## No big changes in store for MSC Outdoor Rec

by CATHY SAATHOFF

The new director of the Memorial udent Center plans no "sweeping nges," but wants to improve what MSC is doing now

The paperwork says Jim Reynolds ok over the reins of the MSC from ayne Stark on April 1. But symboally, his new job didn't begin until e MSC Council and Directorate

nquet, April 12. He's still in his old office along the of the Student Programs Office, nd he's still trying to "sense the full nge of responsibilities" he has in-

"Primarily, what we will try to do to do those things that the MSC is historically done," Reynolds , "and to do a better job of doing

These things include offering seres, facilities and programs for the opment of students individualand collectively, using sound usiness management at the same

"The better the job we do in handng routine business practices, the ore time we have to spend in workwith the students," Reynolds

However, the students are also inved in the business end. They andle all the budgeting and public elations for the committees.
eynolds and the staff of advisers are re to keep the whole operation in

The MSC has grown substantially the last two years," Reynolds said. is growth has included a bigger off and an improved budget, he

"We have made some significant rides forward in terms of developng the budget and financial proceses that the MSC operates under,' eynolds said.

In doing this, the staff has im-moved its ability to "be accountable the administration and students of xas A&M," he said.

The MSC budget is in "pretty dogne good shape" now, he said, comared to two years ago, when devolds arrived here from North-astern Oklahoma State University become associate director of the

He spent his youth in Roxana, Ill. "I was one of those kids that came ut of high school and went down to list in the Marine Corps, because nat was the cool thing guys from my igh school did," Reynolds said. However, Reynolds tried to sign

"Being 5-foot, 7-inches tall, I was ot one of the kind the Marines anted," he said.

This left him with three options: ay baseball, which he did for a me, in the minor leagues, work in oil refinery, or go to college. He wound up studying zoology at

uthern Illinois University, ignornga high school counselor's opinion at he wouldn't make it. Two years of heavy studying re-

rded him with a GPR of about 3.9. "I achieved some success acadey," Reynolds said, "but one wit occurred to me that I really n't know that much about how the rld worked.

The student union provided a ce where things seem to "fit ether," Reynolds said.

"In terms of becoming an edu-ted person, I needed something ide the classroom and the liby," he said. "I came very close to oring in co-curricular activities. Reynolds said he wanted to stay se to student unions when he gra-ated, but figured he needed to ve zoology a shot after studying it

He received an assistantship with Raymond Hall, the "godfather of konomic mammology," at the useum of Natural History at the iversity of Kansas.

'As fate would have it, my office at the museum looked out over the student union at the University of Kansas," Reynolds said. "Every day I'd sit there measuring bat skulls and drawing range maps, and I'd also be watching out of the corner of my eye all those people coming and going from the student center.

After six months, the call of the center lured him to the union director's office, where he discovered there was an opening for an adviser. He took the job.

Experience with student unions at four universities landed him the ssociate director's job here, but the

job wasn't the only reason he came "I want to continue academically Reynolds said. He is enrolled in the College of Business Administration as a special student, working toward a master's degree

He has taken business and educa-tion courses here, and said they help him to keep "tuned in" to students as well as forcing him to read and write outside of his job requirements.

Otherwise, he said, he would probably just "watch Monday night football," when he's not working. Reynolds isn't taking any courses

this semester because, as he anticipated, it has been a "hairy" semester. However, he will join the ranks of students again over the summer or by next fall. He said one class at a time is all he can handle mentally and physically

Reynolds' first business class here was Management 363, a class which he said he stood out in even though it was large, but no one knew who he

However, he is often put on the spot in his graduate level courses, although he said it is usually in fun.

Occasionally, I have to take the fifth amendment," he said. "People always perceive that you know a lot more about what's going on on cam-pus than what you really do."

When he isn't being a student or directing the MSC, Reynolds takes time off to hunt, fish, ski and play tennis and softball. He is planning on going on a canoeing trip with the Outdoor Recreation Committee this

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Jim Reynolds

ling administrative matters and being with students is a tough decision for Reynolds. He wants to be "as tively."

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The MSC Outdoor Recreation Committee plans to improve its equipment despite a proposal by the intramurals department to take over

its rental, said Chairman Bryan Hall.

The equipment, worth \$10,000,
was originally purchased with money
allocated to ORC from student service fees in addition to revenues it

One improvement under consideration, said Don Rohel, ORC staff adviser, is a roller-skating rink in the Grove and possibly a bicycle

However, Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, said he is "not interested in further consideration" of the proposal by the intramural department until it or the ORC proposes a storage facility for the equipment. The present storage area in the Grove is only temporary.

ORC members have built shelves, but the recently purchased canoes are presently housed in the snack bar, and must be moved whenever a movie is shown in the Grove.

Jim Reynolds, director of the MSC, said the building is not conveniently located and security isn't

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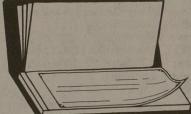
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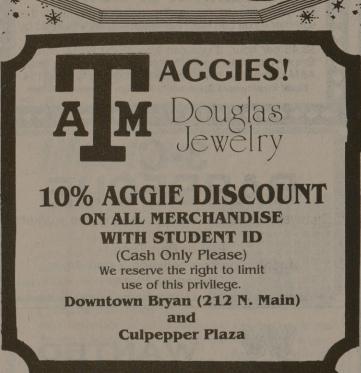
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