

Orientation sessions begin

Freshmen invade campus

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The process of creating new Aggies begins again on the Texas A&M campus. The first summer orientation conference for this fall's freshmen began June 2. It is the first of 14 such conferences and three transfer student conferences to be held here this summer. In all, about 5,900 incoming freshmen are expected to attend the orientation conferences, Jan Winniford, assistant director of Student Affairs, said Tuesday. Each conference is designed to handle 450 future students, Winniford said, but that number has been exceeded. Each conference begins with credit by examination tests given in the first morning. The second morning, students are

given a welcome and placement tests, which are designed to reveal areas of interest. Also included in the morning activities is a program for parents designed to answer questions they might have concerning academic matters. Topics range from how many hours a week a student spends in class to how the grading process works. The conferences also offer parents an afternoon program dealing more with the extra-curricular side of college life, including discussions about the transition from high school to college. Among afternoon activities for incoming freshmen is a student life presentation for non-Corps students as well as their parents. Winniford said the program introduces students to the many organizations and activities available at Texas A&M. The conferences also include an orientation for incoming members of the Corps of Cadets. A newer feature of the conferences is the resource tables, located in the Rudder Center exhibit hall, where incoming freshmen can ask questions and obtain information about such programs as Cooperative Education, the Corps of Cadets, food services, the A.P. Beutel Health Center and the honors program. Resource tables also will have information concerning Fish Camp — the orientation program held in August at Lakeview Methodist Assembly near Palestine. Fish Camp, sponsored by the Student Y Association, serves to help freshmen meet friends and student leaders, become familiar with Aggie tradi-

tions and learn about campus life. Incoming freshmen may sign up for one of four camps at the resource table. A housing orientation program is another afternoon session offered during the conferences. The program is divided into sessions for on-campus students, off-campus students who have housing and off-campus students who don't have housing. Among other features of the conferences is the popular Peer Advisor program, in which students meet in small groups with two upperclassmen who share some of their experiences at Texas A&M and give advice on various aspects of college life. Evening activities include a Traditions Program, presented by the yell leaders, and a mixer for the new Aggies in the Memorial Student Center.

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A nice long talk

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Incoming freshmen and freshmen peer advisers relax on the lawn in front of the Academic Building and discuss student life. Peer adviser

sessions are scheduled on the first day of freshman orientation conferences and give freshmen the chance to ask questions of students.

Ag economist believes farmers more involved in marketing

by Angel Stokes
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Texas farmers are becoming more involved in the marketing of their agricultural products, says an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Texas A&M. Although there has been a steady increase in food prices, says Dr. Forrest Stegelin, the difference between what farmers received and what consumers paid for food rose 5.1 percent in 1982. Stegelin says this difference, known as the farm to retail price spread, indicates food industry charges for handling,

processing and retailing farm food products. Because more money goes into the marketing of farm food products, farmers have been encouraged to become more than just a production person, he says. By becoming involved in other aspects of farming and agriculture and following the product one step forward, he says, farmers can increase their farm-share. Also, because fewer sons and daughters are going back to the farm, more students have become interested in the agribusiness or marketing side of

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Police give Klan permit

United Press International
DALLAS — The police chief granted a parade permit to the Klux Klan, saying he personally objected but had little legal choice. The NAACP responded immediately Tuesday, saying it would protest to police chief Bill Prince and the city council. The permit allows the Klan to march in downtown Dallas July 1, and a police captain said as many as 600 police officers could be required to patrol the route. "I wish we could just say 'no, there won't be a parade,'" the police chief said. "But we really don't have a choice because groups may not be denied their right to freedom of speech." Klan leaders said they would march to protest the recent killing of Dallas police officers and the influx of illegal aliens into the United States.

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