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that, in this of the MSC , love musthe Dennis Busch, assistant manager for the University Center, says student organizations are in about half the space they normally occupy. The students have been handling the move well, he Who knows

may even the may even the "They have been real troopers about having to hermometer relocate to different spaces and even much m his family smaller spaces," Busch says.

Several students involved with the MSC pro-

raduate study grams agree. "People have been working well in the tempo-rary offices," says Marc Watkins, chairman for Cepheid Variable and a graduate student in nauical archaeology. "There has been a spirit that we are all in this together, so there has not been

that much complaining." But some problems have accompanied the

move Several students voiced concerns over limited space, not being able to locate groups or commit-tees and the lack of a social atmosphere.

"Our biggest problem occurred when we first came in toward the end of the summer," says

#### "There has been a spirit that we are all in this together, so there has not been that much complaining."

#### -Marc Watkins, Chairman of Cepheid Variable

Tara Hall, director of student development for MSC MBA/Law Committee. "Organizations like MBA/Law and the Student Conference on National Affairs do a lot of summer planning and need lots of working space. "Other than that, after the temporary offices

were set up, it has been all right," she says.

A few organizations, however, are not in the temporary location.

One such organization is Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity with offices originally in the SPO. The organization now is located in the east hallway next to the remodeling of the SPO.

"The main problem was finding where we were to be located the first time," says Scott Roush, a senior psychology major and project chairman for Alpha Phi Omega. Before construction, the SPO was a gathering place for members of Alpha Phi Omega, but now

most members do not stay around much, especially at night, he says.

Busch says that although the construction has caused minor problems with the SPO's func-tioning, programs such as MSC Open House and the Fall Leadership Conference were larger than ever

"Despite the space cramping and the logistical juggling, they seem to be off to a great start as far as programming," Busch says. "They have adapted very well."

Busch says the MSC project is on schedule. The first phase of the SPO renovation will be complete within a couple of weeks, and they will move back to the remodeled offices, he says.

Workers then will begin renovating the Browsing Library for additional cube and office space, and this is expected to be completed in January.

## **A&M students help** in coastline cleanup

#### By BILL HETHCOCK Of The Battalion Staff

Texas A&M students will join other Texans on the state's beaches during a cleanup effort Saturday that will span the coast-

The Fifth Annual Coastal Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday

Matt Ellis of the A&M Ocean-ography Graduate Council says he expects about 12 people from the oceanography department to help with the cleanup. He also says more volunteers

are welcome and encouraged.

"We did this last year, and we want to make it an annual event," Ellis says. "We restricted it to oceanography people last year, but we want to try to bring in more people this year."

Those interested in going with the oceanography department should contact Ellis, 845-8178. Group members plan to leave

around 5 or 6 p.m. Friday. They will spend Friday night in a condo

unit on Galveston beach, then participate in the cleanup starting at 8 a.m. Saturday. The trip will cost \$5 for non-

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club members. This fee will cover

transportation costs and lodging. Also lending helping hands during the beach cleanup is A&M's Texas Environmental Action Coalition.

This group will leave at 5:30 p.m. Friday from the Skagg's Al-

pha Beta parking lot. TEAC members plan to camp out on the beach Friday night, then participate in the cleanup Saturday at Matagorda beach near Galveston.

The cleanup is sponsored by the Texas Adopt-a-Beach pro-gram and the Center for Marine Conservation and is scheduled to take place even if it rains.

Recyclable trash, such as plas-tic, found during the cleanup will be made into plastic park benches, picnic tables, trash cans and playground equipment, a spokesperson for the General Land Office says.

### New council helps overworked service organizations coordinate

#### By BRIDGET HARROW Of The Battalion Staff

Help for overworked service organizations is on the way in the form of a new service council created by Texas A&M's Student Government.

The new council will serve as a clearinghouse for service organizations that have projects too large for one group to handle, says David Wieland, Student Government executive vice president for administration.

"People in the community have many service projects they need help with," Wieland says. "This would give organizations the ability to take on bigger projects." Wieland says organizations like Alpha Phi Omega, a coed service fraternity, have enough members to handle large service projects.

Wieland says that even if an organization has many members, most community service projects can't be

completed in a day or during a weekend. The service council would help organizations cosponsor these service projects, he says.

'The assumption we (Student Government) made is

all service organizations have the same goal to better the community by doing something for it," Wieland says. The council, still in its organizational stage, was de-veloped as a committee of the executive office of Student Government.

It will not, however, remain solely under the auspices of Student Government or any other governing student council, Wieland says. "It is not being formed to infringe on any organiza-

tion's independence," he says. "Not only will it help pro-mote A&M's image to the community, but it will also act as coordinating board for individuals who want to help

out and do not know where to start." Other service organizations asked to serve on the council include Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Off Campus Aggies, Residence Hall Association and Student V Student Y

Wieland says once the council has established itself, other organizations will be included that don't participate totally in service-oriented projects.

Wieland says he hopes the service council eventually will have a central phone number or a bulletin board that students can check for different service projects.

## **In Advance**

the public.

Museum will sponsor campus observatory tour

The Brazos Valley Museum is sponsoring an "observatory" field trip to Texas A&M's meteorology and oceanography building at 7 tonight.

A group will tour the facilities in the David Eller Building and

Campus Crusade for Christ will have a question-and-answer forum dealing with Christianity at 7 p.m. Friday in 108 Harrington.

Campus Crusade for Christ will host forum The program "Colosseum" features a student panel that will field questions from the audience.

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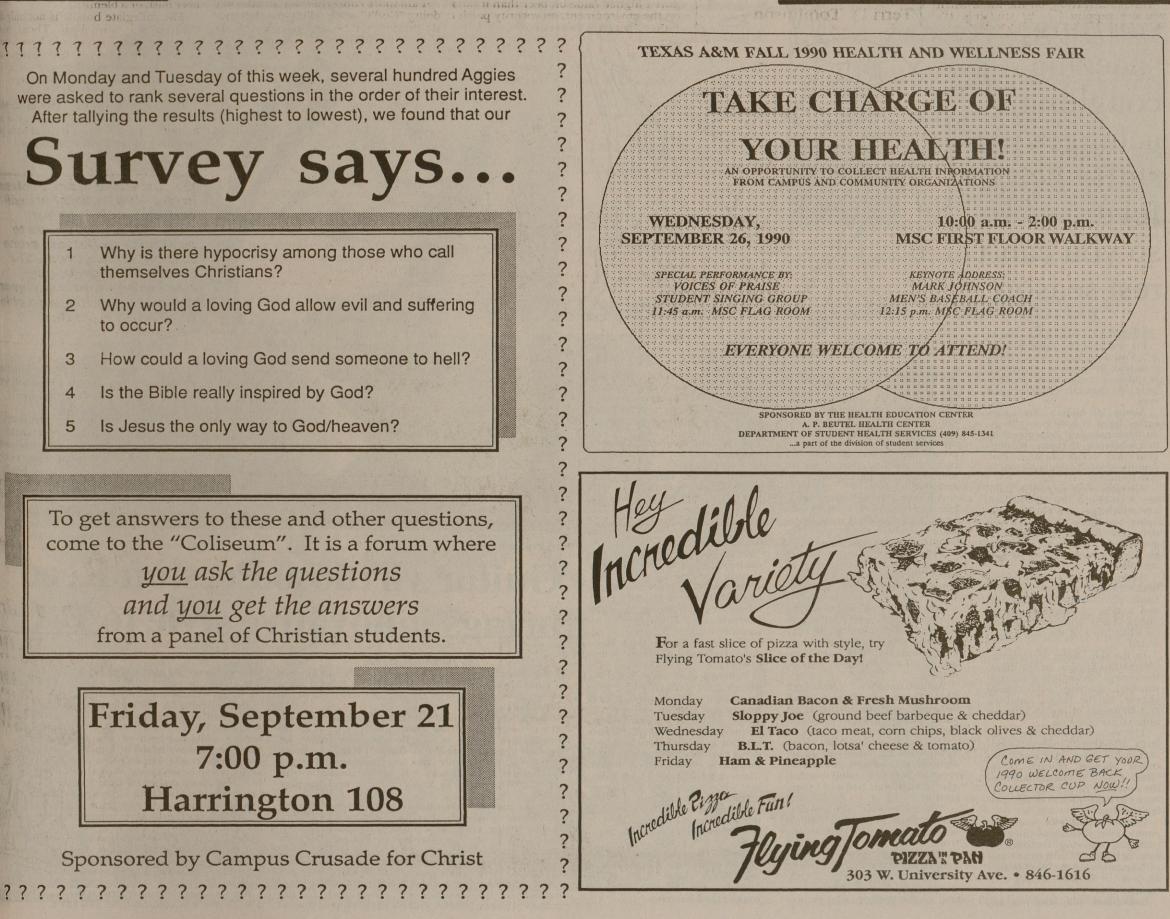
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- How could a loving God send someone to hell? 3
- Is the Bible really inspired by God? 4
- Is Jesus the only way to God/heaven? 5

To get answers to these and other questions, come to the "Coliseum". It is a forum where <u>you</u> ask the questions and you get the answers from a panel of Christian students.

Friday, September 21 7:00 p.m. Harrington 108

Sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ