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NEWS IN BRIEF

Volunteers on hand for Welcome Day

More than 350 volunteers, including Texas A&M President Dr. Ray Bowen, will be on hand to help students move into their residence halls during Freshman Welcome Day.

"Moving in can be hectic and confusing, especially for incoming freshmen, and this program is designed to help things run more smoothly and make new students and their parents feel welcome," said Ron Sasse, director of Residence Life.

The volunteers will wear distinctive T-shirts so they can be easily recognized and will be helping students move belongings into their rooms and assisting with any problems. Bowen and his team will be stationed at the Southside residence hall area. Refreshments also will be available.

Parking in the area will be restricted, and some streets will become one way for the duration of move-in. Some temporary parking will be allowed while students unload; however, PTTS officers will then direct vehicles to other parking areas. Sunday and Wednesday are the busiest move-in days, Sasse said.

He added that PTTS has reserved extra space in the University Center, Central and Northside Parking Garages for faculty who park in lots near residence halls.

"Each year, we work to make the whole operation go more smoothly, but there will be some difficulties. We really appreciate the patience and courtesy of the entire community during this hectic week," Sasse said.

PUBLIC EYE

Parking citations issued by PTTS July 2001

5,170

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Buying books

Several options are available to students when purchasing textbooks

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Success on horizon for Ag sports

A&M squad sets sights on Big 12 titles in 2001

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Some may boast ...

Students should take advantage of all that A&M has to offer

WEATHER

TODAY

HIGH 101° F LOW 75° F

TOMORROW

HIGH 100° F LOW 75° F

Walk this way

Fish Camp closes with Session F this week, departs today

By SOMMER BUNCE THE BATTALION

Nicholas Anthis' first glimpse of life at Texas A&M was through aqua-colored Fish Camp glasses.

A freshman biochemistry and genetics major, Anthis pulled up to the Olsen Field parking lot for Session A of Fish Camp 2001. He found himself amid costumes, yelling and whistle-blowing camp counselors. As part of the first session's aqua camp, Anthis was taught

to be bleed maroon — with an aqua-blue tinge, his camp color.

After driving the two hours to Fish Camp's traditional site at Lakeview, near Palestine, for the rest of the four-day camp, the freshmen "just kind of yelled a lot," Anthis said.

"I would have to tell anyone who's going to Fish Camp that you're going to have a blast," Anthis said. "The most important point for me was meeting people. But you get to know A&M, and you get a chance to adjust to college life before you get there."

Fish Camp was first created in 1954 to introduce new A&M students to campus traditions and to aid in the transition from high school to college. Almost 4,300 students — or about two-thirds of the freshman class — registered to attend this year, said Seth Sullivan, assistant Fish Camp director and a senior industrial distribution major.

The camp program is split into six different sessions differentiated by color, each lasting four days. The first

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No place like home



Holly Rhea, a senior journalism major, stands in the showcase of a local bookstore and paints a "welcome home" message. This week,

thousands of Aggies will return to College Station in preparation for the beginning of classes next week.

STUART VILLANUEVA • THE BATTALION

Freshman cadets learn ropes of Corps life

By COURTNEY STELZEL THE BATTALION

"Whip out, fish!" shouted the sophomores.

And it began. For the next five minutes, the hallway in Dorm 8 was filled with the shouts and sweat of the new freshman cadets, as they "whipped out," or met, their sophomore trainers for the first time.

"Their faces were intimidating, and they [sophomores] were getting all pumped up and spitting in your face and staring you in the eye," said Tucker Smith, a freshman cadet in Company D-2 and construction science major.

Freshman Corps of Cadets members are learning the in's and out's of Corps life during Freshman Orientation Week (FOW), which began Sunday.

New cadets learn how to shine their shoes, eat in Duncan Dining Hall, make their beds in a military fashion and address their upperclassmen in an often intense atmosphere.

"At first I was pretty scared and pretty nervous," Smith said. "I was wondering what was going on here. It took more than a full day to get adjusted."

The orientation week began in 1977 to help incoming Corps

freshmen adjust to cadet life before school starts.

"FOW is a chance to bring the freshmen in early and get them adjusted to life in the Corps," said Trevor Voelkel, Corps public relations officer and a senior finance major.

Adjusting to Corps life is not the only focus of the week, he said.

As part of the week-long activities, the new "fish" are taken to buy their books, adjust their schedules and meet with academic advisors.

"We have the scholastic officers bring their freshmen into one of the rooms. We sit down with them on their level and have a question and answer session in a relaxed environment," said Corps Scholastic Officer Jay Stanley, a senior biomedical sciences major. "We address whatever questions they may have because we want them to be prepared for school."

Call to Quarters (CQ), a required study time held Sunday to Thursday nights during the academic semester, will begin on Sunday. But the Corps is beginning to

pull away from regimented study time, Stanley said.

"We are strongly encouraging the freshmen to go to the libraries to study, to attend supplemental instruction and tutoring options available to them," Stanley said. "We want them to learn how to study."

The Corps keeps track of cadets' academic progress by requiring grades to be posted on their doors, Stanley said.

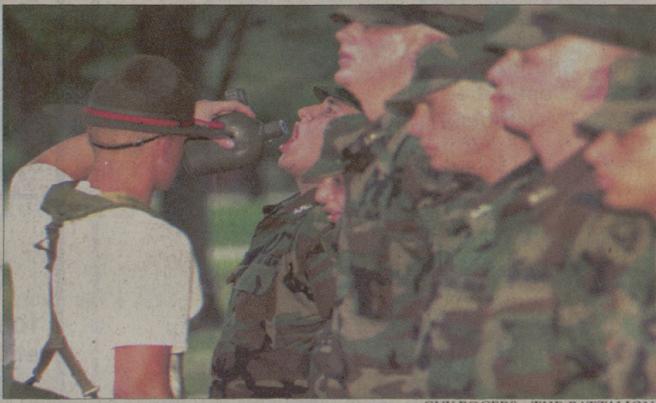
FOW is also a time for Corps freshmen to learn about Texas A&M traditions, as well

as the Corps' traditions.

"It is kind of like another Fish Camp," Voelkel said. "The friendships they build this week and throughout the year are very strong. Automatically [freshmen cadets] have to lean on someone for support during the adjustment period of leaving their parents and the way of life they might have been used to."

FOW is set to end this Saturday, following Freshman Review on the Quad from 1:30

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Fish Brod, of Squadron 2, takes a sip of "sky" during FOW exercises Tuesday afternoon. New fish participate in numerous exercises throughout the week.

GUY ROGERS • THE BATTALION

Flood victim honored

Funds raised for Houston Red Cross

By BRANDIE LIEFFICK THE BATTALION

Organizers of the Chad Garren Memorial Flood Relief Fund raised more than \$4,800 to honor the Texas A&M senior who died in Houston during the aftermath flood of Tropical Storm Allison.

Garren, who was a summer intern at Houston-based Enron, was killed when he was swept underwater during the flooding. Garren would have graduated in December.

Allison hit South Texas June 8, causing 22 deaths in Texas and Louisiana.

A dinner and silent auction held Aug. 16 raised the money for the memorial fund, which will be donated to the Greater Houston Area American Red Cross to aid in flood relief.

Stuart Hutson, Class of 2001, and Mark Passwaters, a senior political science major, said they organized the event to give back to the communi-

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— Mark Passwaters event organizer

ty that offered its support during the 1999 Texas Aggie Bonfire collapse.

"The people of Houston were the first to turn out and help us after the Bonfire collapse, and it wouldn't have been right to not return the favor when we could," Passwaters said.

Donna Rybinski, director of marketing and communications for the Houston Red Cross, said Red Cross served approximately 2 million meals and snacks to displaced residents the first month after the flood.

"The Red Cross spent over \$25 million in serving meals, transporting people and helping families replace the essential items that are needed in a

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