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A&M gets black snow

Ski slope resurfaced

By MIKE BURRICHTER  
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Have you heard the one about the skier who skied on black snow? It may sound like another one of those jokes, but don't be surprised when you see a bunch of students coming down Mount Aggie sometime during the semester on its new surface, Durasnow, which is black.

Mount Aggie is the simulated ski slope used by the Physical Education Department and the Texas A&M Snow Ski Club. It is located on Houston Boulevard directly across from Kyle Field.

"Black isn't as aesthetic as white, but it just doesn't break down under the weather conditions as fast as white does," said Dr. George Jessup of the health and physical education department. He is coordinating the reconstruction.

For the past year, Mount Aggie has been green. Its surface was called Astro turf, which is very much like Astro turf. Durasnow is made out of polyethylene, as is Astro turf, but it is harder than Astro turf. This makes it more durable — it is expected to last for three years — and a lot faster, Jessup said.

"Last year we had to spray the slope down with water and sprinkle silicone pellets on it in order to make it fast enough to ski on," Jessup said. Mount Aggie has also been lengthened by 20 feet and a hump

has been built into the middle of it. Jessup said the hump was built to serve as a starting point for beginners and to give more experienced skiers practice skiing over humps.

The black surface should be put on by Friday, Jessup said. "It's kind of like Kyle Field," he said. "I'm just keeping my fingers crossed and hoping that it'll be ready by Friday."

Students should be skiing on the \$17,000 surface by next week, he said.

Susan Lowy, a ski instructor, said that upon the completion of beginning skiing, the student should be able to ski on any beginner slope in the country. "It will prepare the student for about everything except the cold," she said.

The Texas A&M Snow Ski Club is headed by Jessup and Dr. Carolyn Adair, director of student activities. They are having a meeting at Rudder Tower on Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. for all interested in joining.

The new Mount Aggie should have most of the characteristics of a regular ski slope.

But don't eat the black snow.

Mothers' Clubs get under way

By BETSY HESS  
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The plans of the Federation of Texas A&M Mothers' Clubs to help students and organizations at Texas A&M University are in full swing. The federation has contributed \$30,856.10 in scholarship funds for A&M students and projects on campus this year, said Federation President Wanda Pauler of Beaumont.

The total of contributions for clubs within the state for the 1978-1979 year was \$57,878.83. Except for that going to scholarships, the remainder of the money was divided between different organizations within the University, such as the All Faiths Chapel, the Aggie Band, the Singing Cadets, Parsons' Mounted Cavalry and others.

The Mothers' Clubs operate on a local basis within their communities and districts. The federation consists of 66 clubs, 63 in Texas and three in Louisiana.

The Beaumont chapter will honor a graduating senior with the Ethel Stone Memorial Award in January. "It is a \$75 check in memory of one of the originators of the Beaumont club," Pauler said.

Other activities include a spring style show, in which the Aggie moms will model new spring fashions.

The Brazos County Club is organizing a band concert to be held in April.

"Half of the receipts from the concert will go to the Aggie band," said Mrs. John Bray, president of that club.

Each club has a scholarship committee which handles the money acquired through dues and contributions.

Students wishing to apply for a scholarship must get in touch with a member of the club in their hometown or area and fill out the necessary papers," Bray said. "We give out two \$300 scholarships each year to a boy and girl in our area."

Federation officers meet four times a year in the Memorial Student Center. Pauler said a workshop is being planned for the April meeting. Items to be discussed include suggestions on starting scholarships, increasing club membership, and raising money.

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