

# but where have all the Aggies gone?

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Yollege Station, the city where travelers stop on their way to Houston, San onio, Austin, and Dallas-Fort activities. Some students have ndered on their return to Agland in the fall "did anything pen here?" For those unfortu-College Station and study in the sun, the negatives may seem to tweigh the positives. However, ere are a few people who would uch for the advantages of reaining in College Station in the

Mandy Walton, a senior bioedical science major, said this ll be the second year she will be king summer classes and she is oking forward to the relaxed at-

"The classes are more laidck," she said. "The teachers let eir guard down and are more ersonal with students. Plus, you n get a parking spot closer to

Walton said the summer also allows students to

classes quicker. "In the summer, the classes are only five weeks, not like a 15-week semester," Walton said. "In the summer you feel like you are really accomplishing something because you take, study and pass a class in the one-third of the time. The same amount of material is learned, just

get through the

less painful." Walton said that as a native of College Station,

she has seen many summers pass

and many students come and go. "I am probably the only one who loves it when students leave,"

Walton said. "There is no one here and you can go out to eat or go to

down Texas

Avenue without

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— Steven Daniels

support manager of

College Station Wal-Mart

the mall and you don't have to wait in You can drive Jacque Hall,

assistant manager of Hollywood 16 Movie Theater, said all businesses are affected by students leaving, but fortunately summer is the big time for movies, so there are always people to fill the

seats. "We do take a drop, but it isn't that bad," Hall said. "You

can tell the students are gone because it is less busy, but the students that remain can still enjoy the great movies.

"Think of it this way, summer is the time for big, blockbuster movies. If the students of Fall and Spring were here, then it would be difficult to get in to see the movies. You would have to wait in very long lines.

Steven Daniels, support manager of Wal-Mart in College Station, said the big difference Wal-Mart experiences is in employment.

'When summer comes we have to hire new people," Daniels said. 'Most of our employees are students and they transfer to other stores for the summer.

Daniels said the hours of the store remain the same in the summer, but the rush hours change because of the drop in student popu-

"Our busy times used to be in the evenings because students would want to come after classes,' he said. "Now, our busy times are in the morning, but people can come in and out without a wait and

Daniels said on the whole the entire town is much more calm, relaxed and not as congested.

"You can drive down Texas Avenue without stopping every two seconds because of the car in front of you," he said. "You can actually make it down the street and even catch all the lights. Students can go to the George Bush Library and get in without standing around staring at each other."

When summer rolls around many students begin to think of College Station as the safest place. There are not as many students and so students believe there is not going to be as much crime.

However, Lt. Bert Kretzschmar, supervisor of the University Crime Prevention Unit said even though many of the students have left stu-

dents should not assume it is safe. "There are thousands of out-oftown people that come for all sorts of camps," he said. "If you leave your bag or purse lying around and think nothing will happen be-

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Kretzschmar said students thoughts of theft in the fall and spring do not occur in the minds of students in the summer.

"Students get a little laxed about property," he said. "But they should not get a false sense of security because it is summer. The same rules of the fall and spring still apply for the summer."

Yesterday, summer officially began in Aggieland. Students got out of bed, took a shower, got dressed and headed off to classes. They sweated, they studied and they (hopefully) learned something. When they came back to their apartments, dorms, or houses, reality hit them of the choice they made to stay in College Station for the summer.

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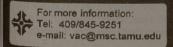
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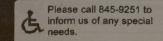


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