

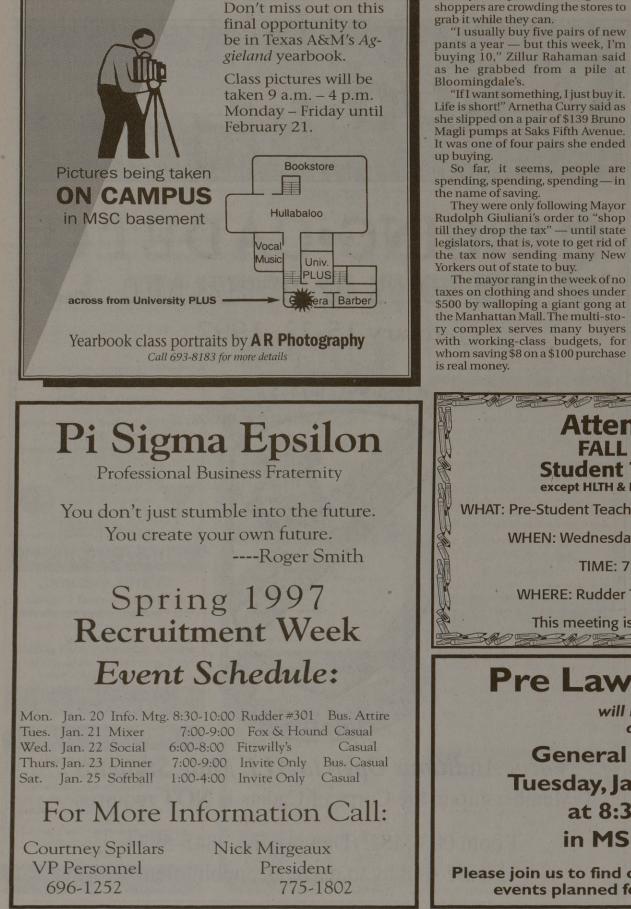
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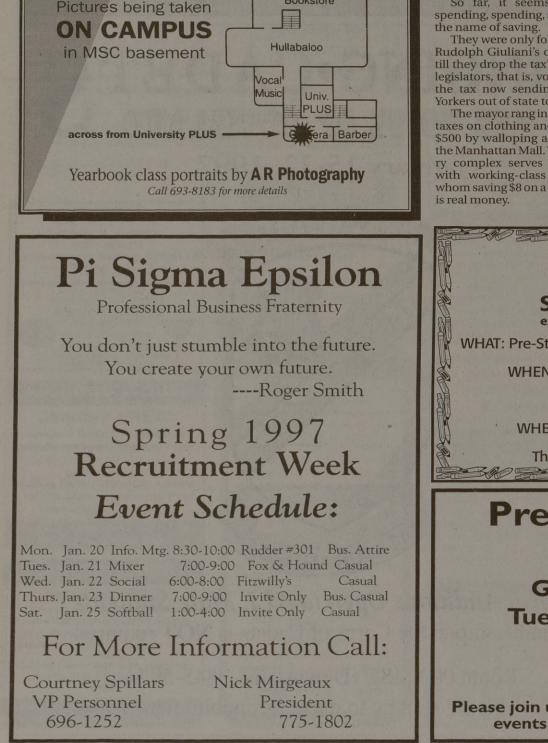
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New sorority joins A&M campu

By Shikonya Cureton The Battalion

Texas A&M Panhellenic delegates voted in Delta Gamma as the newest sorority on A&M campus last semester.

There are 26 sororities in the nation and 11 make their home at A&M. The Panhellenic Council wrote to the other 15 chapters expressing their interest in including another chapter at A&M.

Nine chapters responded and Panhellenic delegates voted for the top three applicants, presenting the delegates with a final vote.

Jennifer Burns, President of the Panhellenic Council and a junior

nutritional science major, said the were wonderful and really im- fairs Support Staff, said t presentations were impressive, but pressed the panel," Gray chapter will only one could be selected.

"Three days before finals, we showed the top three — Kappa Delta, Gamma Phi Beta, and Delta Gamma around campus and had lunch with them," Burns said. "They presented their chapters to us, and we voted for Delta Gamma to join us.'

The Panhellenic Council said Delta Gamma will be a positive addition to the other 11 chapters, because they are friendly and outgoing.

Kelly Gray, a senior psychology major, said Delta Gamma will be welcomed as a part of A&M's

campus. "Those presenting Delta Gamma

said. "They will be a wonderful addition to the Greeks. Panhellenic Council

officers said because the 11 chapters on campus are overcrowded, the new chapter can only have positive results. The number of pledges was so large last year that the Panhellenic Council need-

ed to find a way to lessen the number of members in each chapter. Melissa Ermis of the Greek Af-

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> have a c period from Feb. 5 to Feb. 8 like a mini-rush for officers will rush in the fall semeste

Faculty Senate plans spring agenda

By KATHLEEN STRICKLAND THE BATTALION

The Faculty Senate reaffirmed its commitment to establishing an on-campus child-care center for Texas A&M faculty, staff and students. The resolution also commended A&M Presi-

dent Ray Bowen and his administration for their support of the facility.

The members of the University Child Care Center Advisory Committee, under the leadership of Associate Vice President Mary Miller, were recognized for their hard work and dedication over the past 18 months in developing plans for

the child care center.

subsequent terms

The resolution urged the Board of Regents to approve the proposed center. Also discussed were proposed changes to the Texas A&M University

Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws. This resolution would also permit a senator to serve seven years within a 10-year period. This would allow a senator to fill an unexpired term on the Faculty Senate for one year or less to run for regular election for two

by allowing too many students to co-enro sic courses at Blinn(A suggestion was that are not full at A& suggestion was mad

made to consider stricter standards for granting deans' approval for co-enrollment.

Senators said the University was losing money implementing this policy Feb. 1.

New Yorkers salivate No more specific over tax-free week

NEW YORK (AP) — In New York City, it's Bloomies, Macy's and Saks without the tax.

This week and this week only, both the city and state are dropping their sales taxes on clothing to keep shoppers from fleeing to New Jersey and other neighboring tax-free states.

In the Big Apple, that amounts to a hefty 8.25 percent savings, and shoppers are crowding the stores to grab it while they can.

'I usually buy five pairs of new pants a year — but this week, I'm buying 10," Zillur Rahaman said as he grabbed from a pile at

"If I want something, I just buy it. Life is short!" Arnetha Curry said as she slipped on a pair of \$139 Bruno Magli pumps at Saks Fifth Avenue. It was one of four pairs she ended

So far, it seems, people are spending, spending, spending — in

They were only following Mayor

New York's sales tax usually is 4 percent plus whatever additional taxes municipalities choose to add. In New York City, where the tax adds up to 8.25 percent, stores feel the bite even more because shoppers can easily dash to New Jersey and Pennsylvania, where anything worn is not taxed. In Connecticut, too, clothing under \$50 is exempt.

New York state expects to lose \$20 million in revenue in its weeklong moratorium. Giuliani hopes increased sales this week will offset the lost sales tax revenue.

But Giuliani said the city "lost over \$700 million in retail sales last. year because New York State taxes clothing and shoes."

Cutting the tax "forever," the mayor added, would mean "an average of \$200 per family every year — and a lot more jobs for New York City.

Gov. George Pataki said one verv encouraging sign came Saturday while he shopped at Macy's in Manhattan — he ran into two women who came over from New Jersey. "I By REBECCA TORRELLAS THE BATTALION

Students wanting to minor in marketing, accounting or any other branch of business may have to deal with a policy proposed by the Texas A&M College of Business

If this new policy is accepted, students will only be allowed to minor in business, but not in any other branch of the college.

Dr. Bill Fuerst, Associate Dean of the College Of Business, said the policy will help students receive a complete education in business.

"This will benefit students to see more of the component parts of business, rather than just one aspect of it," Fuerst said

The policy would affect other colleges, like the College of Liberal Arts, because many liberal-arts students minor in a business field.

Dr. Douglas P. Starr, a professor of journalism, said the policy would hurt liberal-arts students. "Journalism students already

ciplines to round out their education tion, Starr said. t two times th Jason Clayton, a senior journa ism major, said the policy would can get by on t unfair to new students.

"I feel that by shutting offast dent from a specific field shade them from shaping theired ucation in the direction the want," Clayton said.

Clayton said his minor in m keting helps him further devel his public relations and adver ing skills, while majoring in jou nalism has improved his comm nication skills.

sarily refle "If they want to do that, it's the choice," Clayton said, "but it is a , administ est columns, nions of the fair for new students.' ing guest col

Kelly Harrod, a sophomore chology major, said an advise the College of Liberal Arts w not allow her to declare a busin minor last semester.

"They told me they were goin Leader. discontinue it," she said. "I way something with more practica raises an perience to fall back on to give

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The sales-tax moratorium is causing some confusion, however. The experiment makes most everyday shoes tax-free, for example but golf or bowling shoes still carry the 8.25 percent tax.

West of the Hudson River, retailers did not seem too worried. After all. New Yorkers were already in the habit of buying in New Jersey, and they expect them to be back no matter what.

ing course in their core curriculum," Starr said. "Public-relations majors need a marketing course and a management course to get an idea of what business is, and at least two more business courses

Although the journalism department does not require students to have a minor, the department strongly recommends that all journalism students take a concentration of courses in other disght were spo

Fuerst stressed that the newp icy will not affect students who currently minoring in a busin discipline. If the policy is accept it will only affect students from semester forward.

The College of Busin brought the policy to the Acad ic Operations Committee spring where it is currently be deliberated.

"It is not a done deal." Fuersts

