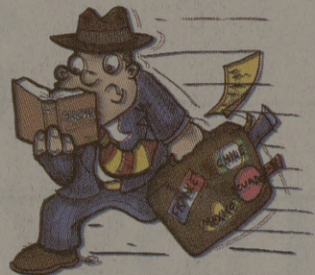


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PTTS, Bus Operations make changes for fall

By AMANDA SMITH
 The Battalion

arking, Traffic and Transporta-
 Services (PTTS) begins the
 1998 semester with some new
 rks on the pavement.
 Tom Williams, the PTTS direc-
 said he hopes parking will go
 oothly this semester.
 "My hope is that we can have
 king run without problems this
 nester," Williams said.
 Fish Lot, or PA-56 and PA-61, are
 longer divided into red and blue
 king lots but intermingles them
 o types of permits together in
 lots.
 Students with red permits
 ust clear the lot on Friday
 ights by 6:30 p.m. before home
 all games.
 Williams said towing will be
 forced for those who violate
 rking regulations on game
 ekends.
 "If they do not move the cars,
 en we have to tow them,"
 Williams said. "The reason that
 e have waited to change the lots
 hat we do not want to have to
 ake the residents move. But vis-
 ors to athletic events are our
 easis on campus and it is im-
 portant to accommodate them."
 The central campus garage,

which opened this summer, con-
 tains 600 faculty and staff spaces.
 At night, 550 spaces will be
 opened for visitors to the Texas
 A&M campus.
 PA-72 near the Wehner Build-
 ing on West Campus now con-
 tains an automatic pay station, at
 which a 20-minute grace period is
 given for cars to exit the lot. The
 pay station is designed to de-
 crease the time required to exit
 the lot.
 Another measure taken by
 PTTS to save time this summer
 was the mailing of an additional
 500 parking permits, to decrease
 the long lines at the PTTS office at
 the beginning of the fall semester.
 At the Student Recreation Cen-
 ter, temporary parking permits can
 be used for the spouses of faculty
 members using the facility.
 Bus Operations has made addi-
 tional changes affecting students
 using on-campus transportation.
 Bus shelters have been added at
 the Bush School of Government
 and Public Service. A bus stop has
 been added at the corner of Kim-
 brough and Olsen to provide trans-
 portation for the students using the
 1,500 commuter spaces at Reed
 Arena lot.

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Aggies to assist in cloning dog

By AMANDA SMITH
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Researchers at the Texas A&M
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 and a California-based research
 company have teamed together to
 study dog cloning in a \$2.3 mil-
 lion effort called the "Missyplici-
 ty Project."
 The project is named for the
 dog, Missy, whose DNA will be
 used in an effort to produce the
 initial cloned offspring. A United
 States millionaire and owner of the
 dog, Missy, is the sole financial
 supporter of the project.
 Texas A&M researchers Dr. Mark
 Westhusin, Dr. Duane Kraemer and
 Dr. Robert Burghardt will work with
 a team involving several researchers
 and universities. Lou Hawthorne,
 president of the California-based Bio
 Arts and Research Corp., will man-
 age the project.
 Dr. Westhusin, who will lead the

scientific group, said the cloning ef-
 fort will take place at Texas A&M
 College of Veterinary Medicine fac-
 ilities and expects to operate with a 10
 to 12 member staff.
 "We are getting started on the
 project right here, right now, or-
 dering the supplies and doing the
 interviewing," Dr. Westhusin said.
 "Now, we think that the biggest
 challenge of the project is to de-
 velop an understanding of the re-
 productive physiology in dogs.
 Understanding more about that is
 going to give us more information
 about the contraception and steri-
 lization methods which can be
 used for dogs."
 Researchers report that project
 could reduce the number of un-
 wanted dogs and possibly increase
 the replication of exceptional dogs
 of high societal value, according to
 a report from Texas A&M Universi-
 ty Relations.
 Missy is an 11-year-old border

collie-husky mix. The cloning ef-
 fort will study numerous areas of
 canine reproduction, which could
 find improved means of contrac-
 ception and sterilization.
 Kathy Vice, the executive direc-
 tor of the Brazos Animal Shelter
 Humane Society, said finding a
 means to clone dogs could de-
 crease over breeding dogs.
 "The search for the perfect dog
 may be over (with dog cloning),"
 Vice said. "Some dogs may be bred
 1,000 times to produce one 'per-
 fect' dog. The (unwanted dogs)
 become part of the pet overpopu-
 lation problem. But cloning a few
 pets a year won't take away the
 overpopulation problem."
 Vice said one-third of the home-
 less animals sent to the shelter are
 purebred dogs and 500,000 home-
 less dogs are killed in Texas alone
 annually.
 Some pet owners only desire to
 replicate a dog that they love, Vice

said.
 "Some people love their animal
 so much they will give any amount
 of money to clone that animal,"
 Vice said. "That is special."
 Researchers aim to apply the
 knowledge gained from the "Missy-
 plicity Project" to increase repro-
 duction of animals facing extinction.
 The developers of the "Missy-
 plicity Project" conceived and out-
 lined the idea in July 1997 and se-
 lected the winning scientific
 applicant in March, according to
 the project's Web site.
 The project has created a Web
 site at www.missyplicity.com,
 which includes history and up-
 dated information on the project.
 The interim between selection
 of the scientific party involved and
 the public announcement of the
 project has been spent finalizing
 legal negotiations and planning
 tissue sampling process, according to
 the project's Web site.

International students get taste of Texas A&M

By JOE SCHUMACHER
 The Battalion

The fifth annual International
 Camp (I-Camp) was held last week-
 end at the Memorial Student Center.
 I-Camp, international students
 are given their first glimpse at the
 culture and traditions surrounding
 Texas A&M University.
 I-Camp, which took place on
 Saturday, Aug. 22, is sponsored by
 the International Student Associa-
 tion (ISA), the Association of For-
 eigner Students and the Liberty Club,
 an organization comprised of for-
 eigner international students from
 Texas A&M currently living in Houston.
 The Aggie Wranglers, Yell Lead-
 ers and Reveille were all at I-Camp
 to demonstrate and explain Aggie
 traditions.
 The Aggie Wranglers performed
 country and western dances for the
 students. The Yell Leaders held a

yell practice. A&M Student Body
 President Laurie Nickel and
 Reveille were also on hand.
 Frank Muller, Class of '65, was
 one of the guest speakers in at-
 tendance. He gave a motivational
 speech entitled "What it means to be
 an Aggie" to the incoming students.
 "We had an excellent turn out,"
 said Roselynn Regina, the vice
 president of public relations for the
 ISA and a junior industrial engi-
 neering major. "We were pleased at
 how many students showed up
 even though it was raining."
 Regina said attendance at I-
 Camp was around 175 students.
 The international students also
 attended the Aggie football team
 "Photo Day." There, they had a
 chance to meet the members of
 the football team and receive
 player autographs.

SEE STUDENTS ON PAGE 10.

Fish frenzy



MIKE FUENTES/THE BATTALION

New members of Corps Squad 1 give the freshman wildcat as they leave Dorm 10 on the Quad Tuesday night.

Giving a helping hand TEES emergency group travels to Del Rio to help flood victims

By BRYAN BUCKMAN
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In a first for the state of Texas,
 firefighters and emergency work-
 ers were deployed from College
 Station Monday night to deal with
 flooding in South Texas. Members
 of Texas Task Force One, orga-
 nized by the Texas Engineering
 Extension Service (TEES), based
 at Texas A&M, were sent to Del
 Rio and Eagle Pass to spearhead
 search and rescue efforts.
 Sixteen people are confirmed
 dead and 30 are missing as a result
 of the flooding in south Texas.
 Fifteen members of Texas Task
 Force One who specialize in rapid
 assessment and evaluation of dis-
 asters were sent to Del Rio by heli-
 copter earlier in the day to assess
 the situation, and were expected to
 be among the first rescue units on
 the scene. Two 62-person teams
 were transported later in the day
 by Army National Guard planes
 and trucks, an official said.
 Jim Campbell, a spokesperson

for the TEES, said firefighters,
 search-and-rescue experts, and
 hazardous materials specialists
 were called in to participate.
 "They got literally a minute's
 notice," Campbell said. "They im-
 mediately dropped what they were
 doing and began to drive in."
 The team includes several
 residents from the Bryan-College
 Station area.
 This deployment is the first
 for Texas Task Force One, which
 was formed following the 1995
 Oklahoma City bombing to deal
 with natural and man-made dis-
 asters including terrorist inci-
 dents. The team has practiced to
 deal with such emergencies.
 The team includes canine units,
 doctors and other experts who can
 begin search-and-rescue opera-
 tions immediately. Other team
 members are expected to relieve
 them within four days due to the
 fatigue and stress associated with
 their operations, an official said.

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Fleta Kirk of Dallas, a member of the Texas Task Force One urban search-and-rescue group, and "Saber," a rescue dog, wait to board a C-23 multi-engine plane headed for Del Rio Monday



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Lee Gullman of College Station, a medical technician, loads his gear for Texas Task Force One's deployment to help flood victims in Del Rio Monday.