

Campus areas have special break hours

Following is a list of the spring break hours of campus facilities:

The **MSC** will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, closed Tuesday through March 20, and will reopen at noon March 21.

The **MSC Cafeteria** will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, closed Tuesday through March 20, and will reopen March 22.

Rudder Tower will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, closed Tuesday through March 20, and will reopen at noon March 21.

The **MSC bookstore** will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, closed Tuesday through March 21, and will reopen March 22.

The **MSC barber shop** will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and closed Tuesday through March 21. The **MSC beauty shop** will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and closed Tuesday through March 21. Both will reopen March 22.

The **Post Office window** will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through March 19, closed March 20 and 21, and will reopen March 22. The **Post Office lobby** will be open 24 hours a day during the break.

The **Student Finance**

Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, closed Tuesday through March 21, and will reopen March 22.

Sterling C. Evans Library will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through March 20, and resume regular hours March 21.

The **Medical Sciences Library** will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. Then from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, and from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. March 19. Regular hours will resume March 20.

Peace Corps-type format

Caribbean trips offered

by Chris Thayer
Battalion Reporter

The **MSC Travel Committee** is sponsoring trips to the Dominican Republic and Trinidad as part of a new cultural exchange program.

The trips are during the second summer session and cost about \$800 each.

About 15 students went on the first trip to the Dominican Republic last year, and about 20 students are expected to partici-

pate this year.

Trinidad was included in the program this year because it is an English-speaking country. The choice of the Dominican Republic last year kept a lot of students from participating because it is a Spanish-speaking country, Tom Ryan, project chairman, said.

Students in the program live with middle-class families and work with the poor in a Peace Corps-type situation, Ryan said.

The program puts students in a Third World country and teaches them to cope with their experiences there, Ryan said. Students receive no academic credit or payment for their efforts.

The program allows students to develop interests in a foreign country and skills within their majors, said Cindy Heep, a student participating in the program this summer.

The program is flexible and students can create their own projects, Heep said. "We decide what we want to do and (Texas A&M) University gives us the supplies," she said.

One of last year's participants, Cyndi Lee, worked with the Dominican Republic's Forestry Department and the Superior Institute of Agriculture in planning the country's first picnic park.

OCA continues push for voter registration of A&M students

by David Calvert
Battalion Reporter

The **Off-Campus Aggies** continued its efforts toward organizing student voters for the May 1 state elections Wednesday night.

OCA will join the department of external affairs in distributing voter registration cards to Texas A&M dormitories.

OCA is making a firm commitment to registering student voters because three issues, which will affect student's pocketbooks, will come up in the next legislative session, OCA President Paul Bettencourt said.

Bettencourt said major changes will be considered regarding tuition increases, cuts in student financial aid and distribution of the Permanent University Fund.

Bettencourt said students need to get more involved in issues like these, which have a direct effect on them, and said the best way for students to voice their opinion is to get out and vote.

In other business, OCA discussed several changes to be made in its constitution and proposed a bill that would

change the format for selecting the student representative to the College Station City Council.

OCA will omit several offices and combine them into special committees by rewriting its con-

stitution. The organization will be reorganized into three branches: the executive, representa-

tive, made up of apartment council presidents and the gen-

eral assembly.

A bill was introduced that would require the student representative to the city council undergo an interview before a committee of student leaders.

Some bald eagles spend winter on Texas plains

United Press International JASPER — This year marks the 200th anniversary of the election of our national bird, and it will take eagle eyes and a lot of patience to spot the majesty in Texas.

Many people do not realize a proud-looking bird with the foot wingspan actually nests in Lone Star State.

"When I tell people about the bald eagles, they look at me like, 'that are you talking about?' Most people just don't know that eagles come this far south," mes Wengier, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers park ranger said. This winter, he counted 62 bald eagles on the Sam Rayburn reservoir near Jasper.

"A guy came in off the lake the other day and said he wanted to report seeing a white-headed buzzard," Wengier said. Steve Runnels, ornithologist

at the Dallas Museum of Natural History, said one bald eagle was spotted at White Rock Lake in Dallas during the Christmas bird count.

Wildlife officials estimate 1,000 bald eagles winter in Texas, but only 14 pairs have been spotted nesting here year-round.

Eagles form mating bonds that last their 25-year lifetime.

The Continental Congress chose the bald eagle as a national symbol 200 years ago, but in recent years Americans have seemed bent on destroying the creature.

Ranchers, worried about their predatory nature, killed eagles. Meanwhile, civilization destroyed their habitat and pesticides such as DDT all but did them in.

Ranchers have lobbied for permission to kill eagles sus-

pected of preying on livestock, but have been unsuccessful.

To appease the ranchers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service operates a trapping program that captures and transports problem birds to the Falcon Reservoir in South Texas.

Sam Crowe, director of the trapping project, said bald eagles are as fierce as their image suggests.

"Balds have a hotter temper than golden eagles. When you trap them, they are harder to handle. They try to bite," he said.

Wildlife biologist John Smith of Rockport said eagle nests, usually in remote areas, are unmistakable.

"The nests are about the size of a Volkswagen and can weigh up to a ton," he said. "They build the nests in the forks of a hardwood tree, usually near the top of the tallest tree in the area."

RHA to announce security winners

by Pam Baldwin
Battalion Reporter

Winners of the Residence Hall Association security awareness program will be announced at the group's meeting at 7 p.m. in 158 Academic and Agency Building.

RHA President Tim Ryan said the best male dorm and the best female dorm that participated in the Lock Up and Look Out Security Awareness Program will be announced. The winners will receive a free mixer sponsored by RHA.

Other business to be discussed at the meeting include Parents' Day, which is scheduled April 16 and 17, and RHA Casino, which is planned April 16.

Corps of Cadet members will discuss their annual march to the Brazos in support of the March of Dimes.

A meeting for anyone interested in a director's position or an executive position in RHA will follow the regular meeting, Ryan said.



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Who are the Bahá'ís?

- Bahá'ís are members of an independent religion founded by Bahá'u'lláh. Although it originated in Iran just over a century ago, the Bahá'í Faith has followers in over 300 countries and territories, from India to Bolivia, from Ireland to Tasmania, from Sweden to Japan.
- Bahá'ís believe in the unity of God and accept the divine origin of religions, including Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism.
- Bahá'ís advocate the unity of nations and races, the establishment of universal peace, the equality of the sexes, and the abolition of all forms of prejudice. Drawn from a wide variety of ethnic and religious backgrounds, the Bahá'í international community includes the members of over 1,600 tribes and minority groups.
- Bahá'ís propose the adoption of an international auxiliary language, the abolition of barriers to international, economic and cultural exchange, and the development of institutions that would ensure lasting peace.
- Bahá'ís abstain from partisan politics, refuse to assume hostile attitudes or to engage in violence, emphasizing instead the need to spiritualize humanity and to apply moral standards to institutions as well as to individuals.

Bahá'ís have built houses of worship, open to members of all religions, in Frankfurt, Germany; Sydney, Australia; Panama City, Panama and elsewhere. The one in Wilmette, Illinois has recently been designated a national historic site.

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