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All-U Night attempts to rewrite histo

A&M tradition enters a calmer era after administration threatened to stopth

BY RILEY LAGRONE The Battalion

housands of Aggies will crowd into Kyle Field Wednesday night for Texas A&M's annual All University Night, a sort of combination pep rally and seminar in

Hosted by the head yell leader, it is a chance to introduce the sports teams and campus leaders to the student body, welcome students back to the University and get everyone excited about fall sports.

In addition, All-U Night is the first opportunity the University President has each year to speak to students and a chance for upperclassmen to welcome the incoming freshman class.

Since its beginnings, All-U Night has grown in popularity and attendance by leaps and bounds.

The first All-U Night was held in G. Rollie White Coliseum, with an audience of 2,000. Only eight years later, attendance had grown to 8,000 students, filling G. Rollie to

By 1985, the crowd was so large it was impossible to accommodate everyone who wantmove the event to Kyle Field.

Things were going well at All-U Night until earlier this decade when things took a turn for the worst.

Dorm competition, which had been gradually increasing over the years, began to get more and more heated, and profanity and violence became more prevalent.

The situation reached its peak in 1992 when several injuries were reported. In addition, two women filed sexual harassment

The administration felt it was time to step in. If dorm leaders did not begin taking control of the situation, All-U Night would become a thing of the past.

To many dorm leaders, All-U Night is an opportunity to motivate freshmen and bring their dorms closer together.

Aaron Hamby, a Moore Hall crew chief, said although there have been problems in the past, the focus of All-U Night can be motivation and dorm unity.

Because of the intensity level involved, tempers can flare at All-U Night," Hamby said. 'Crew chiefs are always there to keep

ed to attend, and the decision was made to everything under control. For it's a good chance to compete dorms and become a tighter un

Chad Bates, a junior co jor, said his freshman All-U Nig

"I don't remember any major my freshman All-U Night, jus my dorm," Bates said. "I metagi down I didn't even know existe

Katie Allison, a senior marketin agement major, said if she does thing offensive, the best thing to the best thing the best in one ear and out the other.

of hand," Allison said. "It's some one has come to expect and no take it personally.

Normally, All-U Night is held New Jersey to play the Kick Off Class Florida State, so the day of the

This year's All University Nights this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

FRESHMEN

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A source of apprehension for freshmen is their first experience with a roommate.

Gregory said she remains optimistic about her new live-in com-

"I think that if you go into a roommate experience with the idea that you can tolerate each other's differences and look for the good in people you can work through any problems you'll have with your roommate," Gregory said. "Unless they happen to be a huge drug addict or something.'

The old axiom "twice as much material in half the time" is still thriving in high schools across the nation.

Freshmen are surrounded by little reminders that they are not in high school anymore.

Kim Twiggs, a freshman biochemistry major, described her first experience with accelerated

"I was looking forward to classes starting," Twiggs said. "At least until I went to the bookstore and realized I have six books just

Each semester, countless A&M students go through the ritualized mantra of studying more, partying the same amount and getting back into shape.

This fall, the freshman class begins the cycle again.

'I'm hoping for late-morning, early afternoon classes so that if I need to wake up early and study I can," Garza said. "Right now I have a few two-hour gaps in my classes that I'll use to study so I can socialize at night. Hopefully that will work.

Study habits and college living aside, the A&M experience is about what happens outside of the classroom and at home.

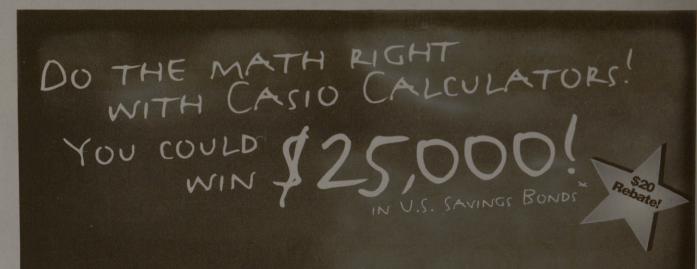
'I'm going to think about where my interests are and go see what kinds of things are out there for me," Twiggs said. "I'll realize what I really want to do and find



Freshmen in the Blue Camp follow their counselors in their g Fish Camp send-off this summer. Camp Lusk members (f Brittney Gage, a freshman finance major; Bonnie Bonds, af mal science major; and Andrea Estes, a freshman general stu

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From the outside looking forward to the Texas A&M experience, a confusing mix of o tery nerves and youthf



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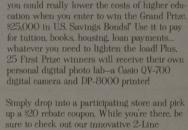
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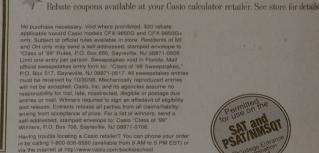


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