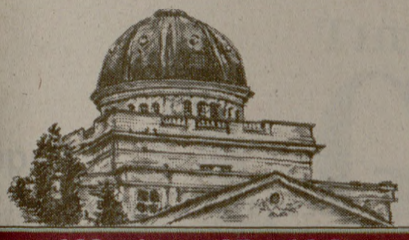


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Students find obstacles in job search

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Texas A&M international students are facing a new challenge as they prepare to leave the University in search of a job in the United States. The A&M Career Center, which helps students find and schedules interviews for about 300 students each semester, has been accused of unfairly pre-screening international students' résumés. International students are required to state their

work authorization status on their résumés to gain access to career-searching information like company names and job descriptions. Rajesh Kumar, International Students Association president and a business graduate student, said the added application requirement is not fair. "International students are knocked down during the preliminary stage so our résumés don't even reach the hands of employers," Kumar said. Leigh Turner, Career Center director, said the center

informs companies of students' work eligibility status

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Career Center director

before interviews are scheduled because some firms will not hire international students without certain

permits. "A lot of companies are not able to hire international students," Turner said. "[Companies] get upset when they come to interview and then find out the student only has an F-1 work permit." An F-1 permit allows students to work in the U.S. for one year in a field related to their major. If the company wants to employ an international student for longer than a year, the students must obtain an H-1 visa, which is extended for up to three years.

All students using the Career Center are required to fill out a form that indicates their major, degree level, graduation date and work authority. Students find prospective companies by accessing the Career Center web site. After locating a possible employer, students send a résumé to the company. The company then returns to the Career Center a list of students they want to interview. International students are required to either add to the form a sentence stating they have a restricted work

permit or direct companies to the International Student Office or Career Center Office for questions. Some international students said the statements are an added barrier in job searching. Patrick Seder, an international industrial engineering graduate student, said he realizes companies do not want additional paperwork and fees, but he is concerned companies will not try to get to know the students personally. "If a company sees 50 applications and one has more

questions or says to call a number, the employer isn't going to take the time to look at it closely," Seder said. The Career Center gives companies a form asking them to specify what they look for in students. Under the work authorization section, companies choose to receive information on all applicants, those who hold H-1 visas or U.S. citizens only. Information on international students who hold F-1 permits is given only to companies who request information on all applicants.

Moms to go to Fish Camp

By ERICA ROY
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Aggie mothers from across the nation will come to College Station in November for the third annual Aggie Mom's Fish Camp. Debbie Duewall, an Aggie Mom's Fish Camp co-chair, said the camp introduces mothers of Texas A&M freshmen and transfer students to the traditions and customs at the University. It started as an orientation for Aggie moms who have freshman or transfer students," Duewall said. "It gives new moms a chance to tour the campus and meet Aggie moms from across the United States. They can learn what the spirit of Aggieland is about." The moms will stay at the Hampton for two nights. On the first night, the redpots educate the mothers about the culture and all of the work that goes into building it. The following morning the moms will tour campus and then lunch at the Dixie Chicken.

In the afternoon, the moms will attend different workshops about "empty nest" syndrome, the Mentor program, the Aggie Challenge and a cadet mom program. Duewall said an additional workshop teaches the mothers the pur-

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Mom's Fish Camp co-chair

pose of the Federation of Texas A&M Mothers' Clubs. "We exist to give back to A&M," Duewall said. Former Student Body President Brooke Leslie will be the guest speaker at a student-mother dinner

in the Memorial Student Center. On the last morning of Fish Camp, the moms will participate in yell practice at the MSC and perform skits they will make up. Duewall said they encourage all students to come to the MSC and watch the skits the moms create. Activities will end at noon so the moms will have the rest of the day to spend with their sons and daughters. Aggie Mom's Fish Camp serves to educate mothers of new students who do not understand all of A&M's traditions. "They can get a feel for what Aggie Spirit is," Duewall said. "A lot of moms really don't understand when their students call home and talk about Bonfire or lunch at the Chicken or Silver Taps. Aggie Mom's Fish Camp brings all the traditions to them." Two co-chairs organized the Aggie Mom's Fish Camp with the help of the Aggie mom counselors. The two co-chairs this year are Debbie Duewall and Anita Dolan.

T-shirts considered dirty laundry

By CHRISTIE HUMPHRIES
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T-shirts and other artwork deemed "...degrading, demeaning or simply ugly" will not be licensed to carry the Texas A&M name.

Sanders Letbetter, collegiate licensing director, said T-shirts residence halls and other student organizations submit will not be approved if he and his staff find them "offensive." "All products bearing A&M trademarks must be approved and licensed," Letbetter said.

Underwood Hall residents asked Letbetter's permission to use the University's name on their T-shirts, calling themselves the "Darling Devils." Letbetter said the name negatively represents the University and he would need a detailed description before approving the design.

Thea Smith, a junior biochemistry major who lives in Underwood Hall, said Letbetter did not approve the T-shirt. "After describing the design to Letbetter, he said that we were not authorized to use the University's name on the T-shirt because it was not in good taste," Smith said. Letbetter said he rejected the shirt's design because it featured a female devil with horns and a pointy tail, which gives the "wrong impression." "That is not a shirt you would want your little brother to wear to his school for people to think that A&M promotes devils and the like," Letbetter said. The "Darling Devils" of Underwood Hall will be wearing T-shirts this semester with the word "Aggieland" printed on them instead of the University's name.



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Going Down Kris Coates, a senior agricultural economics major, watches his skis on his way down Mount Aggie Monday.

Students help international students adjust to college

By CHRISTIE HUMPHRIES
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The Texas A&M International Office is working with Grace Bible Church in College Station to help international students feel welcome in Aggieland.

Howard said. "We want to help. That is the purpose of the international friends program — to help the international students succeed at A&M." Volunteers first meet their international student at the airport when they arrive in College Station.

Howard said volunteers often invite students into their homes until they are able to find housing. "We want to give them (international students) the opportunity to get into homes and see what is going on," Howard said. "We have learned to give help when and where it is needed."

Howard said host students sometimes help international students find apartments and shop at discount stores and garage sales for furniture. "We try to set them up with the minimal basic necessities for minimal costs," Howard said.

Host students sometimes help international students apply for a visa and look for jobs, Howard said.

"We basically want to help the international student get whatever [they] need to be successful here at A&M," Howard said.

Tropical storm Josephine attacks Florida Gulf Coast

ST. MARKS, Fla. (AP) — Tropical Storm Josephine began lashing Florida's Gulf Coast Monday night with 65-mph winds and high surf, spawning tornadoes and dumping up to 5 inches of rain across the state. The storm moved ashore just before midnight at the peak of high tide, pushing a storm surge of 6 to 9 feet over a swampy, lightly populated area near this remote fishing village 30 miles south of Tallahassee. Josephine failed to reach hurricane strength, but was packing considerable moisture. Forecasters said it would dump rain on southeastern Georgia and the Carolinas, then stay inland, bringing rain up the Atlantic Coast. "The winds will go down very, very fast once it hits land," said Max Mayfield, a hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center. Still, residents scrambled Monday to secure their homes and boats. More than 3,000 people in the three hardest-hit counties spent the night in shelters after evacuations were ordered for beaches and barrier islands. Udo Heinz, 66, said he lost his mobile home in March 1993, during the no-name "Storm of the Century." This time, he joined about 100 people at the Taylor County High School shelter. "I was wiped out in storm of '93," said Heinz, who left his 35-foot trailer in Keaton Beach, where the strongest winds and highest storm surge was coming ashore. "I got a bigger trailer but I know that there's not too much you can do in 10-foot waves." At the Shell Point Marina near St. Marks, boaters struggled in gusts and driving rain to double up their mooring lines as the storm approached, and worried about the storm surge. "This could be seri-

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