

Potential realized through recreation

Group offers camp for disabled

by Carol Smith
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Coping with barriers always has been a problem for handicapped students, and one of the biggest barriers they face is their relationship with non-handicapped people.

The Able/Disabled Program — a campus organization of students with and without disabilities — is trying to overcome this barrier. For two weeks this summer, The Able/Disabled Program will sponsor an outdoor recreation

camp in conjunction with the Vinland National Center, a health-sports center for disabled persons. The Vinland Center uses outdoor recreation to show disabled persons what they can do for themselves, Larry Gee, program

director for Able/Disabled, said. Gee, a junior pre-med major from Abilene, said he feels outdoor recreation helps handicapped people to realize that they can do more than they think and that in turn helps the able-bodied people to dismiss their notions about handicapped people.

The philosophy of the program is "Disabled But Not Unable" and Gee said that the camp this summer will be a big step in that direction.

The goals of the group are to teach skills that will help disabled individuals to safely enjoy the outdoors in new, exciting ways, to plan trips that will challenge and inspire them by showing them how much they can do for themselves and to break down barriers between able and disabled students by showing them how they can work together.

The camp will run from June 24 to July 7. One week will be spent on the Texas A&M campus utilizing the swimming, tennis, basketball, weightlifting and aerobic exercise facilities, Gee said. The next week will be spent somewhere on a river in Texas or Colorado where the campers will canoe on a river for four or five days.

The camp will be run by two instructors from the Vinland Center. One instructor, John Galland, is a paraplegic and currently an instructor for the Minnesota Outward Bound Program and the Center.

Activities included in the program are boating, aerobic dance, jogging, biking, skiing and weight lifting. Courses will be taught in sports injuries, nutrition, water safety and relaxation.

Gee said he hopes the program will draw applicants from all over the state and not just Texas A&M students.

"We're hoping to make A&M more attractive to handicapped students," he said. "The accessibility on this campus has quite a way to go and this program might help."

Texas also is far behind in outdoor recreation programs for the handicapped, he said. Most of the programs, Gee said, are ones in which the able take the disabled out into the woods and do everything for them. "We want to try and challenge them and make it fun for both groups," he said.

The camp will cost \$250 per person and scholarships are available.



Pat Cornelison
new executive director of Humana Hospital

New Humana director named

by Brigid Brockman
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Pat Cornelison officially became the new executive director Monday of Humana Hospital Bryan-College Station, formerly Bryan Hospital.

"We're just going to work on fine tuning because this hospital is already a fine facility," she said Thursday during a press conference at the hospital.

One method of fine tuning will be to acquire more beds for the hospital because 65 beds aren't enough, Cornelison said. Humana Hospital Bryan-College Station has many services and new technology that are unique to the area, but needs more beds before it can reach its full potential, she said.

Cornelison said hospital administrators hope to file a certificate of hearing before the Health Systems Agency in Austin sometime in June. Thirty more beds will be requested for the hospital, but it could be as long as 150 days before the hos-

pital receives any sort of action.

Cornelison said she wants to make a lot of changes but because she has been with the Humana Co. for 14 years she feels she has something to offer to the hospital on a personal level.

"I have a positive attitude and I'm committed to the Humana Hospital Bryan-College Station the best hospital in the area," she said.

Cornelison, who has been in the health care business for over 20 years, is from East Texas. She began her career in a hospital where she was a laboratory manager. She worked for 10 years and then moved to Louisville, Ky., where she worked in the Humana Co. offices.

In 1981, she went to a hospital in Denver, Colo., where she was an administrative specialist. From there she went to Buren, Ark.

Paddling suit filed

United Press International
HOUSTON — The parents of a Houston boy, paddled by his teacher, are suing the teacher for \$50,000 damages.

Martin Ray charges that Sandra Mathews paddled his son Gus, 7, because the boy did not

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