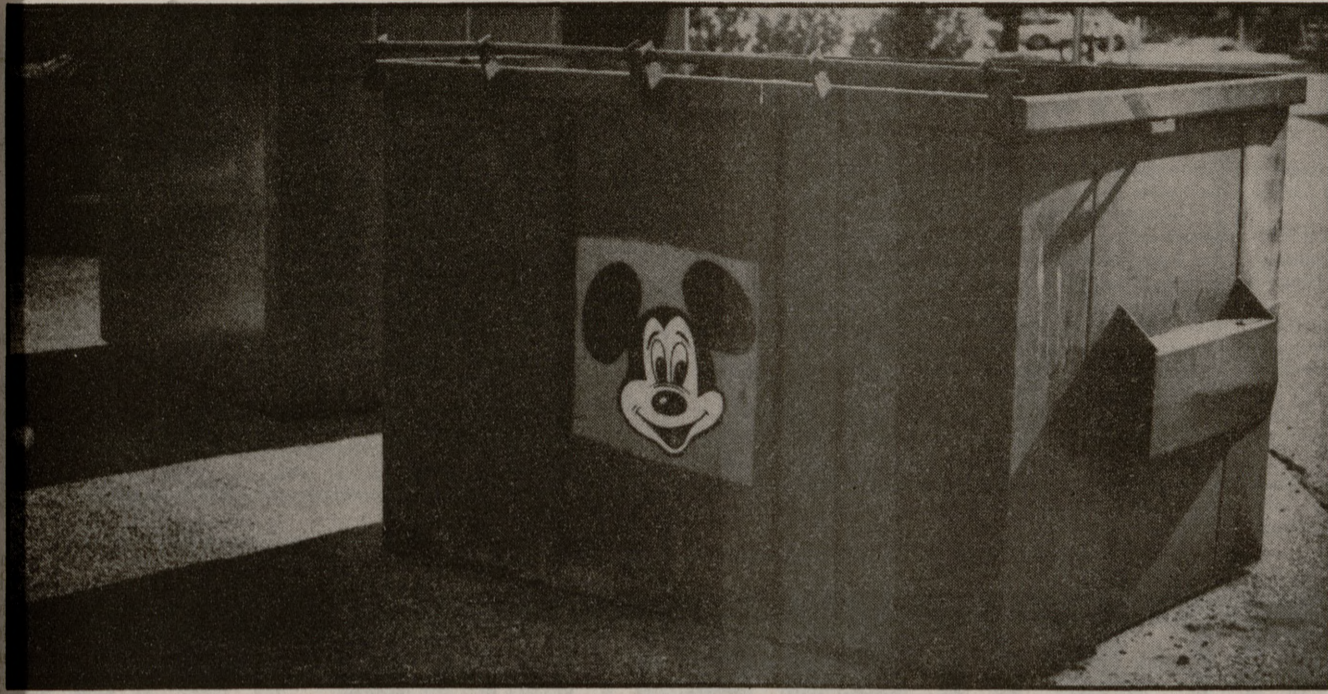


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Mickey Mouse, the world's favorite rodent, has a different showplace from the movie screens. He's now painted and appearing on a dumpster behind Harrington Tower.

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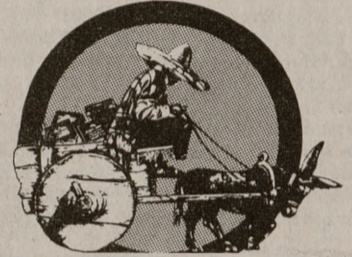
List hearing scheduled for August 7 in Austin

The suit filed by the Bryan-College Station Eagle against Texas A&M University has been re-filed and is scheduled for August 7 in Austin. The newspaper is seeking the list of candidates for the Texas A&M University presidency.

In the 85th District Court of Brazos County Friday, Eagle attorneys said they would re-file the suit in Travis County. The

hearing was to have been held at that time but after an hour's private discussion in the judge's chambers, Eagle attorneys announced the change.

The suit could result in the University's release of the identities and qualifications of the presidential candidates. Attorney General Mark White ruled the list a public record June 16.



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Program aids freshmen

By SUSAN HOPKINS
Battalion Staff

When an incoming Texas A&M University freshman visits the campus for his orientation program, he is bombarded with scholastic tests, armloads of literature about the campus, traditions programs, welcoming speeches from University officials and advice from deans and scheduling counselors.

Yet all this information doesn't answer the really important questions most freshmen wonder about but are afraid to ask: How do you get football tickets? Do we have to kiss our dates at the games? What is the Dixie Chicken? How do you learn to kicker dance?

The Peer Adviser program, sponsored by the Off Campus Center, a division of the student affairs department, is designed to answer such questions.

Louann Schulze, off campus adviser, said 300 upperclassmen have volunteered to be peer advisers at the orientation sessions.

"It's not like these students (peer advisers) are majoring in counseling and need this for their resume," Schulze said. "They just like helping freshmen and are generally very good with people."

She said that at the end of the first day of the two-day orientation session, the new freshmen and transfer students are broken up into small groups of eight or 10, lead by two peer advisers, and are taken on tours, to sit by Rudder Fountain or in the Memorial Student Center and ask questions and talk about Texas A&M.

Mike Plank, a junior mechanical engineering major, has been a peer adviser during both summer sessions. "By thinking back on when I was a fish, I think I can help these new students avoid a lot of problems they may not even realize they will encounter," he said.

"A lot of the freshmen will start out their questions saying 'This may sound dumb, but ...' when in reality every other person in the group may be wondering the same thing."

Plank said that while there are many questions about traditions,

scholastic credits, how to do things like get phones, football tickets and books, there are also questions he is not supposed to answer.

In mandatory training sessions, Schulze said, the peer advisers are told to be knowledgeable about Texas A&M so they can give basic information without being prejudiced in any way.

"There is a fine line between advising and telling the freshmen what to do," she said. "They are

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supposed to advise and give information, and let the freshmen make decisions on their own."

Role playing was also a part of the training sessions, Plank said. Possible problem situations were acted out, and the peer advisers were taught how to handle things like quiet, untalkative groups, know-it-alls, and personal questions, he said.

"With two advisers in each group, usually one from on campus and one from off (campus), we can manage most questions and situations without any trouble," Plank said. "We just refer those who ask subjective questions to various departments or to the Rudder information desk, where they can probably find the answers."

After about an hour and a half in the small groups, Schulze said, all the incoming students and peer advisers come together for a mixer sponsored by the Class of '82.

"The freshmen always have fun learning how to kicker dance," Plank said, "and they're always anxious to learn."

The peer advisers have fun, too, and are always anxious to sign up for another group at the next orientation session, Schulze added.



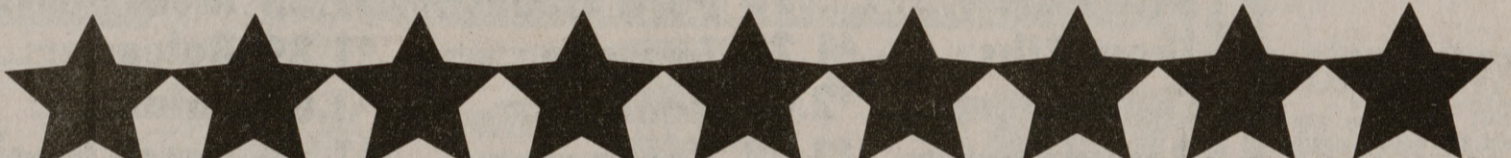
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