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Official says construction scrambles bus scheduling

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The recent escalation of construction on campus has wreaked havoc with the scheduling of the inner-campus buses and the ability to provide efficient bus service to students, Texas A&M Bus Operations officials said.

"Campus construction is a nightmare," Robert Hook, a dispatcher for Bus Operations, said.

"The construction messes up the schedules and it is maddening to not be able to get the service you know you can."

Due to the construction, Hook said, bus schedules have been kept very flexible.

Cheryl Mize, assistant manager of Bus Operations, said the construction has meant that bus schedules need to be reviewed constantly.

"We have to manipulate the schedule and maintain interaction between the dispatcher and the bus driver," Mize said.

If buses are more than three minutes behind the schedule, the bus drivers are required to call the dispatch office and receive directions to correct the problem, she said.

Buses are staggered so there are not three or four buses in a row, she said, but it is hard to maintain that spacing with the construction.

Little notification is given for street closures and other changes caused by the construction, Mize said.

As soon as Bus Operations is notified, however, signs are put up to alert students to changes, she said.

"Unfortunately, construction workers seem more interested in reaching deadlines than helping our services," Mize said.

A&M runs 15 inner-campus buses from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. To accommodate the construction, the both Howdy and Rudder buses are running clockwise and counter-clockwise. These two routes are the ones most affected by construction, Mize said.

Bus driver Marianna Massey said the construction has caused her job to be more difficult, but Mize said the drivers cope well with the construction.

Students also are confused about the construction and its effect on buses but they generally are understanding, Mize said.

Students who wish to express complaints about the bus system are encouraged to call Bus Operations at 845-1971.

Bus Operations reviews the comments, Mize said, and sends callers cards expressing apologies.

Seniors bid farewell to college

Ring Dance tickets go on sale

By STACY E. ALLEN
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Seniors can look forward to a weekend full of activity and fun as they bid formal farewells to college life.

Katherine Smith, a senior political science major and Class of '90 president, said seniors can dance the night away at the Texas Hall of Fame on April 27 to kick off senior weekend. Tickets can be purchased Friday at the Hall of Fame for \$5.

On April 28, the senior banquet will be at University Tower. Smith said the cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner and speaker begin at approximately 7:00 p.m.

The speaker, Smith said, will be Dr. Sylvia Fernandez, who recruits minority students in the San Antonio area for A&M. She also is the wife of Board of Regent member Raul Fernandez.

Tickets for the banquet are \$35 per couple. Ring Dance follows the banquet from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

in the Rudder/Memorial Student Complex for \$40 per couple. The Buddy Brock Orchestra will perform in Rudder Theatre and "The Change," a rock and country band, will perform on the second floor of the MSC.

Smith said pictures for Ring Dance will be taken in Rudder Theatre from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on April 28. She encourages students to get their pictures taken early to avoid long lines.

Tickets for the events go on sale today at the Rudder Box Office. A combination ticket for both the banquet and ring dance will be on sale for \$65.

Smith said the Class of '90 also will have a promotional table set up in the MSC today through April 27 so students can pre-order Ring Dance pictures or buy senior weekend T-shirts.

"We are trying to encourage this to be a weekend event," Smith said. "We encourage people to attend the banquet and dance because everybody has worked hard on it and it should be really great."

For more information, call the Student Programs Office at 845-1515.

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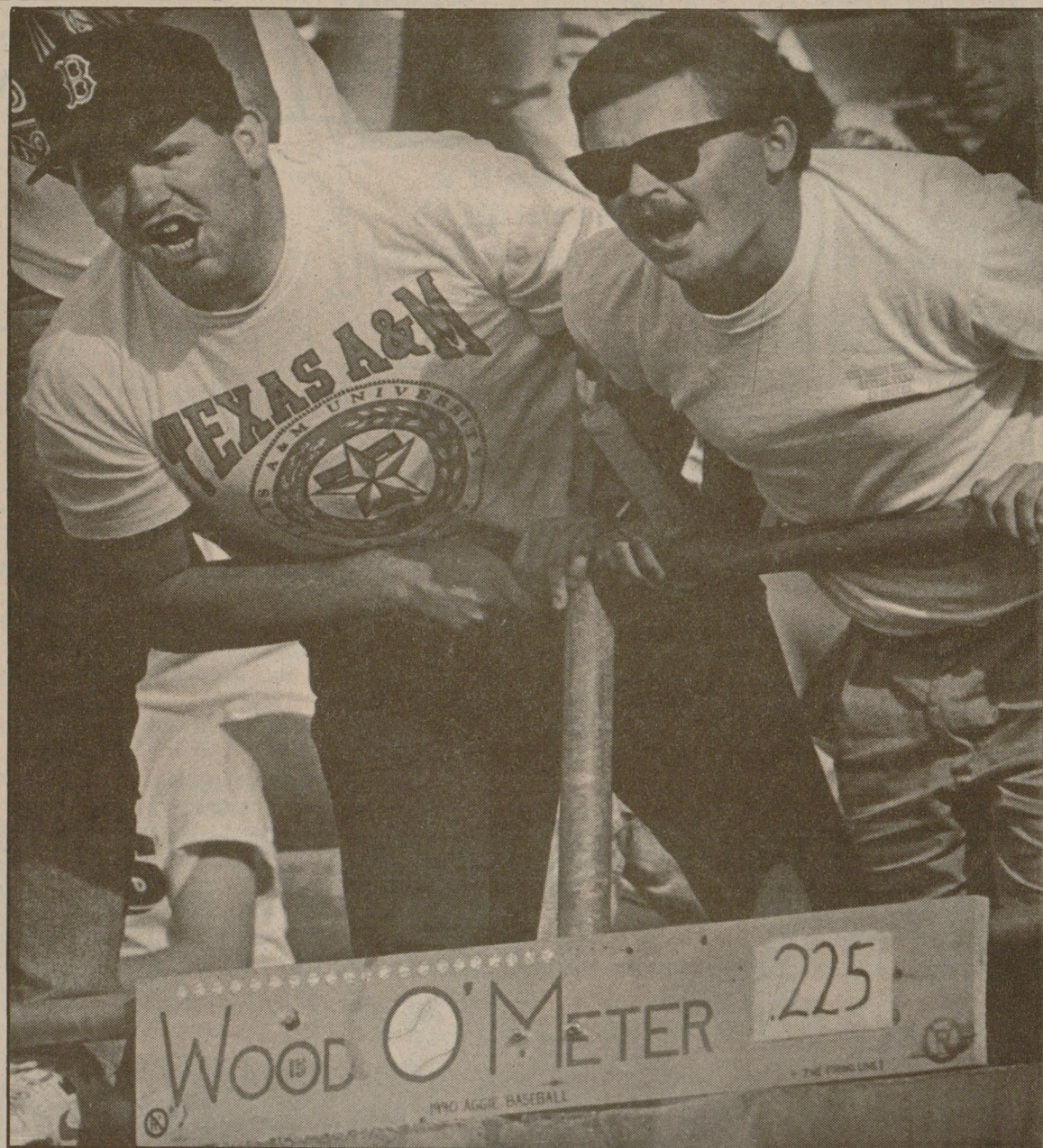


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Two of A&M catcher John Wood's most ardent supporters shout words of encouragement to him the plate, his fans shout "Woody!" to help improve his batting average. See complete coverage of Saturday's game/Page 11

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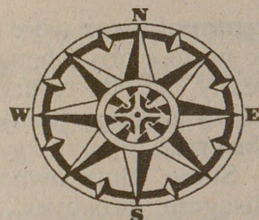
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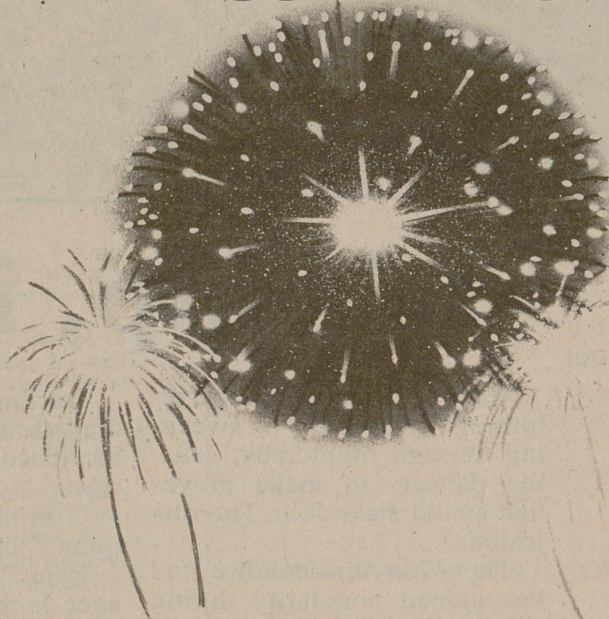
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