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Fish Camp '96 initiates incoming freshmen

BY CHRISTOPHER RIVERA
THE BATTALION

Imagine guzzling down a disgusting puréed concoction consisting of a medley of vienna sausages, sardines, milk, Tabasco sauce and Copenhagen.

Picture timid creatures as they are introduced to Aggie necessities such as the art of humping it, proper terms for the small secular school in Austin and those doing time there, and the universal Aggeland greeting, "Howdy." Welcome to Fish Camp '96.

Since its conception in 1954, Fish Camp has grown into the ultimate Aggie initiation spirit-

fest. More than half of the incoming Class of 2000 attended one of the five four-day crash courses into the Aggeland tradition.

One of the many who were overcome by the spirit that permeated from counselors clad in overalls was Kevin Peck, a freshman business major, who said he enjoyed the Fish Camp experience.

"It was red-ass as hell," he said. "I had a blast. The counselors treated you as friends, not like campers."

Incoming freshmen participated in a number of activities at the orientation such as volleyball, discussion groups, dances, relay games, yell practice and shaving cream fights.

Among those leading the freshmen in the controlled insanity designed to introduce Aggie traditions and make friends was Lindsey Maxwell, Fish Camp counselor and sophomore biomedical science major.

"We want to help make the freshmen feel more comfortable and to provide a support link," Maxwell said. "The whole thing was a wonderful experience."

Andy Keeling, a freshman zoology major, said he took a little time to warm up to the boiling Aggie spirit.

"It took about a day and a half to get into it and feel com-

fortable, but after that it was cool," he said.

Class of 2000 Freshmen were introduced to the spirit of Aggeland by Aggie Wrangler yell leaders, ice breakers, dances and skits performed by the Fish Camp counselors.

Carl Roth, a Fish Camp counselor and sophomore accounting major, said he strived to make freshmen be as outgoing as possible and make them get excited about the spirit of TexasA&M.

"We try to help bring out the personality and get the pumped up for A&M," Roth said.

Jeremy Miles, a freshman general studies major, attended the year's Fish Camp and discovered he felt at home in Aggeland.

"I found this Fish Camp experience and Aggie traditions to be fascinating," he said. "I never want to go home."

Besides the traditional vienna sausage and Copenhagen and other activities helped break down barriers and relax the stressed-out campers.

A community toothbrushing involved counselors demonstrating good hygiene by sharing the same toothbrush.

Misti McNeill, a freshman business administration major, said she thought the antics were funny.

"It was disgusting but the expression on their faces was hilarious," she said.

Leslie Asher, a freshman petroleum engineering major, said she thought it was a revealing encounter.

"I learned a lot about Aggie traditions," she said. "The counselors were great and I felt welcome. It was like being part of a family."

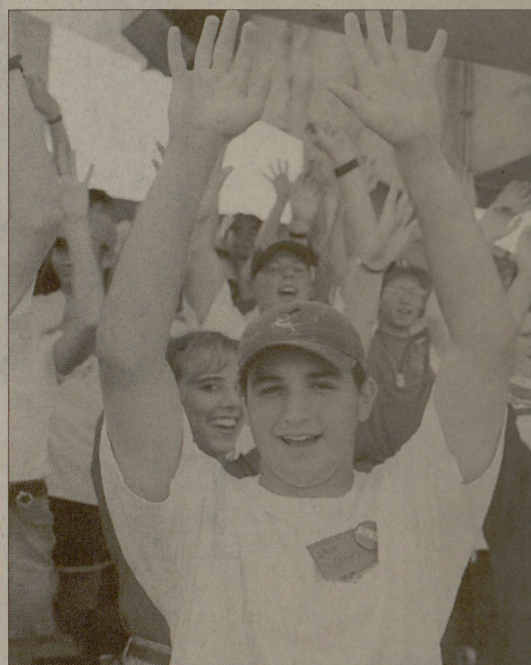


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Dave Dorson, a freshman, wildcats at Olsen Field before going to Fish Camp

T-Camp transfers college students into Aggie

BY APRIL TOWERY
THE BATTALION

Summer 1996 marked the 10-year anniversary of Texas A&M's T-Camp, an orientation program for students transferring into A&M.

The camp holds three sessions during the summer at Camp Hoblitzelle in Midlothian, Texas, 20 miles north of Dallas.

The three-day sessions are well-attended, although Damian Torres, T-Camp director and senior business analysis major, said the organization has not been as popular as Fish Camp.

"Some transfer students don't feel the need to go to camp because they are already familiar with the university and college life in general," Torres said. "Fish Camp focuses on the first time college experience, whereas T-Camp is more mature — we know they know how to study, so we're basically just setting them up with a network of people."

Torres said T-Camp had fewer participants this year, a possible result of scheduling conflicts.

"The first session began while summer school was still in session and the last session finished too many days before school started," Torres said. "Most students like to come to camp right before school starts so they can just stay here and not have to keep making trips back and forth."

Torres said he wanted to be a counselor at T-Camp because of a good experience he had as a transfer student at Howdy Camp, a program similar to T-Camp.

Howdy Camp is for spring transfer students who either graduate early from high school or transfer from college in the middle of the school year.

Torres said he was glad to be a part of T-Camp '96.

"When I went to Howdy Camp, I liked my counselors a lot and wanted to pass on the experience and make people feel welcome like they did for me," Torres said.

Student Activities Advisor Stephen Dunn began Howdy Camp in January 1990 when he saw how transfer students needed an orientation like any other new student at A&M.

"Often transfer students are a little 'gotten about,'" Dunn said. "One of the most significant goals are to let

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Damian Torres
T-Camp director

transfer students know that someone cares about them.

"We realize that freshmen are the only new students, and that we want to see that they start

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