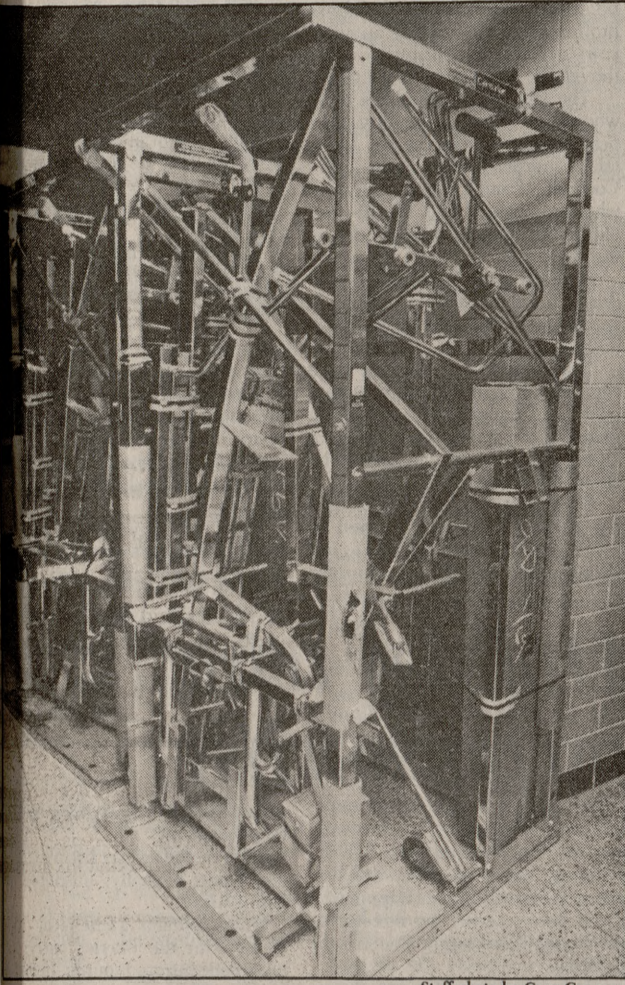


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Weight room opening in January



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Some of the equipment for the new weight room has already arrived and is being stored in the halls of G. Rollie White Coliseum awaiting installation. The equipment will be available at no charge sometime in January to all students of Texas A&M University. Faculty and staff can use the equipment for a small fee.

By KATHY O'CONNELL
Battalion Reporter
Students and staff at Texas A&M University will be able to take advantage of new weight training equipment being set up in G. Rollie White Coliseum sometime after Jan. 1, 1981.

Dennis Corrington, head of Intramural Athletics, said a weight room containing three Universal gym machines and seven Nautilus machines is being planned for Room 262.

Prior to September, 1979, Corrington said, non-athlete students were allowed to use the athlete's weight room in the DeWare Fieldhouse. At that time, Mike Flynt was hired by the Athletic Department to set up a weight program for all athletes.

"What was happening," Corrington said, "was non-athletes were having to use the weight room at times that weren't being used by athletes."

This upset many students because there was a large demand for this activity and there wasn't enough time to use the equipment, he said.

The Student Government recognized the problem and came up with the money to finance the project, Corrington said.

Approximately \$36,000, which came from the student service reserve fee, was used to finance the project.

Corrington said he doesn't expect the room to be ready until after the first of the year because they are waiting for construction in the coliseum to be completed.

The weight room will be where the P. E. weight training classes are now held. Those classes, he said, will be moved to another room.

All the equipment, except the Nautilus machines, has arrived and is in storage, he said. The other

equipment will arrive sometime this week, he added.

To use the room, he said, students will have to show their I.D. Faculty, staff and their spouses can purchase a pass to use the facilities for \$1.

The room will be open Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and weekends from noon to 6 p.m.

Corrington said he plans to extend the schedule, but this depends on whether there is enough student interest.

Seminars on proper equipment use are also planned, he said. These seminars should help cut down on maintenance and repair of the machines, he added.

Cafeteria policies not new

By JANE G. BRUST
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"No studying in dining area."
"Please do not use MSC food facilities for a study hall."
"Due to customer demands for tables, we request no studying in dining areas."
These signs are visible throughout the MSC Cafeteria dining room to discourage students from spending long hours there and to expedite the turnover of tables during busy hours. The cafeteria is a popular place for students to congregate between classes.

Jesse Maynard, assistant director for Food Services, said the "no studying" policy is not a new one.

The cafeteria has had a problem with students spending long periods of time in the dining room. Customers have complained to Food Services, saying they cannot sit at tables.

Individual students have been asked not to study while there, Maynard said.

"There is a browsing library, lounge and snack bar area where students can study in the MSC," Maynard said.

Some students have been reminded by cafeteria em-

ployees that those other facilities are available, Maynard said, but no one has ever told him they had been asked to leave.

Another policy meant to ease the crowded conditions is one regarding customers who leave books and other belongings on tables while going back to get in line for food.

A new sign appeared in the cafeteria this semester saying, "Any unattended articles left on tables will be turned in to the main desk." The sign is new; the policy is not.

One Food Services employee said people who leave belongings on the tables contribute to the slow turnover of tables.

"Book racks are available," Maynard said. Four shelves, approximately eight feet long, line the cafeteria entrance on the lounge side.

The MSC Cafeteria serves between five and six thousand people each day. Half those people come to eat between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The cafeteria has a seating capacity of 600, including the small dining area on the west side. That area, which seats 70 persons, is open for customers whenever it is not reserved for private meetings.

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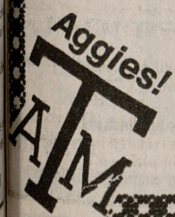

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