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Hittin' it big Mets draft Tyner in first round

BY ROBERT HOLLIER
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Texas A&M junior outfielder Jason Tyner was selected as the 21st pick by the New York Mets in the first round of the Major League Baseball Draft Tuesday.

While Tyner has not said for sure whether he will sign with the Mets or return for his senior season, he has indicated a strong possibility that he will go pro.

"I'm not 100-percent sure yet whether I will sign with them (Mets), but right now I'm probably going to sign," Tyner said. "There's always a chance I could return, though, but it will be hard to turn down first-round money."

"I haven't hired an agent, but I haven't decided whether to do it on my own yet."

Although Tyner said he was pleased with the Mets, he said it did not have much effect on him until he received numerous phone calls about it.

"My whole family called me all day to congratulate me," he said, "but it didn't really sink in until the New York Times called me to ask some questions."

Even though Tyner has not decided his next move, he said he was happy the Mets selected him and looked forward to being a part of their organization.

"I was shocked. I guess they must have liked what they saw since they drafted me in

the first round," Tyner said. "I'm not sure where I might start. They have a great organization, but I won't start negotiating with them until sometime next week."

"I would probably start in single A, but I'm not sure whether they would send me to Pennsylvania or Florida where they have their single A teams."

Texas A&M coach Mark Johnson would like to see Tyner return for his senior season, but believes he will sign with the Mets.

"I think he will leave," Johnson said. "He's done what he can do. He set records and he's certainly shown his package and he was picked in the first round. I would be surprised if he returned."

"From what I've heard from the scouts, he should be able to play the outfield right away. He's got an average major league arm but his speed should make for his arm."

Tyner started every game in his three-year career and produced positive results immediately. Tyner will leave A&M as the all-time hit and stolen base leader.

In three years, he had 307 hits in 794 at bats and 118 stolen bases to go along with a .387 batting average.

As a lead-off hitter, he also knocked in 87 runs and scored 202 runs.

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Bus Ops decreases number of buses for summer school

BY ROD MACHEN
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Texas A&M Bus Operations has scaled back operations during the slower summer months, increasing wait times for campus buses. On-campus buses are running the regular routes. However, only five buses are assigned to the routes.

This is in contrast to the 13 buses that run during the fall and spring semesters.

Most adversely affected by this decrease are the routes that go out to the George Bush Presidential Library Complex: Rudder and Traditions.

Four buses normally run the 30-minute Rudder route, compared to one bus during the summer.

The Rudder route fares better with two buses, but the average wait has doubled from five minutes to 10 minutes with the reduced number of buses on the route.

Steve Fraley, a senior economics major and training coordinator for Bus Operations, suggests that those students needing to get to the Bush Complex should park in Fish Lot and avoid Traditions in favor of Rudder.

"Traditions doesn't go by any good parking except the Zachry lot," he said.

Fraley said a lack of student drivers is complicating the situation.

"The biggest problem we have at Bus Operations is personnel problems," Fraley said. "I was driving past McDonald's, and they were paying \$5.65," Fraley said.

"We pay \$5.50."

Fraley said the applicant pool has shrunk in recent years, dropping from 400 people three years ago to just 180 people this past spring. This has led to a shortage of summer drivers.

"All of the driving slots are not filled to 100 percent," Fraley said.

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Bus Ops Training Coordinator

Bus Operations always has standby drivers in case of an emergency. This summer's driver shortage has forced Bus Operations to use them extensively, especially during the busy 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. shift.

The 12 off-campus routes have been consolidated into six bigger routes with only a third as many buses servicing the routes.

Service both on- and off-campus runs from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. all summer.

Today last day for students to drop classes with no record

By KASIE BYERS
Night News Editor

Today is the last day for students attending the first-term and 10-week summer sessions to drop classes with no record. Students can drop courses either by the Texas A&M telephone registration system from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. or at the Pavilion from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tomorrow marks the last day for students attending these sessions to add a course. Students can add courses either by the A&M telephone registration system from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. or at the Pavilion from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

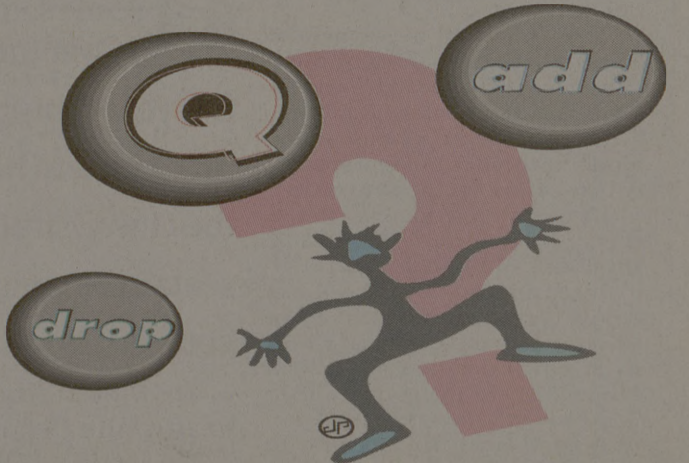
Late registration for the first-term and 10-week summer sessions is today at the Pavilion from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Q-drop period for the first term begins tomorrow and ends June 19. The 10-week session Q-drop period begins tomorrow and ends July 21.

July 9 is the last day for students attending the second-term summer session to drop classes. July 10 is the last day for students to add courses. Students can add or drop classes at the Pavilion from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students can also use the A&M telephone registration system to add classes from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. and drop classes from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Q-drop period for the second term begins July 10 and ends July 27. Students needing to register late for the second term can do so from July 7-10 at the Pavilion.



Nothing but net



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Janice Dziuk, Head Assistant A&M Women's Basketball Team, demonstrates an exercise called the "Hot Shot Competition" to the first of four girls basketball camps being held at A&M this summer.

Air-conditioning plans halted for Walton Hall

By PATRICK PEABODY
Staff Writer

The Department of Residence Life has postponed plans to air condition Walton Hall, opening the allotment of money put aside for the project to other renovations to on-campus housing.

The cancellation of the Walton electrical upgrade, which would have cost an estimated \$265,000 in addition to \$51,000 for the air conditioning units, left Residence Life with an estimated \$316,000 to spend on improvements to residence halls.

The renovation of Walton Hall was delayed pending an investigation of the feasibility of the project.

The 67-year-old residence hall's most prominent need is rewiring the building.

The formerly appropriated funds will be used for a variety of renovations.

The carpet in Hart, Walton, Krueger, Hobby, Clements and the C-1 Lounge, and the carpet on the third floor of Aston will be replaced.

Showers in Walton Hall and Underwood Hall will also be replaced.

The Hart sidewalk drainage problem will be corrected, and two bicycle racks will be installed by the hall.

A few safety features in the Commons lobby will be upgraded. Both the Walton and Hart Hall television lounges will receive new furniture.

Residence Life also decided to hold off on a proposition to allow female students access to low-cost housing at Hart Hall due to a lack of response.

Housing faces summer traffic

By PATRICK PEABODY
Staff Writer

By the end of the summer upwards of 22,000 people will have passed through the residence halls, turning a profit of about \$750,000.

Over 100 summer programs will be held on the A&M campus, with most of the participants being housed on-campus.

Both the number of programs and participants has increased, according to the Department of Residence Life.

Among the largest of these summer programs are the Texas State 4-H Roundup, Universal Cheerleader Association, the Annual Municipal Fire School, Summer Honors Invitational Program and a variety of Texas A&M athletic camps.

One of the largest programs to fill the residence halls this summer is the New Student Conferences.

The conferences allow incoming freshmen to register for classes and tour the university.

The 12 New Student Conferences draw an estimated 5,500 students over the summer.

Conference housing is assigned to work around the maintenance and renovations of other halls.

Profits from the conferences pay for everything from major repairs, such as plumbing and the tearing down of air conditioning units, to minor repairs such as painting.

The A&M students attending summer sessions will fill Moore, Moses and the FHK Complex, to 64.7 percent of capacity, totaling 799 students.

This is a 4.9 percent increase in students from last summer. Mack Thomas, Assistant Director of Residence Life, said summer on-campus housing offers students numerous advantages.

"Summer housing is a really good bargain," said Thomas, "It's convenient, and there is plenty of parking."