

Here Comes Summer

... but where have all the Aggies gone?

By MARIUM MOHIUDDIN
Staff writer

College Station, the city where travelers stop on their way to Houston, San Antonio, Austin, and Dallas-Fort Worth is not known for its summer time activities. Some students have wondered on their return to Aggieland in the fall "did anything happen here?" For those unfortunate students who have to remain in College Station and study in the hot sun, the negatives may seem to outweigh the positives. However, there are a few people who would vouch for the advantages of remaining in College Station in the summer.

Mandy Walton, a senior biomedical science major, said this will be the second year she will be taking summer classes and she is looking forward to the relaxed atmosphere.

"The classes are more laid-back," she said. "The teachers let their guard down and are more personal with students. Plus, you can get a parking spot closer to your class."

Walton said the summer also allows students to get through the 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 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 the mall and you don't have to wait in lines."

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 population.

"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 a rush."

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 students should not assume it is safe.

"There are thousands of out-of-town 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-

cause it is A&M, trust me, something will happen."

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 lax 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.

However, beside the small town appeal of Bryan-College Station, there are many positive aspects students should look forward to enjoying.

2 reasons why you should take our **GMAT** course

Dynamic Instructors

Our instructors have not only achieved high scores on the GMAT, but they have also excelled in our rigorous training process. They know what it takes to bring out the best in their students.

You'll Score More

Princeton Review student's GMAT scores improve an average of 80 points*. With an average final GMAT score of 590, TPR students significantly out-score students from other GMAT prep courses.

Courses for the July CAT start June 13.
Spaces held on a first-come, first-served basis.
Call today to reserve your seat.

Call or visit us at
409.696.9099
www.review.com

THE PRINCETON REVIEW

*According to a recent ICR study. The Princeton Review is not affiliated with Princeton University or GMAC.

REEF WORLD
"Your Low Cost Store"

MOVING SALE!
Everything on sale! **Big Discounts!**

Live Rock Supplies Coral
Over 2500 gallons of Saltwater Fish
and much, much more!

NEW Location!

OPENING SOON!
900 4C Harvey Rd., C.S.
Post Oak Village

1802 Deacon Dr., C.S.
Directly behind Wings-N-More
695-0889

Dry Cleaning • Draperies • Alterations • Shoe Repair • Leather Apparel • Laundered Shirts & Jeans
Mon-Fri 7AM-6PM Sat 8AM-12 Noon
NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR SAME-DAY SERVICE

Ask about our T-Th jean special and Wed. dress & suit special

\$2.20 EACH NO LIMIT
Jeans, Plain slacks & Shorts. Laundered or Dry Cleaned.
Coupon must be presented with in coming order. One coupon per day. May not be combined with other offers.

\$2.50 OFF
Any Dry Cleaning Order of \$10 or More
Coupon must be presented with in coming order. One coupon per day. May not be combined with other offers.

313C S. College College Station 3030 E. 29th St., Ste 119, Bryan 2205 Longmire College Station
846-2155 774-0503 694-2249

Buck's Pizza™
Hand-Tossed Pizza & Stromboli
WE'RE DELIVERING THE PRICE & TASTE

Large 14" Pizza
with up to 5 Toppings
with this coupon **\$8.99** tax

Daily Carry Out Specials
XL One Topping \$6.99
L One Topping \$5.99
M One Topping \$4.99

Free Delivery • Minimum order may apply to some areas
2418 E. Texas Ave. S (Kroger Shopping Center)
693-5656

Dive into Summer
with the MSC Visual Arts Committee!

Field Trip to San Antonio Art Museums
Saturday, June 13 8:30 am - 7:30 pm

Pre-registration is required.
Sign up in person June 1 - June 8
10am - 4:30pm in the MSC Forsyth Center Galleries (across the hallway from the MSC post office)

Non-refundable registration fee
\$10 students, \$20 non-students
Please have health insurance information ready.
Limited to 24 people, so register early!

For more information:
Tel: 409/845-9251
e-mail: vac@msc.tamu.edu

Please call 845-9251 to inform us of any special needs.

ENGL 210 Credit by Exam

The English Department is offering credit for English 210: Scientific and Technical Writing based on a portfolio of documents you write over the course of the semester and an impromptu writing exam.

Registration (Blocker 224): June 1 - 3
Portfolio Development: June 1 - July 27
Impromptu Writing Exam: August 3 - 4

Students with work experience or who will be taking writing-intensive courses are especially encouraged to apply. Students graduating in August may not apply. See our web site or come by Blocker 224 for more information.

English Department - Writing Programs Office
845-9936
<http://www-english.tamu.edu/wprograms/credit210.html>

Computing Toolbox
Computing News at Texas A&M
by Computing & Information Services

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

Computing & Information Services offers FREE short courses for Texas A&M University students.

The summer 1998 schedule can also be found in printed form in each department.

For more information about short courses, send an e-mail message to helpdesk@tamu.edu

To learn about more about resources available to students, visit the Student Computing Information Page at www.tamu.edu/scip/.

Course descriptions, outlines, a current schedule and on-line

PROFITABLE NUMBER! **845-0569**
THE BATTALION Classified Advertising