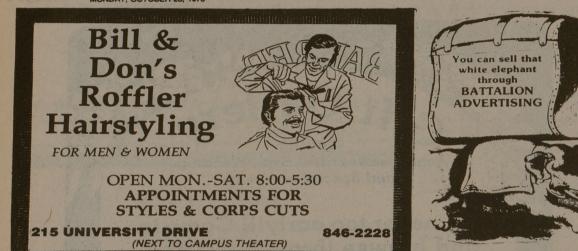
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Outdoors make you want to go in? Free equipment, advice available

By DILLARD STONE Battalion Reporter

While a lot of us may not exactly feel at home on the range, the Memorial Student Center's Outdoor Recreation Committee is trying

to at least get us acquainted with the basics of life outdoors. The committee held a seminar on outdoor recreation on Friday in front of the Academic Building. Committee members gave demon-strations in such fields as camping, backpacking and outdoor cooking. "Our main purpose is to sponsor trips, to get people in the out-doors," said Bryan Hall, a committee member. "One way that we do this is by renting equipment," he said. "A lot of member door is more than the sharp the set of the s

of people don't know we do this, but we rent sleeping bags, tents, almost anything involved in outdoor recreation." Renting equipment for a weekend trip is easy, Hall said. Persons

may rent equipment for a weekend thip is easy, that said. Persons may rent equipment Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. or Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check-in time is noon on the following Monday. Equipment is rented to faculty and students on a first come, first serve basis. The general public may rent items after faculty and students are through.

Fun may be the goal of the committee, but safety and environment awareness are its priorities.

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"One of our major concerns is that people get out with the wrong equipment and wrong knowledge and get lost or hurt," Hall said To teach safe outdoorsmanship, the committee sponsors seminars every Thursday evening in Rudder Tower. Topics for seminars over this utili about any type of outdoor activity: caving, backpacking, camping hiking, and fishing. "We also try to teach environmental awareness," Hall said. "For Glen Can

example, how to hike and camp without destroying the wildeness. He added almost everybody who uses the outdoors frequently a ticely at T

velops environmental concern. In addition to the seminars, the committee sponsors several time each year, including one each spring break to Big Bend National Park.

However, there are many other opportunities available to in terested persons, Hall said. Individuals often sponsor their own tin by filling out a form, posting it, and letting people sign up. "Every weekend there's something going on," Hall said.

A&M debaters begin season

Team ready for national meets The Texas A&M University de- end our season in the top 40 or 50 in Class. This year's team is expected least once, save one, she said.

bate team began its second season with the hope of placing in the top national standings. 'We're still a young team, but I

the national standings," said Dr. Dorothy Kirn, the team's coach. The team ended its season last year ranked 33rd out of some 200 schools in the National Novice

"Harvard," she said, wind "One of our goals this year is to them. I can't think of many in the kids would like any better to do almost as well in the National Varsity Class. "Things are really looking good for us right now," Kirn said. "The students have been able to hold

their own against the national teams and it makes us proud."

Lousiana State University, and tant director of debate and brea and individual events coach. Another addition to this m The 10-20 hours a week the stu-dents have been devoting to research since the week before school started has really helped, she said. The team placed in the top 25 per-cent during its first meet this year at Middle Tennessee State University. scholarships for team member. Bland McReynolds Family si arships are enabling Michaelsh of Victoria and James Starofam Later in the season the team has meets scheduled with the top conto devote more time to their tenders in the Ivy League and with ing.

West Const universities. "We placed third in the South-west Conference last year," she said. "I know we can do at least that well or better this year. a little different "It is however a little different" "It is, however, a little different feeling going up against Ivy League schools," Kirn confessed, "but we are getting used to it."

The Aggie team has whipped every team in the Ivy League at

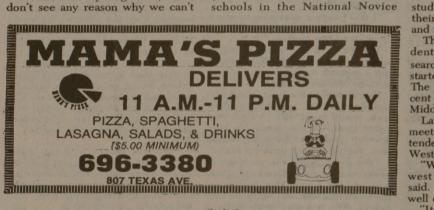


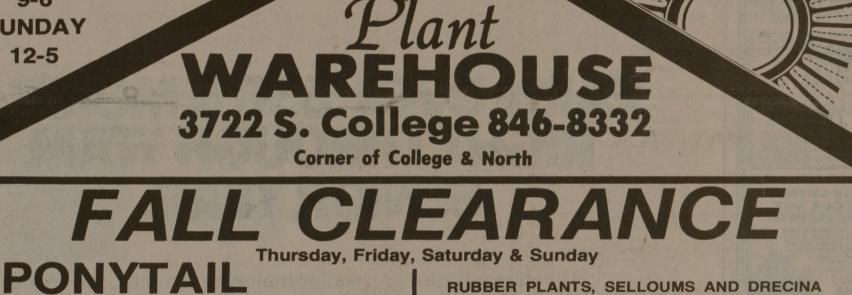
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