

Health program begins

Teachers of post-secondary health programs start a one-week workshop today at Texas A&M University.

The Health Occupations Education Workshop will involve 100 participants from licensed vocational nursing programs and community colleges. It is conducted twice a year, in February and November, to develop teaching competency.

The workshop is sponsored by the Vocational Industrial teacher Education Training Division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, part of the Texas A&M University System.

Division head Eugene Fisher said 100 participants will be in one of three simultaneously conducted phases of the program. Sessions in the Rudder Tower will cover methods of teaching,

curriculum development and a third area — split between development and utilization of visual aids and the aims and objectives of vocational education in health occupations.

Instruction will be presented by seven members of the Extension Service division. The workshops are conducted in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency.

City council asks for \$302,000

Housing funds requested

By TIM RAVEN

A speedy decision by the College Station City Council Thursday sent a request for \$302,000 on its way to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funds are to be used to set up a Community Development fund for the improvement of four designated low-income areas and street improvement.

The council was urged to the quick decision by Community Development Planner Jim Callaway because of impending deadlines set by HUD.

A part of the program is linked to

a rent-subsidy program, Section 8, which was designed to limit housing expenditures of low to moderate-income families to 25 percent of their income. Section 8 will no longer exist as of March 31, Callaway said, but the city will still be able to obtain funds for the development project.

The council was forced to hold an unscheduled public hearing on the matter. Speed and complexity of the council's preceeding discussion apparently confused those present.

Dozier said. Members of the council also expressed some confusion over some details of the program. Conflicting information had been given to the council by HUD concerning the use and availability of the funds under Section 8. The council asked Callaway to look into the matter further.

Help for low to moderate-income, owner-occupied housing could come in one of several different forms, he said. One program mentioned was a grant program whereby low-income home owners could receive up to \$2,000. This money could be used to minimize health and safety hazards in the home, Callaway said.

neighborhood extends from Texas Avenue to Anderson Street along Park Place. The remaining area is located near Holleman and Wellborn Road, including the McCulloch addition. Many Bravenee referred to some of the houses in the last area as "shacks."

Students living in "sub-standard housing by choice" will not be affected by the program. That is a data phrase that doesn't actually mean anything," Callaway said. He explained that HUD considers anyone paying more than 25 percent of his income for housing as living below standard.

"Which, in that respect, means paying more than 25 percent of the income because they want to be close to A&M — students who are not making a lot of money," he said.

Callaway said some of these students are receiving money from their parents, from grants or from loans.

"They could be living in one of the finest apartment complexes in town," he said.

Callaway also suggested two other programs providing for low-interest loans through either private interests, or through other national-level loan programs. In this case, the \$69,000 allotted to this program would provide security for the loans.

"Obviously there wouldn't be too many (direct grants) with \$69,000," he said.

This type of aid will be directed toward four primarily black community development neighborhoods.

One area is located just north of Texas Avenue and just south of University Drive. Another area, known as the Richards addition, runs along Texas Avenue between Richards and Sterling Streets. The third

As now planned, the program calls for major construction on Churchill, Banks, Richards, Sterling and Elmore Streets. Between \$70,000 and \$90,000 will be set aside for this purpose, Callaway said.

In other action, council rejected a zone change requested by Loren Brown on a lot located near Call Hall. Brown had requested a change from single family residential duplex status for the lot.


Seven local residents of the area had objected to the change saying that it would be a step towards the deterioration of the neighborhood.

Texas A&M University students were mentioned as the cause of the deterioration.

Councilman Dozier said there is a group of students living across the street from him. He said that when the students hold "beer parties" they leave trash in their yard, the wind blows the trash into Dozier's yard and he then picks up the trash and puts it on their porch.

On the zone change, Dozier said "the duplex would not do it by itself, but it's a step."

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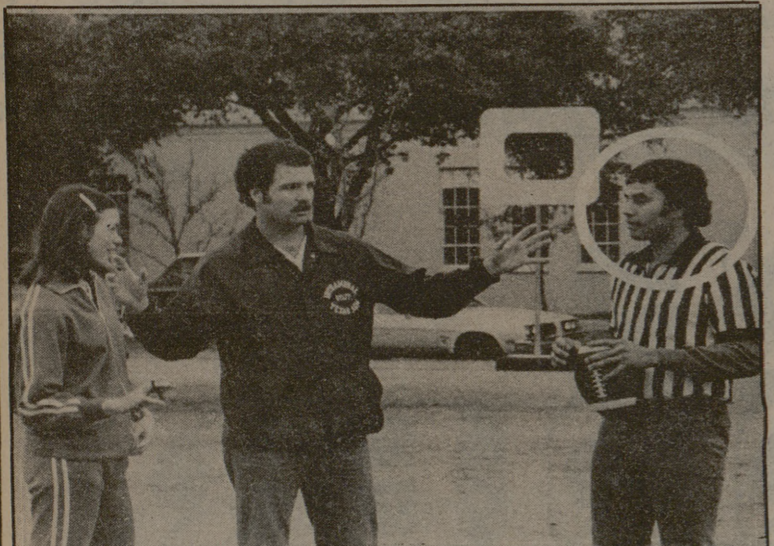
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Bernie Enriquez's halo seems to hold. Sharon Burris and James Welford in total amazement; but actually, Bernie and Sharon are merely receiving some last minute instructions from James, Assistant Director of Intramurals, before officiating a flickerball game. (Bernie should come to the IM office to pick up his free Be Our Guest McDonald's Card to be redeemed for free food at the local McDonald's Restaurant.

All Ye Jousts 'n Bouts

Congratulations to all you competitors of the round table who competed in the first day of bouts in the annual fencing contest held Saturday, February 4. Competition began at 9:00 a.m. and lasted until 6:00 p.m. The sixteen entrants were divided into two pools of eight persons. Each competitor fenced one bout with each of the other contestants in his pool. Two sets of 56 preliminary bouts were fought.

The top four competitors from each pool went to the finals where 56 bouts were fought, each competitor fencing all the others round robin style. The final standings were based on the number of victories and defeats. Ties were

broken by calculation of the difference in the number of hits given and the number received. Each bout was judged by a director who made all the final decisions and four observers, one posted in each corner who reported to the director on difficult decisions so he could have different perspectives on the moves.

So, congrats, showers of flowers, and your favorite lady's handkerchief to the following winner of the coveted IM t-shirt:

- No. 1 Mark Snedegar — 6 victories, 1 defeat
- runner up -
- No. 2 Richard Vance — 5 victories, 2 defeats

The Story Behind the Stripes

Question: What can be tall or short, thin or musclebound, male or female, youngish or older, blonde, brunette, redhead, or albino, but always wears black and white stripes?

Answer: Either a strange new herd of zebras or an IM referee.

Any student at A&M can be a referee if they like sports, can put up with some non-sportsmanlike conduct now and then, and has some spare time to devote to being a ref. The first step is to mosey on down to the IM Office at DeWare Fieldhouse and ask to see James Welford. He will let you fill out the forms and wallah! — you are on your way.

The next step is to attend the clinics held for the particular sport you are officiating. In-class clinics and outside actual practices are held. Officials are also required to take a take-home exam and a written test given during the clinic. During season play, officials are required to attend weekly meetings where problems, attitudes, games, and unusual plays are discussed.

The referees are rated by the supervisors who are in charge of the games each time they work. Teams are also given a chance to rate the official, and he gets to rate the team on attitudes, sportsmanship, and conduct. Refs work on a point system which consists of the

ratings, grades on the take-home and written exams, and on the number of meetings and clinics attended. These points apply to the ref's pay rate, rating compared with other referees, and the number of games he officiates.

Referees make between \$2.30 and \$2.85 a game, but they sometimes only work one game a night. Schedules are worked around the student's hours. Officials are also matched up with games, and "rookies" almost always work with veteran officials.

Most refs are into officiating for

the love of sports, the fun of it, and to do something for the students of A&M. The better officials can, and some do, call for high school games.

In the spring time, at the annual IM steak fry, the IM staff presents three awards — one for the rookie of the year, one for the best all-around referee of the year, and one for the veteran of the year. To be eligible, the officials must have worked basketball, football, softball, or volleyball. The best all-around ref must have worked at least two of these sports.

On the Mat

Hey you lucky people, let me tell you the good news! Today's the day that wrestling entries open. That's right and entries will be turned in February 21 at the weigh-in. The forms are available from today, February 13, until

February 21 at the IM Office. Weigh-in will be from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum Annex, Men's Locker Room. Teams must be weighed in as a group. February 21 is the only day entries will be accepted.

The upper limits for the weight classes are 118, 126, 134, 142, 150, 158, 167, 177, and 191 pounds, and unlimited. Wrestlers must be within five pounds of their upper limit. The tournament will be single elimination and will have Class A for the highly skilled and Class B for the moderately skilled. Anyone having previously won his weight class in his division must wrestle Class A. Any wrestler who has wrestled with the TAMU Varsity or Junior Varsity teams this year or last year is ineligible.

Aggie Free Throws

You've come a long way baby — from peach basket goals to modern day basketball and all of its variations. The free throw contest is one of the record-setting varieties. It is a contest of seeing how many baskets can be made in a row from behind the free shot line.

Tonight, IM is sponsoring A&M's version of this contest. Approximately 250 entrants are expected to appear at the G. Rollie White Coliseum main floor at 7:00 p.m. Thirty-six of the entrants are women. The contest is an individual event, but any three participants may also add their points together to form a team. Teams may be formed from already

entered individuals at the contest. There will be a men's team, women's team, and co-rec team champ. In the individual competition, there will be a men's and women's champ.

Each individual will get 20 shots, which will give each team a possible 60 points. Scores are computed on how many shots are made out of that 20. Persons scoring on all 20 shots will continue shooting until they miss. Six baskets will be in use with one referee at each basket. Participants will take turns retrieving the ball.

Balls will be furnished but contestants may bring their own official game ball if preferred. Contes-



Despite the weather, flickerball has managed to squeeze in a few games between showers. Shown here is a game between the AB level teams "Steamrollers" and "Arbor Square."

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Ref's Corner

Basketball official's meeting: Thursday February 16, Room 267 G. Rollie White at 7:00 or 8:00 p.m.

Softball official's meeting: Thursday February 16, Room 267 G. Rollie White at 6:00 p.m.

Flickerball officials' schedules: Pick-up schedules at the Intramural Office Thursday February 16 after 2:00 p.m.