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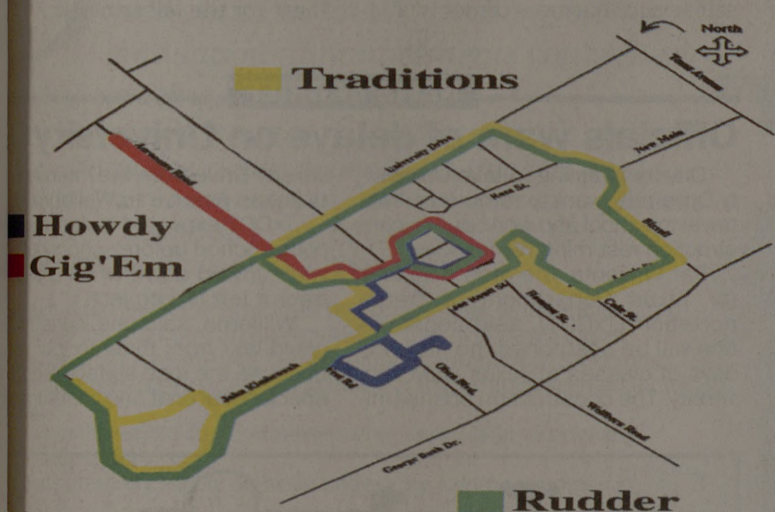
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Bus Ops makes changes

On-campus routes adjusted for safety, better coverage

BY MEGAN WRIGHT
The Battalion

The Texas A&M University on-campus bus routes have changed this fall, and now four on-campus routes will cover the entire University campus.

Gary Jackson, a manager at Texas A&M Bus Operations, said the primary reason for the changes is student safety.

Bus Operations officials observed the Fish Pond area since the beginning of the Spring

1998 semester and noticed an increase of traffic and students waiting for the various buses.

Looking to avoid any accidents or problems, A&M Bus Operations decided to close Fish Pond to all through traffic this semester and to eventually build a covered bus stop.

The four on-campus routes this semester are Rudder, Traditions, Howdy and Gig 'em. In addition, a George Bush School Express is also available.

Rudder and Traditions bus routes were altered slightly from last semester to cover more

area on campus and provide access to the major academic locations; these will run on 44 minute intervals.

The Howdy bus route runs every 20 minutes and provides service from the Rec Center/Reed Arena area to main campus.

The Gig 'em route runs every 20 minutes and provides service from the YMCA/Fish Pond area to Agronomy Road and the Wehner area.

Bus route maps are available in the PTTS office in the Koldus Building.

A&M prof returns to University

BY AMANDA SMITH
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Suspended Texas A&M University professor Dhiraj Pradhan returns to the classroom tomorrow after a year's paid leave from the university.

Attorneys for Texas A&M consented to Pradhan's temporary return at a federal hearing in Austin last Thursday.

Pradhan said he is looking forward to returning to the University but said he is uncertain of how much time he will spend in the classroom.

"I am really looking forward to the semester starting," Pradhan said. "I will probably be in the classroom part time, but I still have to manage my schedule."

The Texas A&M computer science professor's return to the classroom is contingent upon the outcome of his case appealing the suspension. The case will be reviewed by a six-member committee of professors Sept. 28.

Pradhan was suspended last August, when University officials accused him of misappropriating more than \$100,000 in university funds and funding from a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant for his two private businesses.

Since his suspension from A&M, Pradhan denied the accusations made against him at Texas A&M.

A native of India who once held the University's highest endowed chair, Pradhan claimed the allegations against him were driven by animosity from top University officials.

Pradhan continues to pursue a \$75 million lawsuit against the University and the Texas A&M University system on the basis of racial discrimination and violation of constitutional rights.

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Cadets show skills during Fish Review

BY AMY CURTIS
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The Corps of Cadets Fish Review Saturday on O.R. Simpson Drill Field was a moment eagerly awaited for by the new class of freshmen Corps of Cadets inductees.

Kelly Garrity, Deputy Corps Commander, Freshman Orientation Week (FOW) director and a senior journalism major, said Fish Review is a time when the freshmen Corps members have a chance to show off what they have learned to their parents and upperclassmen.

The freshmen were assigned to their respective outfits for a week of training and learning the ins and outs of Corps life, like how to wear their uniforms, march in step and clean their rooms.

Garrity said it is always a proud shock to the parents to see their children transformed into shaved, uniformed cadets.

General M. T. "Ted" Hopgood began the review by delivering an oath which was repeated by every Corps member, and then the new cadets marched by the reviewing stand and were graded by the officers and saluted by the general.

Garrity said she looks forward to a new year with a large turnout, over 800 new cadets.

"It's very gratifying to see that all the work that was put into this week is paying off with a sharp freshmen class," she said.

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Freshman Orientation Week



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Members of the Texas A&M Class of '02 take an oath to the Corps of Cadets, the University and to academics at the Fish Orientation Week review on the O. R. Simpson Drill Field Saturday.

New members introduced to Corps life

BY MEGAN WRIGHT
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On Aug. 23, approximately 800 freshmen began the annual week-long introduction to the Corps of Cadets known as Freshman Orientation Week, and the week concluded with a Fish Review on the O.R. Simpson Drill Field this past Saturday.

Corps staff, specifically the Corps Commander Tase Bailey and Deputy

Corps Commander Kelly Bailey, are responsible for planning the procedures and operations down the smallest details to ensure the safety and well-being of all cadets involved.

Lance Hill, Corps of Cadets public relations officer and a senior environmental design major, said, "The purpose of FOW is to introduce the incoming freshmen class to the Corps of Cadets lifestyle and the role of a fish before school begins. It is a transition period."

Chuck Barrett, a freshman computer engineering major, said the majority of freshmen have a decent idea of what to expect from FOW.

"I expected intensive training and an introduction to the whole Aggie spirit, but FOW was a lot better than that," Barrett said. "Life, for the most part, isn't exactly a big challenge. Here (in the Corps) it is challenging just to make the bed."

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Engineering welcomes largest-ever class

2,064 freshmen entering Texas A&M program largest such class in nation this year

BY PATRICK PEABODY
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Yesterday the United States' largest freshman engineering class met in Rudder Auditorium.

The 2,064 incoming engineering students were greeted by Dr. C. Roland Haden, dean of the A&M College of Engineering.

Last year's fall freshmen class was around 1,600.

Haden introduced the welcome speaker, Dr. Ronald J. Robinson, chief technology officer of Texaco Inc.

Robinson spoke about new technologies, including a new process that would allow to transfer around 60 giga-

bytes of information across the Internet. He also gave some thoughts on the engineering profession.

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Chief technology officer, Texaco Inc.

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Dr. Al Boggess, a professor of mathematics spoke about MATH 151, Engineering Calculus, and offered some tips on how to succeed in the course. He told students that they really needed to work ahead.

"You need to keep up with your work, and practice," he said.

Also, some engineering students talked to the freshmen about what they can expect in engineering and related some personal experiences.

At the end of the meeting the engineering staff for the fall semester was introduced to the students.

In a press release, Lori Cardenas of the Engineering Academic Programs Office said a typical large class is around 1,800 students, but this year's incoming

University Children's Center ready to open to students, faculty today

• After several years of preparation, debate, on-campus daycare facility accepts clients.

BY PATRICK PEABODY
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The Texas A&M University Children's Center will begin operation today. The director of the center, Dienitha Fontenot, assumed her position in June.

The Children's Center's aim is to take care of children whose parents are faculty, staff or students of A&M.

The program is set up to serve 114 chil-

dren on a full-time basis and an additional 40 children on a part time basis.

The fees at the Center include a one-time enrollment fee of \$35 paid at the time of actual enrollment, and a semester supply/material fee payable at the beginning of each semester.

Children who are being cared for on a full-time basis can be at the center from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Anyone interested in enrolling children at the Child Care Center should fill out the application at www.childrens-center.tamu.edu/application.htm, and return it to the Office of Vice President for Administration, Attn: Children's Center Enrollment, 218 Administration Building, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843-1247, or via campus mail to Mail Stop 1247.