

Carreathers fills position

Minority adviser sets goals

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The new minority student adviser says he plans to help minorities adjust to Texas A&M and work to keep them here once they have enrolled. Kevin Carreathers will fill the newly created position of minority student adviser Thursday. "It's something I have been wanting to do for a long time," Carreathers said. "I feel like this will be a good chance to make a positive impact on students." One of his main goals, he said, is to see that minority students actually graduate from Texas

A&M after being admitted. "Retention is a strong area with me," he said.

Minority students have a hard time identifying with the Texas A&M environment in the past, Carreathers said. "Minorities make up less than 1 percent of the total enrollment at A&M," he said. "I think they would enjoy their college experience a little more if I can help mainstream them onto the campus."

"I was in the same situation (being a minority on campus). While I was a student at North

Texas State University there were about 17,000 students and only 1,300 minorities.

"I hope I can give the students at A&M a positive role model. Someone they can relate to when they have a problem."

Carreathers said he will be working with non-minority students as well.

"I hope to implement some programs designed to enhance the feelings and attitudes between minorities and non-minorities," he said. "I will be putting on programs to make non-minorities aware of the

needs that minorities have." Most of Carreathers' plans as minority adviser will depend largely on input he receives from the minority students.

As a part of the Student Activities Office, Carreathers will be located on the second floor of the Animal Husbandry Pavilion. Along with being minority adviser, Carreathers will serve as adviser to some campus organizations, be in charge of the All Faiths Chapel and will put out a publication called *The Edition*.

"I love challenges," he said. "That's why I chose A&M."

Parking at A&M: not so easy

by Tim Ward
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Before getting 10 or 12 parking tickets and possibly paying a towing fee, incoming freshman need to learn the Texas A&M parking rules and regulations.

The first step a freshman or new student should take is to register his or her car. According to Texas A&M Motor Vehicle Regulations, all students, faculty, staff and employees of the University must register vehicles which will be operated on campus. That includes cars, trucks, motorcycles, and motor-assisted bicycles such as mopeds.

Vehicle registration fees may be paid at the University Police Station office, on the corner of Jersey and Houston streets. An annual permit for students costs \$36, a two semester permit is \$27 and one semester costs \$15.

Registration fees for motorcycles, scooters and mopeds are half the price charged for other motor vehicles.

Night permits, which allow parking on campus from 5 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. and all day on weekends cost \$5. Shuttle-bus pass holders can obtain those permits at no charge.

Parking areas are zoned and classified by color: yellow — reserved staff; blue — day stu-

dents with 60 credit hours or more; red — male dorm students with 60 credit hours or more and all female dorm students; green — male students with less than 60 credit hours; brown — random staff.

Between 6:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, all students, faculty and staff must park in the designated areas which correspond to their permits.

Maddox says many students do not bother buying permits and some that do place the stickers in the wrong place.

Parking permits must be attached to the left rear window on the driver's side. Motorcycle owners should place their permit on the rear fender near the license plate.

Motorcycles must be parked in areas designated for motorcycles and not in parking spaces marked for cars. Mopeds may be parked in bicycle racks.

The cost of a parking violation is \$10. Therefore, if a person parks his car in an unauthorized space without a valid University permit, the penalty would be \$20 for the two violations.

Maddox says some students have been accumulating a lot of tickets. Those students will have

their cars towed when found, he says.

Students with three or more outstanding parking tickets can have their cars towed. The towing charge is \$25.

Money made from parking violations is put into a parking

facility fund and is used for parking lot maintenance and expansion, Maddox says.

For more information, a copy of Motor Vehicle Regulations may be obtained at the University Police Office.

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