

AUM students waiting on DeWare weightroom

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In 1969 the athletic department k what was left of the Astroturf m the newly carpeted Kyle Field nd carpeted the new weight facility which was set up for the intercol-egiate athletes in DeWare Field

Three years later they opened the oors to the student body during e hours it was not in use by the

At the beginning of this school ear, the DeWare weight room was ce again closed to all nonercollegiate athletes. The policy neides with the hiring of Mike ynt who is the first strength and eight coach for all A&M collegiate

Flynt said he made the change er discussing the problems of the ightroom with A&M Athletic Ditor Marvin Tate.

Flynt said that since arriving in uary, he had encountered theft ad abuse of equipment by the stu-ent body, plus failure of the inmural department to adequately intain the machines.

Fight discs and dumbbell plates restolen from the room during ne it was open to the student y. As a result, he had to lock up 00 pounds of weights each night. The weight room is also Flynt's free and he said he had to remove

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"I couldn't leave my personal belongings on my desk at night because students are not aware of the fact that everything in this weight room, from the turf up, is paid for by the athletic department and not their (student) tax dollars or tui-

tion," Flynt said. They think they can treat it like

all the other taxpayers' items they abuse. I even had to lock up my phone at night because everything that wasn't bolted down was lifted. Flynt said that some of the damage to the equipment was not intentional, but was a result of students

not knowing the proper way to handle the machines. "They think that because this stuff is metal it won't break, so they rear back and give it hell," Flynt said.

James Welford, associate director of intramural sports, said he be-lieved the damage to the equipment was not due to student misuse, but just the great amount of wear and

tear from regular use. "We would have over 100 students come in to work out almost every night we were open," Welford said.

Flynt said that before he closed the room to students, he had acted "more as a janitor than a coach." "The weight room was supposed to be maintained by the intramural department, and I would venture to

machines were never cleaned and after I got here they vacuumed once

every two weeks Welford said he was surprised that maintenance was one of Flynt's

complaints. "We made a deal at the first of the year (to clean and maintain the equipment) and I thought everything was O.K. The machines were wiped down every hour, the floor vacuumed once a week, and we had a janitor to keep the floor picked up," Welford said.

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up," Welford said. Welford said plans for a comparable weight room for the student body had been discussed, but warned that the department had no money for such a facility and he had no idea where it could come from. Tate estimated the cost of all the equipment in the DeWare room is

approximately \$60,000. Tate also said that he had had "at the most six" students come to com-plain about the new policy. "I explained that use of the

weight room was a privilege granted to the students by the athletic de-partment that could no longer be extended since we hired a full-time weight coach. I think that most of them understand that we need the weight room to develop the kind of athletic program they can be proud

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- Temple (3-0) 78 Houston Stratford (1-1) 64

8. Conroe (2-0) 62 9. Midland Lee (3-0) 29 10. San Antonio Judson (3-0) 21

Class AAA

Jasper (12) (3-0) 165 Lubbock Estacado (4) (3-0) 155 Paris (2-0) 133 Beaumont Hebert (3-0) 109 Kerrville (3-0) 106 Huntsville (3-0) 74 Brownwood (1) (2-1) 71 McKinney (2-1) 47 9. Gainesville (3-0) 39 10. Pecos (3-0) 28

Class AA

1. Kenedy (12) (3-0) 158 2. Pittsburg (2) (3-0) 153

3. Childress (1) (3-0) 141 San Antonio Randolph (3-0) 110
Breckenridge (2) (3-0) 100
Whitehouse (3-0) 77
Hays Consolidated (3-0) 52 Bowie (3-0) 43 Wylie (3-0) 40 10. Idalou (3-0) 25

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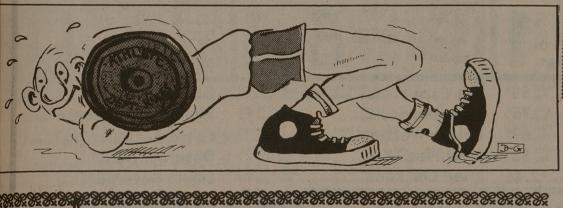


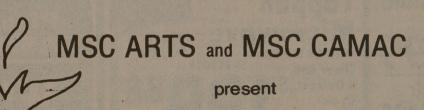
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