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Applications can be found at the entrances to the Student Programs Office. Applications are due August 5 at NOON and interviews to occur the next week.

Questions?? Contact Jennifer V. at 845-1515



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Undergraduate Student Requirements:

(These requirements must have been completed by summer term 1)

- You must be a degree seeking student and have a total of 25 undergraduate credit hours reflected on the Texas A&M University Student Information Management System. (A passed course, which is repeated and passed, cannot count as additional credit hours.)
- 60 undergraduate credit hours must have been completed in residence at Texas A&M University if your first semester at Texas A&M University was January 1994 or thereafter, or if you do not qualify under the successful semester requirement described in the following paragraph. Should your degree be conferred with less than 60 undergraduate resident credits, this requirement will be waived after you graduate and your degree is posted on the Student Information Management System.
- 30 undergraduate credit hours must have been completed in residence at Texas A&M University, providing that prior to January 1, 1994, you were registered at Texas A&M University and successfully completed either a fall/spring semester or summer term (I and II or 10 weeks) as a full-time student in good standing (as defined in the University catalog).
- You must have a 2.0 cumulative GPR at Texas A&M University.
- You must be in good standing with the University, including no registration or transcript blocks for past due fees, loans, parking tickets, returned checks, etc.

Graduate Student Requirements:

If you are a August 1999 degree candidate and do not have an Aggie ring from a prior degree, you may place an order for your ring. The following requirements apply:

- Your degree is conferred and posted on the Texas A&M University Student Information Management System; and
- You are in good standing with the University, including no registration or transcript blocks for past due fees, loans, parking tickets, returned checks, etc.

However, if you have completed all of your course work prior to this semester and have been cleared by the thesis clerk, you may request a "letter of completion" from the Office of Graduate Studies (providing it is not past their deadline). The original letter of completion, with the seal, may be presented to the Ring Office in lieu of your degree being posted.

Procedure to order a ring:

- If you meet all of the above requirements and you wish to receive your ring on October 14, 1999, you must visit the Ring Office no later than Thursday, August 5, 1999 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to complete the application for eligibility verification.

It is recommended that you do not wait until August 5 to apply for your ring audit. Should there be a problem with your academic record, or if you are blocked, you may not have sufficient time to resolve these matters before the order closes out on August 6.

- Return no later than August 6, 1999 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to check on the status of your audit and if qualified, pay in full by cash, check, money order, or your personal Discover, Visa or MasterCard (with your name imprinted).

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* Add \$8.00 for Class of '98 or before.
The ring delivery date is October 14, 1999.

Reno visits Houston camp

HOUSTON (AP) — In the same crime-ridden neighborhood where a botched drug raid left a man dead in a hail of police bullets and touched off civil rights protests, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno yesterday praised a newly forged "bond" between law enforcement and residents.

"When police officers involve citizens in the neighborhood and work together and build that understanding, it can be one of the best things that happens in a community," Reno said while touring the Campo Del Sol Summer Day Camp in the Gulfport area of Houston.

"Judging from some of the comments I've heard today ... it's happening," she said.

A nearby apartment complex was the scene of a fatal police shooting in July 1998.

Houston police officers shot a Hispanic man 12 times in a nearby apartment complex during a July 1998 raid. The officers said Pedro Oregon Navarro had pointed a gun at them, but did not fire.

Activists condemned the shooting, and the six officers involved were eventually fired. A federal grand jury is investigating the incident.

Most of the children attending Campo Del Sol live in dozens of similar, inexpensive apartment complexes. Police officers participate in activities with the children at the camp, which receives more than \$100,000 in annual funding from the Justice Department's "Weed & Seed" crime-reduction program.

Campers play organized sports, take dance and art lessons and organize fund raisers to buy recreational equipment, organizers said. A planned car wash will help raise money to build a community center.



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CREDIT

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"The Student Financial Services Department is looking into offering counseling by working with banks and up workshops," she said. "The teach students how to manage the best ways to use a credit card."

Mike Sebesta, market analyst for summer Credit Counseling in Bryan of '89, said 20 percent of the Bryan office are students seeking with credit problems.

"Consumer Credit Counseling is a profit organization that offers guidance and counseling when dealing with credit management," Sebesta said. "We can also liaison between credit companies, lower interest rates or monthly payments."

Carey said regulation is needed. Credit card companies target to apply for credit cards on campus locations.

She said some students will take large amount and think they can pay minimum amount due each month. It could possibly take years to pay off a credit card.

"They almost beg you to charge account and then not pay," she said.

"Students have enough trouble back student loans after they graduate then to have to pay huge credit card bills," she said.

Felicia Medina, a 20-year-old recreation, parks and tourism major, said the bill is a bad idea because students with loans need to establish credit prior to graduation and problems getting a credit card due to loan amounts.

"A credit card is needed in case unexpected things happen, getting towed," she said.

Charges filed against mom in heat death

HOUSTON (AP) — Driving home after a night of drinking, Sandra Ann Arteaga left her car at a gas station, grabbed her 3-year-old daughter and took a limousine cab home.

She forgot two things: her 8-month-old son Senon and where she parked the car early Sunday.

By the time she remembered both, the heat — which topped 106 degrees inside the sun-scorched Mazda Protege, had killed the infant.

Yesterday, the 30-year-old receptionist was charged with reckless injury to a child and remained in jail on \$20,000 bond. She faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

Arteaga is to appear today before state District Judge Carol Davies for arraignment.

The woman, her husband and two children spent Saturday at the home of friends in Spring, about 40 miles from their Stafford home. Because the couple had been drinking, their friends asked them to stay overnight, Houston Sgt. Ted Bloyd said.

Crash victims honored

FORT BLISS (AP) — Hundreds of military personnel, relatives and friends of five soldiers killed in a plane crash in Colombia gathered yesterday for a tearful memorial service capped by a 21-gun salute.

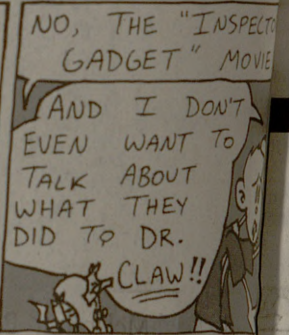
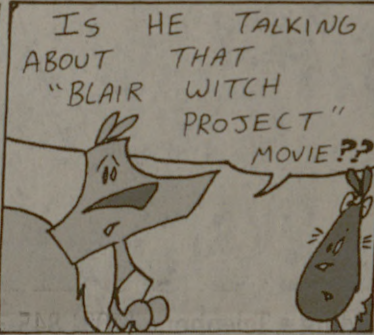
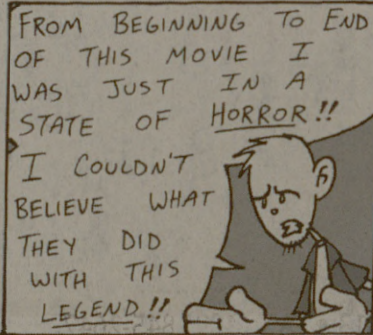
The five Fort Bliss soldiers died July 23 when their U.S. Army spy plane slammed into a mountain while on an anti-narcotics mission. Two Colombian air force officers also were killed.

Yesterday, mourners

overflowed an orange-brick chapel with a capacity of 450 to remember Capt. Jose A. Santiago, 37; Capt. Jennifer J. Odum, 29; Chief Warrant Officer 2 Thomas G. Moore, 32; Pfc. T. Bruce Cluff, 26; and Pfc. Ray E. Krueger, 20.

No caskets were present. Remains of two of the soldiers have been returned to the United States, but they have not yet been identified. Searchers in Colombia continue the search for three bodies.

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