Spring fever' will take its toll on A&M students

By JANE G. BRUST

Battalion Staff Sunshine and warmer temperatures have ushered in the spring season. Every day Texas A&M University students are basking in bearing down on finals. This commake you not want to study. "They can see the end of the sun and tossing footballs

Many students seem to be contracting that annual "disease" known as spring fever that forces them away from their books and out into the sunshine.

"It's been winter and people have been shut in; they want to get out," said Dr. Larry Roe, assistant director of the Personal Counsel-

this semester. They have their mid-term grades and there's a lot bearing down on finals. This could

They can see the end of the semester, and it's easier to have thoughts of the lake or the beach. 'I know there's a part of me that comes alive in spring — things are prettier and I'm excited about

eing outside. Toward the end of the semester, students can become bored with school or they can feel over-whelmed by work to be finished before finals. Roe said peer pressure is a contributing factor to

"There could be a conflict between roommates if one has managed his time well and is not cramming - he has time to enjoy spring. If the other hasn't managed his time well, he has to study," Roe said.

Those students who are not feeling the pressures of finals may be feeling pressures from gradua-

'We're seeing some students now who are graduating with mar-ginal grades," he said. "They don't have a job, and things are descending upon them — they have no idea what they are to do.'

"Students have been here for academic laziness because stuthe fall semester, and they've dents see other students enjoying can also affect personal relation-End-of-the-semester pressures

but other pressures can work

Rising temperatures can be one big factor. Roe pointed out that people describe being angry as being "hot.

"I know I'm irritable and less patient when I'm hot," he said. "The weather could be against you, there's peer pressure, and cramming is not ever good.

Whatever stress you are under can place stress on a relationship. Once the stress of the semester subsides, a couple can do more things together.

Roe said the single most frequent kind of problem coming

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ships, Roe said. He said the relationship itself may be all right vice concerns stress management. vice concerns stress management. He said the fair weather can have a positive effect if students have time to enjoy the available recrea-

> "Students feel stress from relationships, from school, and they can no longer manage it," Roe said. Symptoms of stress include insomnia, appetite disturbances and depression.

"There's also the feeling of being less effective, less is being accomplished," he said.

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Roe said it's the nature of the University, with demands and competition, to create the stress. He said, however, the stress may

not always be negative because become more productive indi-the pressures can help students viduals.

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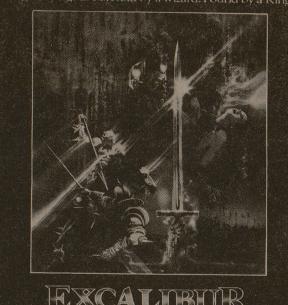
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Aggie debaters go 3-5

By COLETTE HUTCHINGS

The Texas A&M University varsity debate team returned from the four-day National Debate Tournament with experience under its belt and high hopes for next year. Texas A&M won three rounds and posted a 3-5 record in the tournament, which began April 11 at California Polytechnic University. Although the team did not make

the elimination rounds, debate coach Wayne Kraemer said he believes the results were not bad. "Given the overall results and the quality of the teams we debated, we did pretty well," he said.

Texas A&M beat Suffolk University of New Jersey, California State University of Sacramento and James Madison University of Virginia.

Mike Shelby, the four-year veteran on the team, said the team's most disappointing loss resulted from a split decision to Harvard University.

"We thought we had that one won," Shelby said. He said even the Harvard team members gave their congratula-

The only other Southwest Conference team to participate in the tournament, Baylor University, also had a 3-5

distributed because students who

fit in the category of having finan-cial need don't apply for them, Johnson said. Often the reason is

because their parents do not want to disclose their income, he said.

scholarships, grants or other financial aid can be found in the

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The overall winner of the tournament was the University

of Pittsburgh. Dartmouth College placed second.
Shelby, a graduating senior, said the most difficult part of the debates was not knowing anything about new evidence presented by the opposing team. Kraemer said that next year the team should have more

Another advantage, Kraemer said, is that Ruby Daniels, Shelby's sophomore partner, will be on the team next year, He added that participating in the National Debate Tournament gives Texas A&M more experience and helps the team's reputation.

3,000 scholarships open for qualified students

financial need," he said.

Grants, on the other hand, are

based on need regardless of the

student's grade point ratio so long as the student maintains the Uni-versity's required GPR, Johnson

The gray area between grants

and scholarships appears when an award calls for a student with good

academic standing but who also has financial need, he said.

Many available grants are not

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By SUSAN DITTMAN

Battalion Reporter
Nearly 5,000 students are
ittending Texas A&M University this year on scholarships, Dr. B.G. Johnson, assistant director of

udent financial aid, says.

The University makes between ,000 and 3,500 scholarships availble to students while the rest are nade up of funds, sent in from other sources such as foundations and A&M Mother's Clubs, which re distributed by the University,

"We have probably eight or nine applications to every scholar-ship available," he said.

Many of the scholarships don't

specify many — requirements, Johnson said. "We are quite forunate in that the donors (of the scholarships) ... have not put re-strictive or hard-to-fill requirements" on the awards, he said.

"We try to encourage students apply so we can consider them or anything they are eligible for, hnson said.

Johnson said most of the schoships are awarded under one of two programs: the Opportunity Awards Program, which is for inoming freshmen, and the Spring wards Program, which is for

recipients en by the University Scholarmittee, which is headed y Dr. J.M. Prescott, vice presi-ent for academic affairs, and de up of faculty, staff and stunts, Johnson said

He said most of the awards are ade in the spring so the students a count on the funds to help pay eir fees for the upcoming year. nson said it is sometimes rd to distinguish the difference etween scholarships and grants. "Scholarships are normally used on something other than

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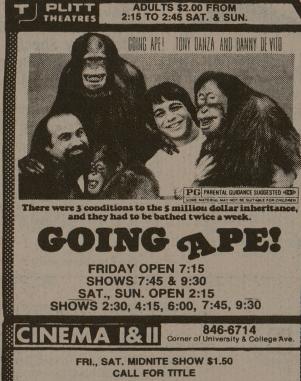
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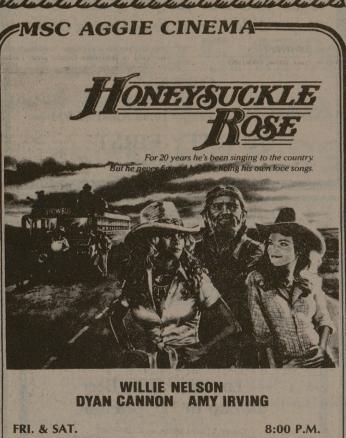
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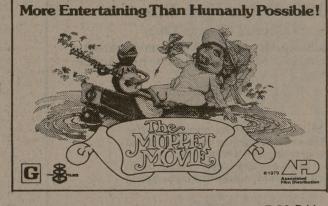
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