

Summer nights

Aggies find alternative activities for the break

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The summer has come, and most Texas A&M students have left College Station. For those students attending summer school, one question pops into their minds, "What are we going to do tonight?"

Many students think that College Station nightlife becomes non-existent during the summer, but with so many clubs and bars in the city, there is more than enough to do.

Students can travel to The Tap, Cody's, Riley's, Hurricane Harry's and many others places to dance, drink and hang out.

"There seems to be designated nights for designated places," said Amanda Halverson, a junior psychology major.

"The bars are not as crowded; the clubs are not as wild, and the city just seems more laid back," said Brian Knipling, a senior history major.

Because of the short summer sessions, many students spend the majority of their time studying rather partying every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night.

"When I am not studying at Denny's, I am usually just hanging out with my friends at the apartment and watching movies," said Jennifer Reeves, a senior biology major.

Hanging out at home seems to be a popular option among many students — especially for those low on cash.

Pool halls such as POETS and Yesterday's are another option.

Since most pool halls also have a bar, people can

spend time playing pool while those who do not play can socialize in a relaxed environment.

If students just want to hang out in a place other than their apartment or dorm, they can ask their friends to go out and grab a cup of coffee. Coffee Station, Sweet Eugene's or Starbucks are popular coffee shops in College Station. At the Starbucks in Barnes & Noble, one can grab a cup of coffee and curl up with a good book. At Sweet Eugene's, one can enjoy live bands or poets while they sip on their cappuccino.

Students can also catch a summer movie at the Hollywood 16 or Schulman 6. With an assortment of movies coming out this summer, there is something that sparks an interest in everyone.

For those who want to go back in time and relive their childhood, there is always Gattilind. Students can enjoy a pizza buffet, then play arcade games and redeem their prize tickets for that oversized, stuffed Pikachu.

Bowling is a forgotten form of recreation. Students can spend time with friends while bowling balls speed down the lanes. Even if one cannot bowl, it is fun to try to hurl the ball down the lane while friends, and everyone around, point and laugh.

Other A&M students often stray from College Station to enjoy the nightlife in another city. Houston and Austin are close and offer nightlife not available in College Station.

"Being cooped up in College Station the whole week makes me want to leave every weekend," said Anthony Guevara, a senior journalism major. "It's just fun to go to Houston and stick to the party scene that I am already used to."

Being in College Station is definitely not like spending the summer in Cozumel, but it does give a student at A&M more time to relax and an opportunity to finish that one annoying class in five weeks.

Whether it be drinking, going dancing or enjoying coffee, College Station nightlife is alive during the summer; it is just what you make of it.



The Fast and the Furious
Directed by: Rob Cohen
Starring: Paul Walker,
Vin Diesel and
Jordana Brewster

The Fast and the Furious is definitely fast, and it sure is furious, but one thing the movie lacks is an original storyline.

The movie is loosely based on a magazine article about underground street clubs that race imported cars at night. Brian (Walker) is an undercover police officer sent into the race scene in an attempt to uncover a street-racing gang that has been hijacking trucks carrying expensive electronic equipment. In pursuit of this gang, Brian befriends street gang leader Dominic (Diesel), and falls for his sister, Mia (Brewster).

If one is an imported car connoisseur, this movie is, without a doubt, the film to see. The high-impact races, adrenaline-rushing chases and imported cars with huge spoilers and over-exaggerated stickers are probably the only things in this movie that hold any interest to viewers.

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