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P.E. course to challenge

By LAURA HERTENBERGER
Battalion Reporter

The physical education department will be offering courses next semester which will challenge the most physically fit athlete at Texas A&M University.

The Outdoor Education Institute of the department of health and physical education of Texas A&M offers alternatives to conventional P.E. courses. Students who sign up for activities such as backpacking, orienteering and survival will have a chance to work out in the woods instead of the gym.

Venture Dynamics, a new course to be offered during the coming semester, will combine group-oriented activities and initiatives in teaching communication and cooperation.

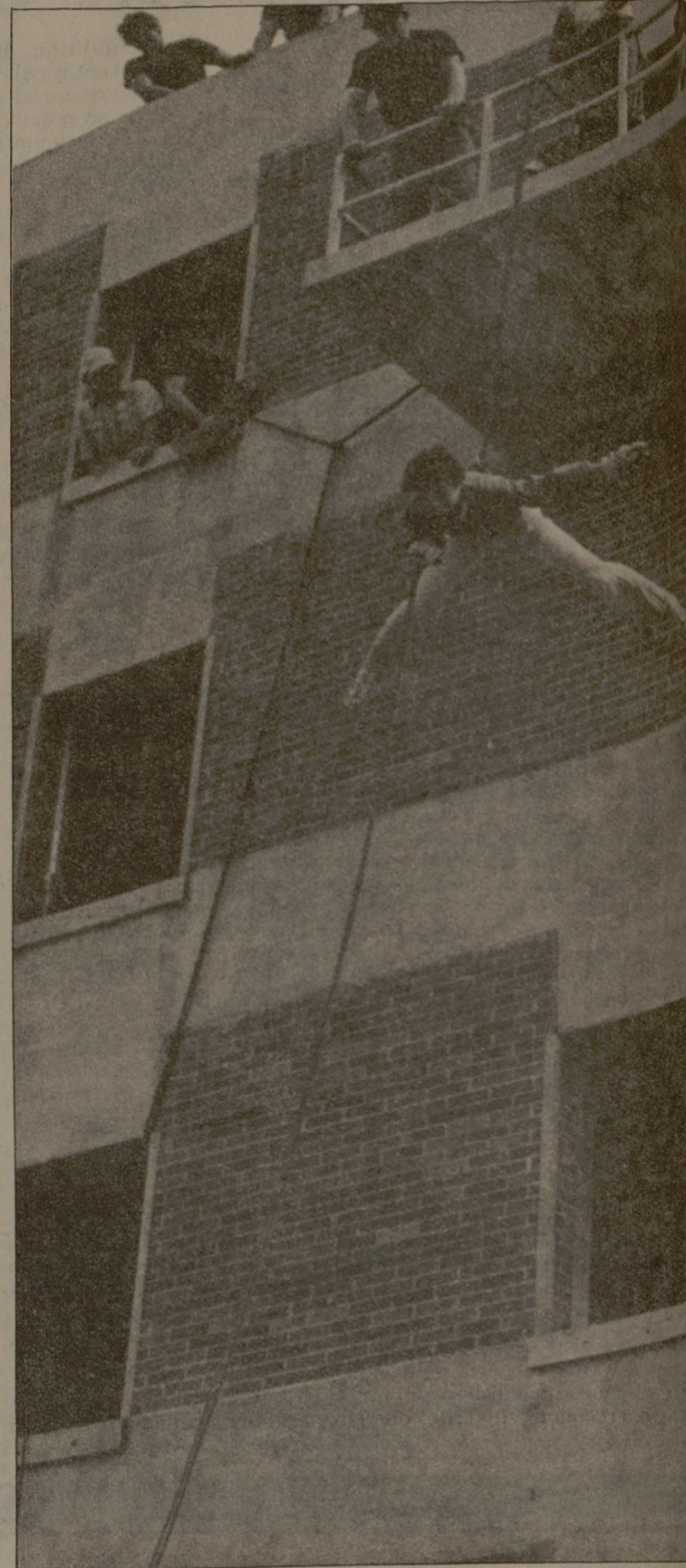
Most classes will be held off the main campus at the outdoor education institute's ropes course, located behind the equestrian center off FM 2818. Enrollment will be limited to

two classes of 24 students each.

The course will deal with problem solving such as how to get your group over a 14-foot wall or how to escape from a prisoner of war camp using a pole vaulting pole. The ropes course fidget ladder and low tension traverse will be used and students will even go out to the fireman's training center to do some rappelling.

Camille Bunting, who will teach the one-hour class, describes it as a very physically oriented course designed for students who are interested in working with youth groups in a leadership role.

The course in part comes from the "new games" movement in physical education which emphasizes having fun, getting exercise and learning cooperation with other people with out the competitive element of many conventional activities. It also works on the principle that people need adventure and risk in their lives to develop self-confidence and self-image, she said.



An unidentified man has a go at rappelling down a wall at the Fireman's Training Center on the Texas A&M campus. Rappelling will be one of many parts of an outdoors course to be taught by the HPE department.

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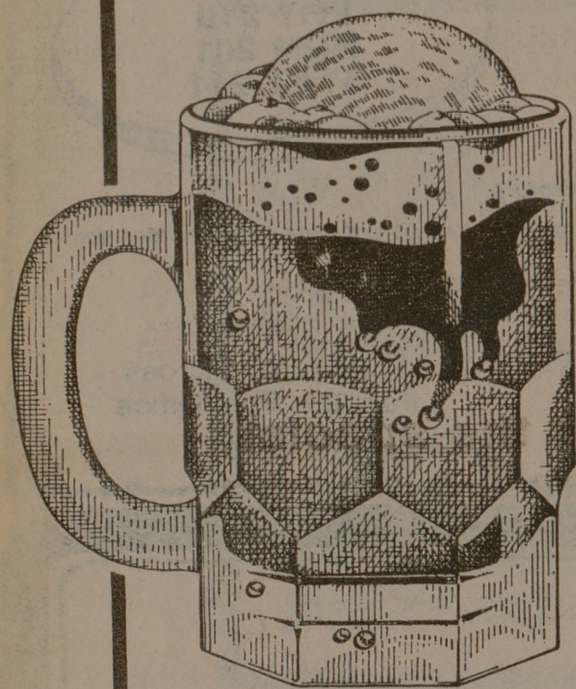
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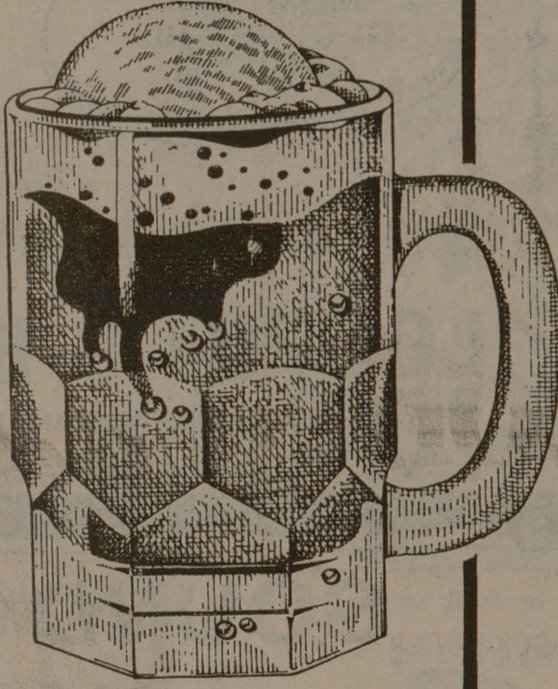
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Earnings from the \$25,000 endowment will provide support for projects and programs in the College Department of Management.

Hicks said he initiated the endowment in appreciation for all that Texas A&M means to him. Dr. Don Hellriegel, head of the Department of Management, said the gift is the first such endowment for the college and Hicks' generosity may set the pace for others to follow.

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