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When: February 28, 2002
Where: Rudder 308
Time: 5:30 p.m.**Last meeting before Spring Break**For more information, contact us at:
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THE BATTALION

David Ohendalski, Class of 1998, wanted to bring together friends to share his passion of going off-road with their 4x4 vehicles in 1998. Ohendalski found Aggies who shared the same passion for 4x4 vehicles and formed Texas A&M Off-Road (TAMOR).

"It was practically an overnight success," Ohendalski said. "Our first priority was to create a constitution so we could become a Texas A&M recognized organization. After we accomplished this, we quickly got the word out by setting up a table at the spring MSC Open House and having frequent 'truck shows' in front of Rudder Fountain."

They had more than 100 members within the first year.

Mark Shipman, a graduate student in the Lowry Mays College of Business and president of A&M Off-Road, became interested in TAMOR, like many members, after seeing a Texas A&M Off-Road sticker.

"I have a four-wheel drive vehicle. In my case it's a Jeep," Shipman said. "One day while I was cruising around town, I saw a Texas A&M Off-Road sticker on the windshield of another truck. So I did a little searching and found the club. I quickly discovered that TAMOR was a club made of good folks who were really passionate about four-wheeling."

Even though it is a Texas A&M recognized organization, TAMOR is not limited to Texas A&M students.

"We are an open organization, eager to accept folks who share in our passion," Shipman said. "We are not limited to TAMU students and we currently have a number of Blinn students as members. There are also a small and active portion of our club who were former students or not even students at all."

The time and money required to be a member of TAMOR vary according to the time put into working on a truck, "wheeling" or having an officer position in the organization.

"As an officer in the club, it does take a lot of time, but the

demands are not overwhelming," Shipman said. "Members only requires you to show up and have fun. Most of the time with the club is on our trips or just hanging out."

TAMOR is important to many of its active members. Not only has it created friendships, but it has become a necessity for many in off-roading.

"This club means a lot to me," Shipman said. "Mostly about friends I otherwise would not have met if it weren't for the club. Despite having 110 members, we are a pretty tight group. But it is also about preserving our hobby."

Shipman said many off-roaders are under attack as public lands are being closed from wheeled vehicles. He said the club's purpose is to unite off-roaders and educate those who would further their cause by acting irresponsibly off-road.

Because of the lack of places to wheel in Texas A&M Off-Road takes road trips in and throughout the United States.

This allows members to enjoy their hobby in a great place without criticism.

"We abide by the

Lightly practices, meaning

can only travel on design-

ated trails in a responsible

manner. Most of the areas we

visit are designated as off-

road only and are set up to

support a group like TAMOR,"

Shipman said.

Steven Wolverson, a

junior computer science

major and vice president

of TAMOR, joined the

organization through

getting in contact with

the organization through

his current roommate

who was a member of

the time. Wolverson

has taken several TAMOR

trips under his belt and

has learned a lot from

his off-roading experiences.

"I have been on many

trips including Texas,

Oklahoma, Missouri,

Montrose, Colorado,

and Gilmer in east Texas,"

Wolverson said. "I would

have to say that my best

weekend trip I have been

on was when we went to

October of 2000. It was

basically the first trip of

the semester and started

down on Thursday night

with a buddy of mine and

started on Friday and Sat-

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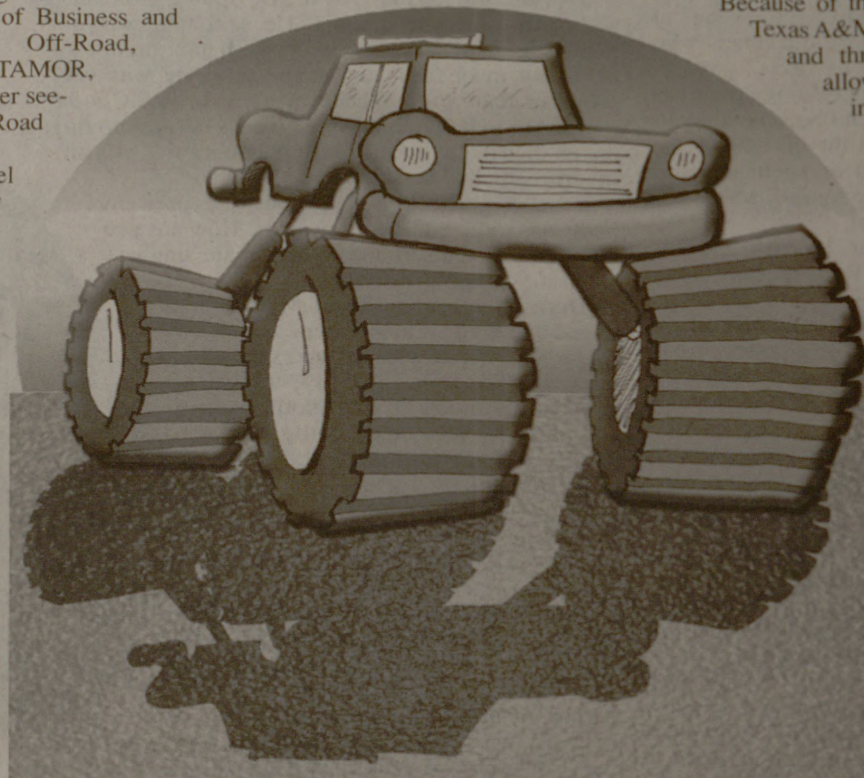
around the campfire and

back and had a 'frosty

beverage' together. It was

a blast!"

According to the TAMOR constitution, to become a member



ADRIAN CALCANEO • THE BATTALION

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See TAMOR on page

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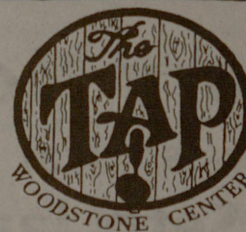
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