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Intramural medical aid provided

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Some flag football players on the A&M University campus are adept at bruising their bones during the football. So, the intramural office has emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and emergency care attendants (ECAs) at its intramural football games.

James Welford, associate director of the intramural office, said his office started using EMTs last fall after an intramural football game was over. Now, the office employs 17 EMTs who offer medical aid for all the sports.

"Last year, we didn't have anyone

out there to take care of anyone hurt," he said. "The officials weren't qualified to do anything."

"Before, an official couldn't tell how bad, let's say, an ankle was twisted," he continued, "but now the minor sprains and stuff like that, the EMT can take care of it."

If a person needs to go the Beutal Health Center for further treatment or needs any kind of medical transportation, he should call the University Police, who play a large role in helping the injured.

For instance, if a person badly sprains his ankle while participating in a sport, the EMT will call the police to take the injured person to the Health Center in a patrol car. If a person has a back or neck injury,

dislocation, or any other serious problem, the EMT will call the police, who in turn call for the health center's ambulance. If an injury appears to be very serious, the EMT and the University Police will call a College Station ambulance to take that person to Saint Joseph Hospital in Bryan.

Welford added that anyone who gets any type of care from an EMT is told they can still go to the health center. He said ambulances are used many times because, "We'd rather be safe than sorry."

The work of the EMTs and ECAs isn't finished even after an injured person has been treated.

Doug Willis, who is in charge of intramural EMTs and ECAs, does a

followup report by calling the person the next morning after his injury to see how he is doing. A form is also given to every person who is treated by a member of the emergency care team. One copy goes to the individual, another to the intramural office and the other to the health and physical education department.

All of this medical attention may help the injuries heal faster, but why are there so many injuries in flag football in the first place?

"It's just plain dangerous," said Dr. Claude B. Goswick, the physician who advises the emergency team. "They (the players) are not really prepared for injuries and don't expect them."

Goswick also said a big problem

with flag football is that the players aren't usually padded when they should be.

Both Goswick and Welford say warm-up exercises before playing could help reduce the number of injuries received in the game.

Nelford said if a person has a history of ankle or knee problems, he should wrap the joint with an Ace bandage.

Another problem, he said, is that a person who has just injured a joint will try to play on the injury too soon. What he should do is rest the joint before starting up play again.

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Senators hear of staplers and seats; state group to get complaint letter

Several bills, dealing with topics such as library staplers to state organizations, were introduced at Wednesday's Texas A&M University student senate meeting.

Senators heard four new bills, all in first reading. They were referred to committees, and will be acted on at the next meeting, in two weeks.

The bills, if passed, would:

- allocate student government

- money for the purchase of staplers and scissors for student use in the Sterling C. Evans Library.
- reserve the upper and lower decks of Olsen Field's first base side for student use during Aggie baseball games. Currently, students are allocated seats along the entire upper deck, with no lower deck seats.
- recommend sufficient funds be

- allocated for the installation of proper lighting facilities around the University's aerobics track; and recommend that a program be instituted for the normal upkeep and maintenance of the track.
- endorse a letter from the student government vice president for external affairs to the Texas Student Association, noting grievances expressed by Texas A&M delegates who attended the TSA convention earlier this year.

TSA if no action is taken on the grievances.

Senators also heard reports from the vice presidents and various subcommittee chairmen.

Aston-Dunn senator Jim Barolak reported that there were 1,200 student seats left in Kyle Field for the A&M-Houston game as of Wednesday night.

These tickets were to be distributed this morning, primarily to freshmen. According to Texas A&M's seniority ticket allocation system, freshmen could not draw tickets until this morning.

Students without tickets had the option of watching the game in G. Rollie White Coliseum, or of receiving a \$4.25 refund, Barolak said.

A blood drive report made late in the meeting indicated that more than 1,000 pints of blood had been donated as of late Wednesday night.

OTC cadets win 13 awards

Army ROTC cadets from Texas A&M University earned 13 awards during summer field training, including camp commander's leadership award by James K. Brown of Woodson, a senior on the Corps Staff.

The awards were won at Fort Benning, Ga., site of the Third U.S. Army's ROTC required summer camp.

School training at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Gary H. Devloo, a sophomore from Bryan, won parachutist's wings in airborne training at Fort Benning, Ga. He is in Company L-1.

The letter would list several complaints: tardiness of TSA officers, lack of effective workshops, disruption of meetings, an overall attitude problem on the part of TSA officials, and a lack of sufficient return on Texas A&M's \$1,720 allocation to TSA this year.


The bill urges reconsideration of Texas A&M's membership in the

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