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Student injured in collision

Fraternities ready for fall rush

BY AARON MEIER
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A male bicyclist was injured Thursday afternoon after colliding with a Nissan pickup truck.

The cyclist, Robert Shiskin, a mechanical engineering graduate student, was taken to the College Station Medical Center where officials said he was in stable condition.

Chris Beasley, an emergency medical technician with the College Station Fire Department, said the accident occurred yesterday at

approximately 5:15 p.m. on University Drive between Tauber and Ireland Streets.

Master officer Gary Stratton of the College Station Police Department said the bicyclist was traveling west along the sidewalk parallel to the Northside parking garage. The cyclist was moving against the flow of traffic.

"Then for some unknown reason, the cyclist jumped off the curb and collided with an east-bound Nissan pickup," Stratton said.

The Nissan was driven by Nancy Flora of Bryan. After

colliding with the cyclist, Flora swerved and her pickup hit another pickup.

Beasley said when he arrived to the scene, the cyclist was semi-conscious, lying on the ground.

"He had some small lacerations on his left elbow and on his forehead, but he was breathing," Beasley said.

Stratton said Shiskin, who was not wearing a helmet, sustained a major concussion and possible broken bones. He was listed as being in stable conditions, and was kept overnight in intensive care.

BY MELISSA JORDAN
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Fraternity rush kicks off Sunday, Sept. 6, at the MSC Open House.

The 20 fraternities with chapters on campus will set up tables for prospective pledges to meet active members and ask questions.

Monday begins the official week of rush. Each fraternity will pass out rush cards near Rudder fountain from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Individual fraternities will hold activities throughout the week where participants can meet active members and learn more about fraternities' traditions, goals and activities.

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) estimates that over 200 men have already registered for rush and expect this year to be the biggest rush to date.

Cameron Ingram, vice president of the IFC and a senior finance major, said there is a fraternity for everyone who participates in rush.

"Our motto is, 'There's a place for everyone in the Texas A&M Greek system.'"

Rick Roberts, campus relations chair for the IFC and a senior business analysis major, said the benefits of fraternity membership can be seen through the elements of brotherhood, leadership, social skills and career opportunities.

"Fraternities are a great place for Ag-

gie men to get involved on campus, develop leadership skills and gain friends for life," Roberts said.

Scott Lovejoy, IFC president and a senior management information systems major, said he believes the greatest benefit of fraternity life is the new family pledges will find with their fraternity brothers.

"With 43,000 students at Texas A&M, a fraternity provides the opportunity to bond with a close-knit family away from home," Lovejoy said.

The culmination of the week's activities will be at Bid House on Saturday, Sept. 8, when participants in rush will receive bids, invitations to join one or more fraternities.

Parking perils



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Jeremy Kinslow, a senior mechanical engineering major, waits in line at the Zachry parking lot 10 minutes before his class. Jeremy had been waiting for 45 minutes for a spot.

On-campus residents get connected with WireFest

BY PATRICK PEABODY
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The first three weeks of this semester WireFest will once again kick off, helping students hook up their computers to ResNet, the on-campus ethernet connection.

The program is sponsored by The Department of Residence Life and allows students to help other students with their ethernet problems.

WireFest teams will visit residence halls during the first three weeks of classes, Monday - Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m.

Raymond McCauley, a coordinator of the program, said WireFest is a great program because the students receive hands-on help.

"Instead of just calling for support over the phone," he said, "students, called WireTechs, will come by and help students."

The WireTechs are students who work out of their dorm rooms and are able to help students in need of computer assistance. They answer computer-related questions, provide technical support and assist residents with hardware and software problems related to connecting to ResNet.

WireTechs primarily assist residents with ResNet connections. They may also help students with modems as time permits, but residents with ethernet cards



will be given priority.

McCauley said that the ResNet is a good alternative to regular modems.

"There will be over 10,000 network connections," he said. "They will run at 300 times faster than regular modems. There will also be two connection per room, so if you have two computers you can both hook up at the same time instead of waiting for a phone line."

Completed this past summer, all on-campus residents with computers and ethernet cards will have direct access to the campus network and the Internet sometime near the beginning of the Fall 1998 semester.

"This is something the students really like," said Ron Sasse, Director of Residence Life. "They don't have to go to a computer lab, and can access anytime of the day from their rooms."

Also, Sasse said, the Internet is becoming an academic necessity.

"Many professors now require Internet access for projects and for other academic reasons," he said.

The Residence Hall Association (RHA), in conjunction with WireFest, is selling ethernet cards and cable to students.

If students need help setting up their ethernet connection, they are asked to contact WireFest by e-mail, at wirefest@godzilla.tamu.edu.

For more information students may go to the Web site for WireFest at <http://Reslife.tamu.edu/rescomp>.

Gender Issues sponsors fashion show

Students break feminine stereotypes with feminist styles.

BY BRANDON BOLLOM
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What began as a joke between the Coordinator of Gender Issues Education Services, Becki Elkins, and an English faculty member, Pam Matthews, became the Feminist Fashion Show: The Sequel Thursday afternoon at the Memorial Student Center. The idea of playfully mocking the clothing trends at Texas A&M by holding a feminist's fashion show has been set in action twice by Nancy Tubbs, a graduate student in location administration.

The first Feminist Fashion Show was held this past February, allowing the students, faculty and staff of A&M to explore feminist stereotypes in its unique environment. The goals of the fashion show are to promote the Women's Own Bag Lunch series sponsored by GIES and Women's Studies, and to gather and

make new connections at the beginning of the semester.

Elkins said the idea behind the fashion show is to celebrate feminism by showing that people from all walks of life are feminists.

"If this was reflective of campus, it would include men, sorority women wearing their Greek letters and Corps members," Tubbs said.

The fashion show included women in all types of clothing, from business suits and dress-casual outfits to bell-bottom jeans and T-shirts.

Krista May, a graduate student in English, walked the runway to the theme from "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" in ripped denim jeans and a plain white T-shirt. Elkins sported a more conservative look with dress khaki pants, a blue long-sleeved, button-down shirt and tie.

"Some of the models wear ties to mock the 'feminist stereotype,' but feminists would normally look like anyone on campus," Tubbs said.

Barbara Finlay, director of women's studies, also modeled in the fashion show.

"This event is really to create a sense of community and kick the semester off right," she said.



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Becki Elkins, coordinator of the Gender Issues Education Services, with son Lukas models and then speaks at Feminist Fashion Show: The Sequel Thursday afternoon at the MSC.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Today last day for students to add classes

The first week of every semester is typically full of last-minute changes to many Aggies' schedules, but today marks the end of add/drop week.

Yesterday was the last day to drop a class, and today is the last day to add a class.

Classes can be added in person until 5 p.m. at the Pavilion, and phone lines will close at 3 p.m.

MSC Open House scheduled for Sunday

The MSC Open House will take place Sunday, Sept. 6, from 2 to 6 p.m. on the first and second floors of the MSC. Open House gives students the opportunity to preview various organizations and clubs at A&M.

"Open house is like the official kickoff of the school year and also the beginning of the 'other education' for many students," Will Hurd, MSC President and a senior computer science and international studies major, said.

The Singing Cadets, Aggie Wranglers and Texas A&M Fencing Club will perform at Open House.

Clinton to visit Texas for Mauro fundraising

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro has invited Bill Clinton to Texas later this month.

Clinton will visit Texas on Sept. 27 to raise money for Mauro, the White House confirmed Thursday.

While plans have not been finalized, Mauro wants the president to appear at fund-raisers in Houston and San Antonio, along with public events. The trip is Clinton's last scheduled visit to Texas prior to the election, a top White House official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Mauro, who finds himself making little headway against popular Gov. George W. Bush, has often turned to Bill and Hillary Clinton for help ginning up campaign cash. Having raised \$4 million or so to date — vastly less than Bush's \$15 million — Mauro wants to bring in another \$3 million or \$4 million before Election Day, Rogers said.

He estimated that the Clintons, who teamed in June to help Mauro bring in \$250,000 from a pair of Washington fund-raisers, have assisted with about 40 percent of Mauro's fund raising to date.