

Temperature takes dip over break

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Although they were expecting sand, surf and sun, many spring breakers have not yet opened a bottle of suntan lotion or taken a dip in the water.

Frigid winds, cloudy skies and high temperatures reaching only the low 60s are making the annual vacation a miserable affair for some young vacationers.

Brian Lipscomb was one of many who stood at the edge of the water at J.P. Luby Surf Park and found the water was too icy for swimming.

"It is way too cold out there," said Lipscomb, a 19-year-old student at Texas Tech University.

He had anticipated blue skies and warm weather when he traveled this weekend from Lubbock to Corpus Christi for his spring break.

"It was like 30 degrees in Lubbock, and I'm sick of the cold weather, so I decided to come here. I thought it would be about 85 here," he said.

Many beaches looked more like Army

campsites, as beachgoers were busy trying to stay warm by building fires or hovering close to their cars and trucks.

Saturday's high was 62 degrees, and it is not expected to get much warmer in the next three to four days, said

"It was supposed to be sunny and warm, but I don't think that's going to happen."

Brian Grahmann
University of Texas senior

Tawyna Parke, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

"This is not exactly the ideal spring break weather," Parke said. "Through Wednesday, there will be a slight chance

of rain and the highs will only be in the lower 70s. It might get into the upper 70s to near 80 on Thursday or Friday."

Bob Bearegard, owner of Ocean Treasures on Padre Island, said the cool weather has brought several requests for sweat shirts, but for the most part, spring breakers are buying the usual beach gear as if it were warm.

"Some of them are even buying bathing suits," he said. "Evidently they are going to take them back home or they're running around their condos looking good, because they're not wearing them on the beach. It's too cold."

Brian Grahmann, a 21-year-old senior at the University of Texas, said the weather would not ruin his week off.

"It was supposed to be sunny and warm, but I don't think that's going to happen," Grahmann said.

"Guess I won't be getting any sun, but we're still having fun drinking beer and throwing the football around. We'd be doing the exact same thing if it was warm."

Campus

Aggies contribute to Habitat for Humanity in Virginia

Twelve Texas A&M students traveled to Lynchburg, Va., during spring break to help needy families build decent, affordable houses.

The students, as part of Texas Aggie Habitat for Humanity, participated in Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge program. The program runs from Feb. 16 to April 5 and offers construction experience to students at Habitat for Humanity affiliates.

More than 6,000 students from all over the country will participate in the Collegiate Challenge program.

A&M students face ethical dilemmas in Washington

Ethical dilemmas were presented to four Texas A&M University students at the third annual Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl in Washington D.C., March 6.

The A&M team placed 5th out of 14 teams participating in the competition. This year was the

time for A&M students to compete in the Bowl. The team of undergraduate students coached by two A&M graduate students.

A moderator asked the teams questions which they had 60 seconds to discuss before presenting their answers to a panel of judges.

Answers were scored zero to 10 based on clarity, focus, depth and judgment.

Fish Drill Team takes top honors in San Antonio meet

The Texas A&M Fish Drill Team competed Sunday, March 8 in San Antonio in the Texas National Invitational Drill Meet. Two units of freshmen represented the University, the A team and the M team.

The meet was the first sponsored by the association of Former Fish Drill Team Members from eight schools competed in the events, platoon basic, squad basic, inspection and platoon exhibition. The A team ranked first in all categories. The M team ranked second all but platoon exhibition, where they took third.

In an individual elimination competition Travis Johnson, a freshman general studies major, won first place.

The A team won the overall competition and the M team came in second.

This day in history

Today is Monday, March 17, the 76th day of 1997. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

According to tradition, St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, died March 17, in the year 461.

In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.

In 1870, the Massachusetts Legislature authorized the incorporation of Wellesley Female Seminary. It later became Wellesley College.

In 1905, Eleanor Roosevelt married Franklin D. Roosevelt in New York.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt used the term "muckraker" in a speech to the Gridiron Club in Washington, D.C.

In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. It was formally presented to the public exactly two years later.

In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C.

In 1942, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Australia to become supreme commander of Allied forces in the southwest Pacific theater during World War II.

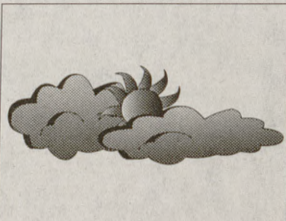


In 1950, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, which they named "californium."

In 1966, a U.S. midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb which had fallen from an American bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain.

Today's birthdays

Actress Mercedes McCambridge is 79. The chairwoman of the board of the NAACP, Myrlie Evers-Williams, is 64. Rock musician Paul Kantner is 56. Singer-songwriter Jim Weatherly is 54. Singer-songwriter John Sebastian (The Lovin' Spoonful) is 53. Actor Patrick Duffy is 48. Actor Kurt Russell is 46. Country singer Susie Allanson is 45.

Weather

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
			Today's Expected High 72°F
Mostly cloudy.	Cloudy and cool.	Cloudy with afternoon showers.	Tonight's Expected Low 48°F
			Tomorrow's Expected High 73°F
			Tomorrow Night's Expected Low 46°F

Information courtesy of TAMU

CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY

WHO: Children of TAMU faculty, staff, and students

WHEN: Sunday, March 23
3-5 p.m.

WHERE: Hensel Park - Area 2
(In case of rain, event will be held in 303 Read Building)

WHAT: Food, Games, Easter Egg Hunt, and a special appearance by the EASTER BUNNY!!

(Bring \$1 for a picture)

Sponsored by MSC Hospitality
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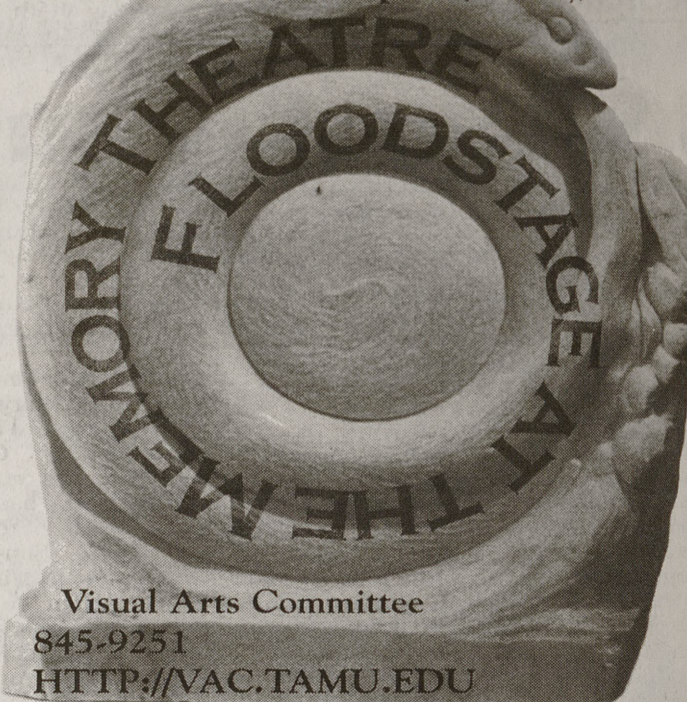
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April 5, 1997

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Fish Co. Applications Now Available

What is Fish Co.?

Something new for Fish Camp 1997!! Fish Co. is the Official Hospitality Committee of Fish Camp. These 24 members will work closely with the directors, DJ mixers, run headquarters, and welcome guests and speakers.

* Applications will be available in the Fish Camp office from March 17th through March 31st.

* An Informational will be held Wednesday, March 26th at 8:30 pm in Rudder Room 302.

* Applications are due April 1st at 5:00 pm, at the Fish Camp Office.

* Call the Fish Camp office at 845-1627, if you have any questions.

FISH CAMP 1997!!
THE ROAD THAT LIES AHEAD!!

ROLL CALL

The Commandant of the Corps of Cadets, Major General Hopgood and the Cadet Colonel of the Corps, Stephen Foster of Arp, Texas are pleased to recognize the following schools for participating in the 1997 Military Weekend February 26 through March 2, 1997. Fifty-seven cadets and midshipmen from these schools participated in the discussion, tours, and social activities:

Auburn University
The Citadel
The Heroic Military College of Mexico
Marion Military Institute of Marion, Alabama
New Mexico Military Institute
North Georgia College
Norwich University of Maine
Texas A&M University
Tulane University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Military Academy
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech
Wentworth Military Academy of Missouri

Such a complex event could not be successful without the leadership of the following Aggie Cadets. A job well done is commended to the following:

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