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Finals prompt Gas Week

By CINDY JACOBSON

If the thought of finals puts you in the mood for throwing eggs, eating fire-hot jalapeno peppers or just sitting back and listening to music, then go by the mall area between the Memorial Student Center and Rudder every day this week.

This is the annual Gas Week sponsored by the MSC Recreation Committee. Various musical groups, competitive events and special demonstrations will be provided by several MSC committees in the mall area from about 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The first event took place yesterday. Car cramming was sponsored by the Student Conference on National Affairs, and spectators near the MSC fountain looked on as bodies were crammed into a Volkswagen. The winning team received a 16-gallon keg of beer donated by Budweiser.

Progressive country singer T. Gosney Thorton will perform from 8 to 12 tonight at the Basement Coffeehouse. Admission is \$1 at the door or two tickets for \$1.50 in advance.

Tomorrow, Chris McCarthy will demonstrate basic pottery and primitive firing near the MSC fountain from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

If the last event didn't fire you up, this one might. A jalapeno eating contest will be sponsored by the Committee for Awareness of Mexican American Culture Thursday.

Contestants eat as many peppers as they can in two hours and the First place winner receives a dinner for two at El Chico. The Entry fee is 25 cents.

Also Thursday, the Opera and Performing Arts Society will have a harpsichordist in the MSC lounge.

Friday's events will range from legs to eggs. The Hospitality Committee will conduct a leg and chest contest from noon until 1 p.m. Prizes will include free tickets to Aggie Cinema and entries are restricted to males.

Judging will be based on the hairiest chests and prettiest legs. The applause of the audience will decide the winner.

There will be an hour break while a music group provided by the Basement Committee performs.

Then at 2:00 p.m., egg-throwing begins. For 25 cents, you can throw an egg to your partner below while you stand on the walkway between Rudder and the MSC.

Later on Friday evening, "Instant

Funktion" will play from 8 until 1 a.m. in the Basement coffeehouse. The eight-piece group is from Prairie View and is co-sponsored by the Awareness Committee.

Freeman Fisher, Gas Week chairman, expects good results for Gas Week because the number of student committees participating. "This type of joint cooperation will help build enthusiasm and spirit for future programs," he said.

Speed reading class stresses 'pictures'

By LYNN ROSSI Battalion Staff

If you are a student with four novels to read before final exams, a professor with 50 term papers to grade, or if you just enjoy reading and want to read faster, a speed reading course is being offered for you.

Speed reading is taught through the A&M Consolidated Community Education program.

"There are as many different techniques to teach speed reading as there are people teaching it," Michael Alvarado, class instructor, said.

"I teach the students to read phrases, not single words," Alvarado said. "I also emphasize both speed and comprehension. Then I teach them better study techniques."

Alvarado is a student at Texas A&M University who teaches a type of speed reading he came up with himself.

He received a bachelor's degree in zoology from A&M. He is currently working on a second bachelor's degree—this time in ocean engineering.

Alvarado uses a film machine to begin teaching the students to read more quickly. They have boosted their speed through the use of the machine, emphasizes comprehension.

"In order to improve understanding of the material, a three-step process should be followed," Alvarado said. First, form a mental outline of the material you will read.

Alvarado said a reader should look over what he is going to read then read the introduction, summary and main headings.

"The second step and the most important in achieving better comprehension is visualizing the material," Alvarado said.

Alvarado suggested that a reader try to form a mental picture of everything he reads so that it will be easier to remember and understand.

"The third step is getting to the point. Some authors love words. You have to pick up the most important ideas of whatever you read," Alvarado said.

Attention should be paid to all words, however. Alvarado pointed out that ignoring little words like "not" and "didn't" can completely change the meaning of a story.

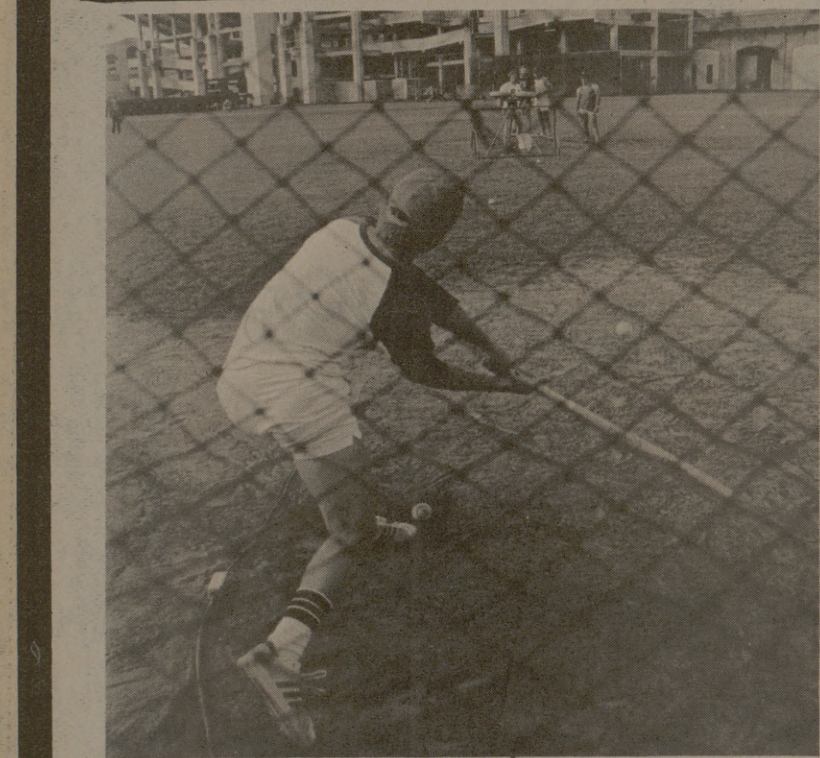
The two-hour long speed reading course is held for two hours each week for eight weeks.

"I will have taught them (the students) everything I can in 16 weeks," Alvarado said. "I give them a goal. They have to keep practicing. Most of their improvement comes outside of class."

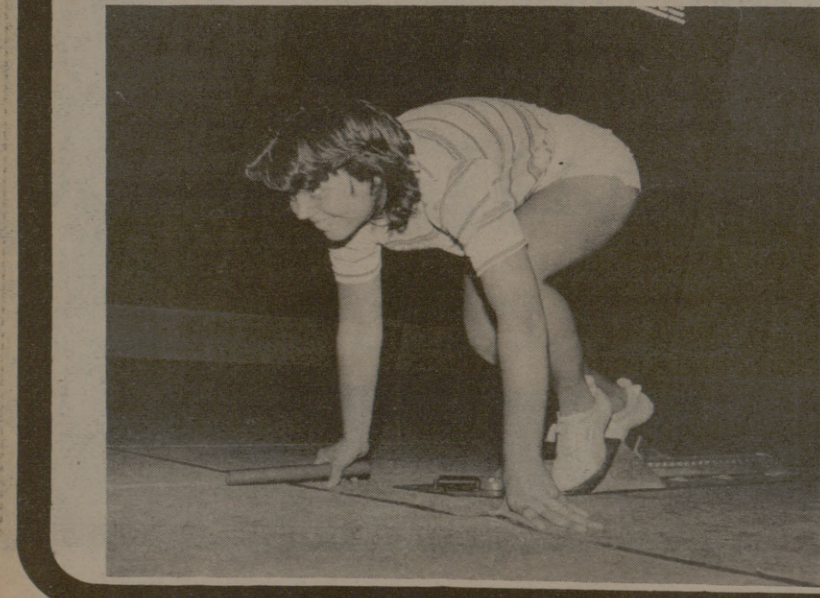
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Above — An automatic pitching machine helped make the Home-Run Hitting Contest fair to all last week. Below — An entrant in the IM Track Meet last week prepares to leave the starting block in a relay race.



Field Events Produce Champs

Last week Men's and Women's All-University Field Events took place on the Practice Astro Turf right behind Kyle Field. There were four field events in the Men's Division. The four field events were the Softball Throw, Long Jump, Shot Put, and the High Jump. The results went as follows. R. Arth, an independent, won the Softball Throw with a superb throw of 319'8". The Long Jump competition was won by B. Colvin representing the Mulletts. Colvin leaped 21'8" across the sand pit. W. Swanson, also representing the Mulletts, was the champion in the Shot Put competition. Swanson put the lead weight a distance of 56'6 3/4", four inches further than his nearest competitor. The High Jump event was won by R. Andrews, representing Gulf Coast AC, whose jump of 6'3" outdistanced his entire field.

Switching over to the Women's Division; there were also four field events. The Broad Jump competi-

Coming IM Action

Entries opened Monday, April 18th and close Tuesday, April 26th, for the Annual Cross Country Race. The Cross Country Event is open to all Texas A&M Students, Faculty, and Staff. The contest will be held Wednesday, April 27th, at 5:30 p.m. There will be four divisions, consisting of men singles, women singles, men's team, and women's team. A team consists of a maximum of five persons, with the first three finishers scoring points for their team. The race will be held over a 2.5 mile stretch, located on the front section of the campus, adjacent to Highway 6 and University Drive. If you intend to represent a team, don't forget to include the name of your team on the entry blank. Winners from each respective division will be awarded certificates. Entry blanks are available in the



Women's High Jump was one of the Field Events of the IM Track Competition.

High Jump Competition Tough

If you happened to be at the Practice Astro turf field behind Kyle Field last Thursday, you would have been a witness to the annual All-University Women's High Jumping event of the IM Track Meet. The participants were divided into two divisions. Representatives from the Women's Dorms made up one division, while representatives of Women's Independent classification made up the other division. The turnout for the event was poor; in the Dorm Division there were seven entries, but only two competitors showed up. In the Independent Division, there were seventeen entries with only six participants showing up. In spite of this poor turnout, there were some superb performances. The high-jump bar was set at a starting height of 3'10". Each competitor was allowed three attempts at each height. Participants began to drop out at 3'11" as competition began to get tough. The bar was raised at intervals of one and two inches each time the competitors successfully cleared the preceding height. The competition went quickly and smoothly except for an anonymous jumper who decided she was going to jump out of sequence. Fortunately, there were no injuries during the competition. In the Women's Dorm Division, C. Key, representing Keathley Hall, took first place honors, successfully clearing a height of 4'4". Second place went to D. Winship, also of Keathley Hall, who jumped 4'1". In the Women's Independent Division, J. McKay representing the Roadrunners outclassed the entire field of competitors setting her mark at 4'8", only three inches short of the IM 11-University record of 5'1". Second place honors went to J. Bunge, jumping 4'6" representing the EPU Rookies; while third place went to E. Mudd of Gruders Gang who also jumped 4'6" but who had needed to clear 4'0" in two attempts earlier in the competition, while Bunge only needed one. Other participants, B. Guedin (4'4"), B. Bowling (4'1"), and E. Morcom (3'11"), finished fourth, fifth, and sixth, respectively. Congratulations to all the participants, and an additional congratulations go to C. Key and J. McKay for winning their respective divisions. This ad is sponsored by McDonald's on University Drive and is prepared by the Intramural Office, DeWare Fieldhouse. Photos by Paul Nettell and stories by Lorne Hurov.