew blasted into orbit Monday aboard a Russian spacecraft en route to the international space station on the third manned mission since the U.S. shuttle program was halted.

American Michael Fincke, Russian commander Gennady Padalka and Andre Kuipers of the Netherlands, representing the European Space Agency, waved farewell before boarding the Soyuz TMA-4 spacecraft.

"Until we meet again," Padalka shouted, giving a V-for-Victory sign. Fincke flashed a thumbs up, while Kuipers held up a clenched fist.

Relatives and friends, standing with Russian and U.S. space officials at Russia's Baikonur launch pad in the desolate steppes of Kazakhstan, craned their necks and squinted in the sunshine to follow the rocket's trajectory

after it took off.

The spacecraft was due to reach the international space station on Wednesday morning.

#### Some fear school safety getting less attention

DENVER (AP)— When 16-year-old Stephen Fitzpatrick walked into his Spokane, Wash., high school last fall and fired a shot into a classroom wall, authorities quickly responded.

School officials evacuated 2,000 students within 15 minutes of the first 911 call, a 30-minute team had contained the teenager in a chemistry lab.

Although the Spokane school was repaired, experts warned as the five-year anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre approached Tuesday that the focus on school security has declined.

Even in Colorado, some schools have not followed up on recommendations, and the prevention programs has diminished.

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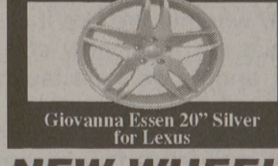
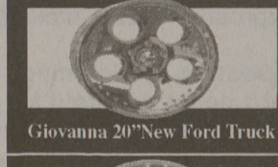
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