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Spokesmen speak out



Judging from the amount of bicycles parked across campus, there are plenty of bicycling enthusiasts at Texas A&M. Whether you're biking for transportation, fun or fitness, you'll want to watch *Spokesman*, a bicycling workshop. This 13-part series begins on Tuesday April 26, at 1 p.m. on KAMU-TV.

The workshop will cover everything from buying and adjusting a bicycle to implementing your own in-depth maintenance program.

The series will be hosted by professional bicycling instructor James Dunn and by Tracy Stefaniak. In each segment, Dunn will explain the fundamentals of bicycling and repair. He says enthusiasts should know that essential tools and equipment, such as an inner tube, patch kit and air pump should be included on any trip, and the rider should make sure that the bicycle is in perfect working order. Dunn is the author of the book *The Bicycle Works*.

Brazos River Festival

The Brazos River Festival is becoming one of the biggest weekend events in Texas. The 22nd annual event takes place this Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the grounds of Fort Fisher in Waco.

The Brazos River Festival is the second largest volunteer project in Texas. The proceeds go to the Historic Waco Foundation to restore and maintain historic homes.

This year's festival will include 130 exhibit booths, good food and the Pilgrimage Tour of Homes. The Pilgrimage Tour includes a route through some of the most interesting and historic homes in Texas, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and the Art Center.

— For more information call (817) 776-8086.

Disco is out; Derby is in

Tired of female mud-wrestlers? Now there's something better. "Roller Games" is coming to The Summit in Houston this Sunday and will be featuring beautiful girls on wheels. Debbie Garvey, Darlene Langlois, Debbie Helton, Lena Lamaestra and Lori Gregory are just some of the skaters who are working to dispel the myth that girls who skate in roller games are tough-looking, snaggle-

toothed women. The emphasis for these girls is on youth, speed, beauty and excitement.

So come watch these five top skaters as the World Champion Los Angeles Thunderbirds play havoc with the Detroit Devils at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$8.50 and \$7.50 at The Summit Box Office and all Ticketron and Ticketmaster outlets.



Say 'cheese,' pretty please

Hey, were you there? More than 5,000 students turned out to say "cheese" for the Second Annual Daytona Beach Class Picture, shot during spring break at Daytona

Beach, Fla. Photographer Mark Haven got the shot from a crane platform elevated above the crowd. Haven used a Minolta X-700 camera with a 16 milli-

meter lens to get the shot. Everyone who signed up at the time the picture was taken will be receiving a color poster print of the shot. Any Aggies in the crowd?



How to get wet, rapidly

The biggest ride in the history of Six Flags Over Texas — the Roaring Rapids — opened April 1.

The \$4.2 million attraction recreates the excitement of rafting down a wilderness river, complete with white-capped rapids, rippling lagoons, threatening boulders and towering waterfalls.

Circular fiberglass rafts, encircled by huge flotation tubes, carry 12 passengers

along the waterway and two 400 horsepower pumps force 167,000 gallons of water per minute into the river. The rapids effect is created by tons of water being forced over specially-designed contours on the river's sloping floor.

There are four sets of rapids on the ride, connected by four lakes. In addition, two of the lakes feature waterfalls, the largest of which towers 36 feet above the river.

