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Firefighters Jimmy Yow and Joe Warren from College Station Fire Department put out a fire in the dumpster near the Zachry building. Firefighters speculate the fire was caused by a cigarette butt in the dumpster.

Registering late will cost students

• Choosing classes in first twelve semester days assesses \$100 fee.

BY AARON MEIER
The Battalion

Students attempting to register for the fall semester during the first 12 days of class will be assessed a \$100 late fee.

This late fee will be applied to students that have also failed to pay their tuition bill on time and subsequently were dropped from their classes.

Mark Cangelose, the manager of the stu-

dent accounts and billing services, said those students whose scholarships or grant money has not arrived will not be assessed this penalty provided that the notification of the scholarship or grant is on the Student Information Management System (SIMS). "The only way they will be charged a late fee is if they failed to pay their tuition, or they didn't register for any classes," Cangelose said.

Students who try to add or drop a class during the standard add/drop period can still do so without a fee.

The add/drop period ends Friday. Students that try to register after the first 12 days of class will be assessed a \$200 penalty.

Cangelose said the University has to

report enrollment to the State of Texas by the 12th day of class, so the fee is meant to discourage late enrollment.

The University policy regarding these late fees is listed in the fall course schedule book and the undergraduate and graduate catalogs.

"We try to put it in as many as publications as possible," Cangelose said, "but we do hold them accountable for knowing what is in the class schedule."

Cangelose said students can inquire into waiving the fee, but the official policy is printed in the class schedule.

"If they have any questions, what we try to do is get them to refer to the class schedule," Cangelose said. "The last word is what the class schedule says."

Freshman enrollment at A&M exceeds past figures

BY AMANDA STIRPE
The Battalion

Enrollment figures for Fall 1998 have risen, although the exact number will not be released until after the 12th day

of freshman enrollment is also up from last year," Stephenson.

The enrollment for the semester will be held until all students are accounted for after classes start.

Enrollment for the 1996-1997 school year, not including Texas A&M University at Galveston, was 41,461 students.

Since Fall 1990, the largest enrollment at Texas A&M, excluding Galveston, was Fall 1993 with 42,524 students.

Texas A&M was ranked sixth nationwide for enrollment last year.

This number was 234 fewer students than fifth-ranked University of Florida. Although schoolwide enrollment cannot be published, the Corps of Cadets total is already known.

The number of students joining the Corps of Cadets has risen to 2,107 cadets this fall, said Stephenson.

Stephenson said 51 more cadets joined the Corps this year than last with a total of 775 freshmen enrolling this fall.

All-U Night to include Aggie Band, A&M leaders

BY MEGAN WRIGHT
The Battalion

All University Night, traditionally held the first evening of classes every fall semester, will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m.

All-U Night is the first yell practice of the season, hosted by head yell leader Brandon Neff.

In addition to the change in date, this will be the first year that the Aggie Band performs on Kyle Field during All-U night.

Rusty Thompson, assistant director of the Memorial Student Center and Yell Leader Advisor, said the reason for the change in date is a large number of the participants, including yell leaders, the football team and the band, were at the Kickoff Classic which was played in New Jersey on Monday night.

In past years, the Aggie Band has not had enough time to practice for a performance at All-U Night, but this year they have been practicing in advance for the Kickoff Classic.

Thompson said they felt ready to perform at All-U Night.

Scheduled to speak tonight night are Texas A&M President Ray Bowen, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. J. Malon Southerland, Student Body President Laurie Nickel, Senior Associate Athletic Director Lynn Hickey and Head Football Coach R.C. Slocum.

All-U Night coordinators ask students to avoid the construction area near Kyle Field and to use the following entrances to the stadium: Southwest (by the tennis courts), Southeast (next to the Read building), and Northeast (near the ticket windows of G. Rollie White Coliseum).

ISC food court reopens

12th Man International Food Court offers students varied cuisine

BY NONI SRIDHARA
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The former 12th Managers and Snacks located the main floor of the Memorial Student Center renamed as the 12th Man International Food Court.

Greg Cahill, division manager for cash operations at Texas A&M, said the main reason for the renovation was because the space was being underused.

The idea for the International Food Court came after a task force conducted a market survey which was distributed to students.

The results of this survey

showed that students were very brand conscious, they wanted ethnic foods, and they wanted flavored foods as well.

Renovations on the facility began this summer and were completed in time for the fall semester.

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"Undergraduate enrollment is up and freshmen enrollment is also up from last year."

— Lane B. Stephenson
Deputy Director of University Relations

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Sbisa renovations aim to restore classical architecture

BY JOE SCHUMACHER
The Battalion

The Dining Hall has not undergone a major renovation since the 1970s. This all came to an end this summer. The 86-year-old dining facility is currently in the middle of an upgrade that has been years in the planning.

Architecture professor Dr. Van Miranda's 1996 Senior Design Class had a major role in the remodeling of Sbisa.

The students presented their ideas to a Food Services committee and a new design was agreed upon.

Projects like these are important to the students for a number of reasons," Miranda said. "They

understand the problems as a user of this facility, they are able to contribute and they get to see their ideas being utilized."

Andy Cronk, facilities manager of the Department of Food Services, said that after the Commons and Duncan Dining Halls were remodeled in the 1980s, it was Sbisa's turn.

"Sbisa is a timeless building and one of the oldest on campus," Cronk said. "The goal of the changes is to bring the classical architecture on the outside to the inside, to bring back some of the tradition and nostalgia to Sbisa."

Joseph Williams, an architect at the Facilities Planning and Construction Department, said he

wanted Sbisa to return to a more nostalgic and traditional look.

"This is not a remodeling of Sbisa, this is a restoration," said Williams.

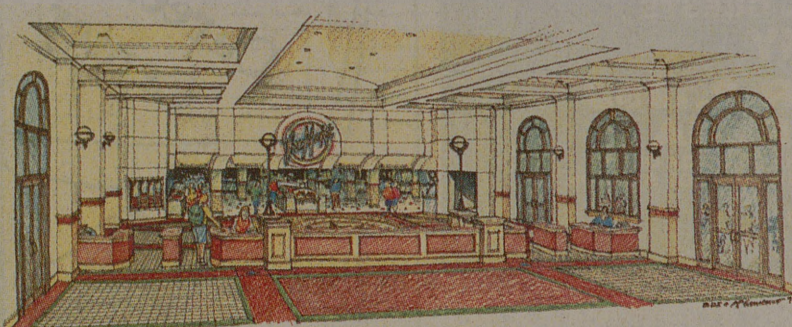
Ronald Beard, Director of the Department of Food Services said they have received many compliments on the changes that have already taken place.

"We have received many favorable compliments as well as many 'oohs,' 'aahs' and 'wows' from students," Beard said.

One of the changes is the return of Military Walkway.

Military Walkway was the former main entrance to Sbisa that the Corps of Cadets would march through.

Another aesthetic change to the



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dining hall is the installation of a Texas A&M seal that is 13 feet, five inches in diameter.

Deborah Rogers, the faculty manager of Sbisa, said the seal is the biggest on campus. The seal

is made of various laser-cut woods and was installed directly into the floor.

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Library computer annex opens

Evans expands with state-of-the-art computing facilities

BY BRYAN BUCKMAN
The Battalion

The Evans Library annex is home to a new computer center, meeting a long-standing need of the student body for a comprehensive computing facility.

The new center offers 540 computers equipped to handle the latest multimedia needs.

These include 499 Pentium II PCs, and 39 Macintosh computers. There are also two Silicon Graphics workstations and six Xerox 4050 printers available.

Richard Spiller, Computing and

Information Services' Open Access Labs Director, said help desk staff are available to assist students at the Evans annex.

"The central location should draw a lot of students," Spiller said. "The facility was requested and the computer access fee increase approved by the Student Senate in 1990."

A one dollar computer fee increase per student financed the annex.

The computer center is located inside the Evans Library annex, which is attached to Evans Library by a fourth-floor skywalk.

The annex includes print and

electronic reserve collections, electronic database search facilities, a group study area and a collection of educational resources for teachers and education students.

In spite of this confusion, turnout at the new facility has been brisk. "It's a great center," said Ken Webb, an employee of the Evans Help Desk. "We've had a lot of people find us."

The center opens at 1 p.m. on Sundays and stays open 24 hours during the week.

The facility closes at midnight on Fridays and operates from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.



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Hong Dan, a sociology graduate student, works on her graduate dissertation at the computing center in the Central Library Annex.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Class Councils plan Howdy Dance

The Class Councils will host Howdy Dance tonight from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the H. Rouse Caffery Gymnasium.

Texas ranks low in education spending

Texas ranked 47th in the nation in per capita expenditures for education in 1997, according to a report released by the U.S. Department of Education's Census Bureau. Texas had the lowest per capita expenditures of any other state and ranked 47th in overall per capita revenues.