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Council hosts

Seminar at MSC

The Interfraternity Council will be holding a "tent seminar" today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SC Flag Room. Each IFC fraternity will have a booth set up with fraternity members available to answer questions. Students also can sign up for shirts, which is this week.

Two professors

Named as Fellows

Professor Gerald L. Morrison and Associate Professor N.K. ... both of Texas A&M University have been named Fellows by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) International. The Fellow grade, one of the ASME's highest distinctions, is given to those members who have a minimum of 10 years' active practice and have made significant contributions to the field of mechanical engineering.

Professor accepts

Harvard fellowship

Dr. Pebbles Fagan recently accepted a one-year postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard, where she will be researching cancer prevention and in developing cancer prevention programs. Fagan, who received her Ph.D. in education from Texas A&M, will work with the cancer education program for the National Cancer Institute at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Rayburn appointed

Board examiner

Dr. William L. Rayburn, F.A.C.O.G., has been appointed as a board examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Rayburn, who is an associate professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology with the Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine, serves as director of the Division of Obstetrics and Gynecology and associate medical director of the Scott and White Health Center in College Station.

Kelly AFB loses

Contract to Georgia

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A \$160 million Air Force contract for the maintenance of the giant C-5 Galaxy cargo plane apparently will be awarded to a contractor at a Georgia air base, the San Antonio Express-News reported Sunday. At least 1,200 civilian workers at Kelly Air Force Base now perform maintenance work on the C-5s. A decision to bring Robins AFB in Warner Robins, Ga., could place the future of those workers in doubt, and cast a shadow on plans to transform Kelly from an Air Force base to a commercial center.

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Hopwood affects minority enrollment

By JOEY JEANETTE SCHLUETER
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The number of minorities enrolled at Texas A&M for the fall semester has decreased as a result of the Hopwood decision, the A&M Office of Admissions and Records said.

A&M expects a 30 percent drop in the number of African-American freshmen enrolled in the University and a 15 percent drop of Hispanic freshmen enrolled from last year.

In July, Texas A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen said 624 of the 1,276 Hispanics offered admission to A&M had accepted, and 163 of the 392 African-Americans offered admission had accepted.

Bowen said Hopwood's effect may be more obvious this year than in previous years.

"After months of speculation about the impacts of Hopwood on admissions, the bad news now appears to be in," Bowen said.

Bowen said that while current numbers are disappointing, they do prove the speculation that Hopwood's impact would be dramatic. Bowen said A&M is committed to racial diversity within its student body, faculty and staff.

The admissions office said exact numbers will not be known until after the 12th day of class. Kevin Carreathers, director of Multicultural Services at A&M, said he has seen a major drop in minority enrollment due to the Hopwood decision.

"When you talk with people from the admissions office, and they talk about the decline of minority freshmen for the Class of '01," Carreathers said, "that's a direct effect of the Hopwood decision."

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For additional background on the Hopwood decision, please see Page 4 of the special section.

Cadets endure orientation

By RACHEL DAWLEY
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While most Aggies attended their first classes today, freshmen members of the Corps of Cadets, known as "fish," are veterans in the field of learning.

Over 700 cadets completed Freshman Orientation Week (FOW) from Aug. 24 to Aug. 31. During FOW, the Commandant's office and cadet leaders taught freshmen the fundamentals of marching and drills and helped cadets adjust to military life.

Ken Evans, deputy Corps commander and a senior management major, served as FOW Director. Evans said FOW was successful because the commanding officers of each outfit had more individual time with the freshmen this year than in past years.

"The week went well," Evans said. "We changed a lot of things and made FOW more efficient. The Corps is about the fish because they are the future of the Corps."

During FOW, the freshmen cadets bought books and parking permits, got e-mail accounts and learned their duties as freshmen in the Corps.

Freshman cadets also learned Corps traditions, such as "whipping out." "Whipping out" is when a freshman cadet stops, shakes hands and introduces himself to an upperclassman cadet.

Graham Horton, a freshman business administration major in Company E-1, said that although FOW was intense, he learned about the

Corps, met life-long friends, and is excited about the upcoming year.

"After this week and after all the people I've talked to, I know that they are there for us. They put a good feeling inside us," Horton said. "The week was very mentally demanding, but we became unified as one. If a buddy needs help, we're there for them. We rely on each other to pull through tough times."

Madison Mauze, a public relations sergeant for the Corps and a junior chemistry major, said his FOW was an opportunity to learn more about the Corps and meet Corps leaders.

"As a freshman, I came in with an open mind and was excited about being in something much bigger than myself," Mauze said. "You meet buddies and know that they will be your friends for the rest of your life."

Because of the Corps' emphasis on academics, FOW is held the week before school starts, Mauze said. The first FOW was held in 1974. Before that time, cadets began classes and military training at the same time. Now, cadets are able to adjust to the cadet lifestyle before they juggle classes into their schedules.

Corps Commandant Maj. Gen. M.T. "Ted" Hopgood, Corps Commander Danny Feather and Evans addressed the freshmen cadets Tuesday night in Rudder Theater. The three leaders said the freshman year would be the most challenging year and the cadets needed to help each other throughout the year.

The cadets also participated in recreational activities such as mixers, football



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Photography by Brandon Bollom



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School of Government opens at Library center

By JOEY JEANETTE SCHLUETER
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The George Bush School of Government and Public Services opens today at the George Bush Presidential Library complex.

The school is the academic centerpiece of the Library complex, housing the Texas A&M Departments of Political Science and Economics, and stems from Texas A&M's College

of Liberal Arts.

The graduate school of government, headed by Dr. Charles Herman, begins a two-year program by offering four classes this fall.

Herman said the opening of the school is a landmark in Texas A&M history.

"The 19-member charter class is outstanding," Herman said, "and they are looking forward to meeting both (former) President (George) Bush and Governor (George W.) Bush."

Dr. Donald Deere, associate director of the Bush School and a professor of economics, said prospective students were interviewed and took the GMAT and GRE.

"The graduate students qualified by meeting academic requirements and leadership, and they show a commitment to public service," he said.

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'Pedestrian friendly' arch

Entrance built to restrict thru-traffic

By JENARA KOCKS
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A brick archway has been built at the entrance of Lubbock Street from Bizzell Street.

Tom Williams, director of Parking, Transit and Traffic Services, said the archway will be used as parking ticket machines for the parking garage next to Evans Library on Spence Street.

"The entrance of the library parking garage is such a tight location, there wasn't room for the entrance/exit (machines) at the garage, so we moved them to the street," Williams said.

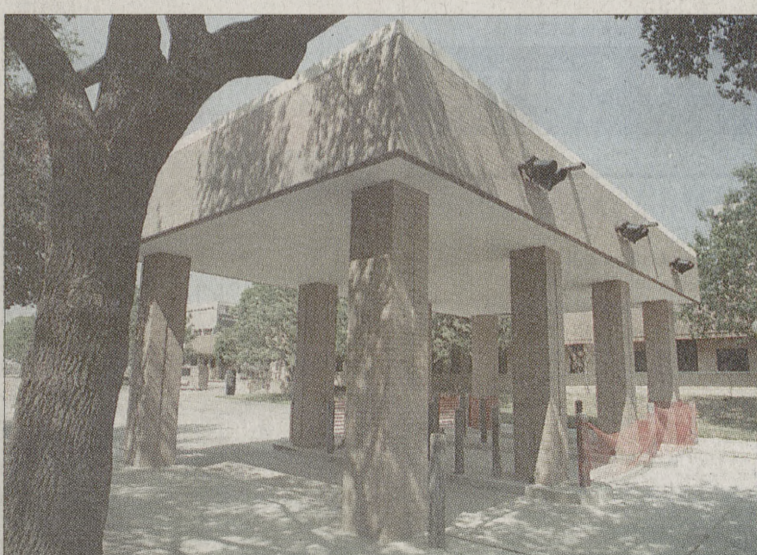
He said the "entry/exit" plaza at Lubbock and Bizzell streets also will prevent thru-traffic from traveling

on Lubbock, making the area more "pedestrian friendly."

Williams said studies of the area conducted in 1992 and 1993 showed that about 8,000 to 9,000 cars a day travel down Lubbock in addition to all the pedestrians. He said the consultants who conducted the studies suggested that University administration close the road to thru-traffic by the time people begin using the road to get to the library parking garage.

"The consultants said the road could deal with the garage traffic, but if present traffic was combined with the library garage traffic, it would be a nightmare," Williams said.

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The brick archway was constructed to reduce traffic on Lubbock street and also serve as an entrance for the new Evans garage.

Libraries enact fine policies

By BRANDYE BROWN
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Evans Library, the West Campus Library and Evans Library branch at the George Bush School of Government will charge all library users a fine of 25 cents per day on overdue books beginning Sept. 1.

Dr. Charlene Clark, the public relations officer for Evans Library, said the policy was designed to encourage patrons to return library materials by the due date to keep the materials in circulation and available to other library users.

Clark said the library staff is concerned about the poor circulation of library materials.

"Lack of availability of materials has been a chronic problem," Clark said. "There was significant sentiment among students that the materials they needed were not available."

Library materials overdue before Sept. 1 will incur no fines until Sept. 16.

Also, the libraries will use a 14-day grace period after materials are overdue.

Overdue notices with the amount of the fine will be sent out the day after items are due, the day after the 14-day grace period ends and a final notice after materials are 30 days overdue.

After the final notice is sent out, the user's circulations privileges will be blocked.

There is a \$10 per book limit on all fines.

The money collected from the fines will be used to cover the cost of administering fines, and the excess money will be used to buy books and other library materials in high demand.

Dr. Fred Heath, dean of Evans Library, said the library fine system and its effectiveness will be studied during the school year.

"If there is no quantitative improvement in book availability, there is no need for it (fines)," he said. "It is expensive to administer. Our purpose is to put materials in your hands when you need them."

Some students said the fine policy should help improve the availability of books and other materials.

Matthew Zaskoda, a library employee and a senior industrial engineering major, said he approves of the fine policy.

"As a library worker, I see people looking for books on the shelves that are overdue and asking for the books they can't find," Zaskoda said. "Hopefully, the fines will help get books back earlier."

Natasha Jenkins, a library user and a sophomore industrial engineering major, said libraries should use fines to get materials returned to the library.

"I didn't know fines didn't already exist," Jenkins said. "I don't see anything wrong with the library charging fines on overdue books. It's kind of expected."

Heath said the fine system has been developed over the past two years after meetings with students and Dr. Ray M. Bowen, president of Texas A&M.

The Student Advisory Council, which was formed to monitor the use of library fees, gave the libraries student reaction to the fine policy.

The Library Council, an agency of the Faculty Senate, held a year-long study on book availability.

Heath said the study identified several possible ways to improve the circulation and availability of library materials.

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