

## Freshman follies

Students share embarrassing campus moments

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Being surrounded by new faces on a campus rich in timeless traditions can be intimidating for new Aggies, but no one said surviving the first year was an easy task. During this time, many want to fit in and belong to the Aggie family. Many freshmen will conclude their first year forever haunted by embarrassing moments no friend would ever live down.

Stephen Perry, a senior speech communications major, arrived in College Station after attending Camp in 1998. Armed with his luggage and with his father by his side, Perry had no time for sleep. He had to go through his new student orientation restlessly and half-heartedly.

"I was really tired after Fish Camp, so I told Dad that I was going to go to every meeting, only the mandatory ones," Perry said.

Sleeping the way through most of his orientation, Perry realized later how important those meetings were.

Perry was unaware until his sophomore year that he had a curriculum to follow.

"I thought we just took

classes we wanted until we were here long enough to get a degree," Perry said. "No one told me as a freshman, and I never talked to an advisor, so I was surprised my sophomore year when someone told me I had to follow a specific curriculum. I should have gone to those meetings."

Unlike Perry, most freshmen realize the curriculum requirements from the beginning, but that does not stop them from committing other acts of humiliation.

Chris Maupin, a junior industrial distribution major, frantically was trying to finish his homework on a Sunday afternoon. He went to the civil engineering lab to work on a project. The doors were unlocked and the lights were on, so without hesitation, he entered the building.

"No one else was there, but it was only two o'clock, so I sat down at a computer to begin my lab," Maupin said.

He entered his username and password, but the login was incorrect several times. Disgruntled and tired, Maupin decided to leave and finish the project later.

"As I was leaving, I walked out the doors and all of the lights started flashing and sirens were

sounding," Maupin said. "I had set off some kind of alarm in the building."

Scared and afraid of authorities, Maupin ran back to his dorm and has not been back to the civil engineering computer lab.

Like Maupin, virtually all campus neophytes have fallen victim to being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Jason Rathke, a sophomore general studies major, moved into his residence hall the Wednesday before classes began in Fall 2000. He quickly experienced the nightmare of parking on campus. With herds of freshmen moving in and not an empty parking spot in sight, Rathke faced a common dilemma on A&M's campus.

"I had no idea where I could park legally; all I knew was that there were no empty parking holes in sight," Rathke said. "Finally, I found a spot in a yellow lot by the Corps dorms."

Rathke parked and slowly moved his belongings into his dorm. The next day he went out to the parking lot to get his car and to run errands, only to find the car missing. He called his cousin who was an upperclassman and knew the ropes. She quickly unmasked the Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS) as the force behind the towed car.

"I did not know that the yellow lot was only for teachers, (because) I did not know what any of those colors meant," Rathke said. "I could not believe that they towed my car on my first day at A&M."

After Rathke had been blatantly introduced to PTTS, he picked up his car and the charges were removed.

"I was new here. I did not know the regulations on parking, but now I am cautious about



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8-10 PM	Math 151 Review I	Math 151 Review II	Math 151 Review III	Math 151 Review IV	9-11 PM Chem 227 Ch. 7,8
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•**Easy Access!**—The Rec Center is open as usual, please exercise caution around the construction site in front of the Rec Center. On-campus students are encouraged to use the bus system to get to the Rec Center. Rec Members may enter the Rec Center through the Backyard West Side Entrance (facing Reed Arena) Monday-Friday from 11:30am-11:00pm. For the most up-to-date campus parking information you can call PTTS at 862-PARK.

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Wednesday, October 24—Designing A Strength Training Program

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**EXPLORE WITH TAMU OUTDOORS**

•**Rec Rock Show—Bouldering Competition**—Show your skills off on Tuesday, October 23rd. The \$5 registration starts at 6:30pm that evening and the competition will run from about 7:30-10:30pm. Open to Rec Center Members.

•**Making Memories!—Backpacking Trip**—Join TAMU Outdoors on a backpacking trip to the Texas Hill Country. We will spend the weekend exploring the Good Water Trail, which winds around scenic Lake Georgetown. *Hurry, registration closes on Tuesday, October 23rd!*

•**Rio Grande Thanksgiving Trip**—Join TAMU Outdoors for a Thanksgiving Break and get away from it all on the Rio Grande River. We will canoe the scenic wilderness of West Texas, hike through side canyons, explore the desert and sleep under the stars. Register through November 9th, travel November 21-25th. Price starts at \$241 for Rec Members.

**Upcoming Event Registration Event Date**

Rock Climb/Anchors	Now-Oct. 23	Oct. 26-28
Backpacking Trip	Now-Oct. 23	Oct. 27-28
Intro Rock Climbing	Now-Oct. 24	Oct. 28
Rock Climbing Day Trip	Now-Nov. 6	Nov. 10

**SPRING BREAK WITH TAMU OUTDOORS**

•**Spring Break 2001—COSTA RICA ADVENTURE**—Experience the beauty of Costa Rica as you hike, mountain bike, raft, sea kayak, horseback ride and explore during this Spring Break Trip. There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, October 23rd. Please call TAMU Outdoors for more information at 845-4511.