

Summer sessions bring new court, pool hours

by Brenda Davidson
Battalion Reporter

Sports enthusiasts have an excellent opportunity to get physical during summer sessions at A&M.

Besides swimming, golf, weightlifting, softball and aerobics tracks for joggers, the courts are available for racquet sports as well.

Courts may be reserved through the intramural office by calling 845-2624.

Racquetball courts are open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on a first-come, first-serve basis. After 4 p.m., courts may be reserved

Monday through Thursday until 1 a.m.

Tennis courts may be reserved Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Rackets may be rented from the intramural office for 50 cents.

If a cooler sport is more appealing, the Wofford Cain pool is open 12 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. every day during the summer sessions.

"A student ID or Rec pass must be shown for admittance," pool manager Marti Nix said. "Guests may swim for \$1, but they must be with a student ID or Rec pass holder."

A student ID is also required for use of the indoor facilities and tennis courts.

Faculty and staff may purchase pool passes for one or both summer sessions at the intramural-recreation office in East Kyle. Session passes are \$20 for faculty singles and student families. A faculty family pass is \$25.

While the pool is open for summer fun, Nix said its not all fun and games.

"We've had a few problems with a couple of rules," Nix said. "A shower must be taken before entering the water, and no glass containers are allowed."



Sink or swim?

staff photo by Brenda Davidson

Victor Willson, an associate professor in educational psychology, teaches his son Eric, 7, how to do the crawl stroke. Wofford Cain pool was busy Tuesday afternoon with people trying to escape the heat. The pool is open 12 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. every day.

Extradition hearing set in Belushi death case

United Press International
TORONTO — A county court judge says he will rule this week on whether Cathy Smith, wanted in Los Angeles in the death of comedian John Belushi, can cross-examine witnesses in her extradition hearing.

Smith, 35, of Toronto, was charged last March with second-degree murder and 13 counts of administering illegal drugs in Belushi's death on March 5, 1982.

Belushi, 33, was dead of an overdose of heroin and cocaine about two hours before his body was discovered, according to an autopsy report.

The constitutional question of cross-examination in an extradition hearing was debated Monday during the opening ses-

sion before County Court Judge Stephen Borins. The hearing resumed Tuesday.

Before adjourning Monday, Borins said he expected to rule by Thursday.

The ruling would be only on a defense motion to cross-examine witnesses, not on whether Smith would be extradited to Los Angeles.

During the nearly four-hour opening session, Smith's lawyer, Brian Greenspan, disputed evidence in some 25 affidavits accompanying the extradition request from the United States. He said they were "incomplete and misleading" and contained "lies, half-truths, and misleading statements."

He said the Canadian Charter of Rights guaranteed his client

the presumption of innocence and the right to a fair hearing which she could not receive unless allowed to question her accusers.

Crown prosecutor Ari M. Coomaraswamy countered that it "would be unprecedented in my experience" for witnesses to be cross-examined in an extradition hearing.

The affidavits submitted with the extradition order alleged Smith had breakfast at Belushi's \$200-a-day bungalow at the Chateau Marmont in Los Angeles the morning of his death; that she left the hotel with a hypodermic kit before he was found dead; and that she returned soon after, with the kit, driving his Mercedes-Benz automobile.

Hispanic groups file suit against El Paso schools

United Press International
EL PASO — Attorneys from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund and other Hispanic groups filed suit in U.S. District Court Monday, seeking a change in the way school board members are elected.

MALDEF is joined in the suit by Texas Rural Legal Aid, Inc., El Paso Legal Assistance Society and representatives of Hispanic voter groups. The suit asks the court to force the El Paso Independent School District and El Paso Community College to use single-member districts in electing board members.

The lawyers said the present at-large system discriminates

against Hispanics because of block voting that takes place along ethnic lines.

Hispanics account for 61.9 percent of the population of El Paso County, but the number of Hispanics registered to vote is only 43 percent, lawyers said.

Jose Loya, district director of the League of United Latin American Citizens, said only one of the two major school districts in El Paso was included in the suit. The Ysleta Independent School District, which includes heavily Hispanic-populated neighborhoods, was not included because there already are three Hispanics on that board, he said.

"It is not our purpose or in-

intention to insure the election of any given number or quota of Mexican Americans on the board," Loya read from a prepared statement.

"It is our intention to insure that we, along with all other Mexican American voters in El Paso, receive an equal opportunity to elect representatives of our choice and to participate in the electoral process on an equal basis with all the other voters of all colors and creeds in El Paso."

The suit claims that in the 71 years from 1911 to 1982, that the at-large elections were used by the school district, only six Spanish-surnamed candidates were successful in bids for office. Four of those candidates

won in the period from 1960 to 1982, the suit states.

The complaint against the community college is that only one Spanish-surnamed candidate was elected to the board in the period 1972 to 1982, lawyers said. One other such candidate was elected in the first college election in 1969, the suit states.

The Texas Legislature passed a bill in the last regular session that would permit school districts to adopt single member districts, court officials said.

The legislation did not cover junior colleges which, by law, are required to hold at-large elections, said Mark Berry, lawyer for El Paso Community College.

More Colorado River flood waters warned

United Press International
GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — The Colorado River's four-day rampage filled western Colorado homes with ankle-deep water and forced hundreds to flee, and officials in upper states warned of more man-made flooding that has already killed six people.

Grand Junction officials, fearful the river's rage was about to burst through an earthen dam Monday, allowed evacuees to begin returning home. On Monday, the river's water level was 18 inches over flood stage, the highest level in 66 years.

"We had a real dramatic drop in water on the Colorado — several inches," Mesa County Sheriff's Capt. Bob Silva said late Monday.

He said about 600 people returned from their homes in Grand Junction's Riverside area and another 300 evacuated from

100 homes in the Connected Lakes area a mile downstream still were being kept out.

"We're probably going to let the river go down considerably before we allow them back in," he said. "We're just sitting back and hoping it will drop."

Despite the drop, Connected Lakes residents spent an anxious night worrying about the homes and possessions they left behind.

"I managed to get in and get my goats out, but I couldn't do anything else," said Cathy Connell.

In Parker, Ariz., the Bureau of Reclamation planned to increase releases from Parker Dam to 38,000 cubic feet per second Tuesday — an amount that could cause flooding equal to that of last week when about 320 people were evacuated.

Flows during the weekend had been reduced to 33,000 cfs

to allow residents and resort owners along the Parker Strip below the dam to prepare for the bigger release.

Hundreds of acres of river-front land from Laguna Dam to the Mexican border were under water. Some 300 people have been evacuated from their homes in the Yuma area.

The river, which began to rise a week ago with the release of water from U.S. reservoirs filled with snowmelt runoff, has killed six people since it began flooding through Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, California and Mexico.

All but one of the victims died in Mexico.

But authorities said they feared extensive damage and said evacuations may be necessary when increased flows begin Wednesday or Thursday.

Water from the Colorado poured through the Grand Junction dike Monday and into a man-made lake.

Austin judge unhappy with DWI penalties

United Press International
AUSTIN — A Travis County judge says he's abandoning his tough stance on drunken driving because juries seem unwilling to impose harsh penalties.

County Court-at-Law Judge Steve Russell had taken the position of opposing plea bargains in many DWI cases and ordering all terms and license revocations for first time offenders.

But Russell, who was seriously injured in a 1966 car accident caused by a drunken driver, said Monday he is apparently "out of touch" with community standards in Austin.

He cited a recent case in which a jury ordered a suspended 15-day sentence and

\$300 fine for a third DWI offense.

"There was no way I would have probated that case," he said. "But the juries are the conscience of the community. I'm convinced that much of the community does not think like I do."

Because of his tough position in DWI cases, Russell said most defendants in his court elected to be tried by a jury. That caused jury trials in his court to run three times higher than other county courts, he said.

"We tried it my way," he said. "I took a chance the traffic would bear a little more punishment. I said no to a lot of plea bargains. In the future, I'm going to say no a lot less."

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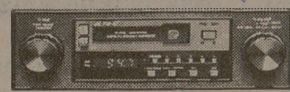
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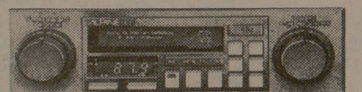
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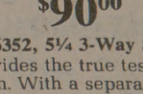
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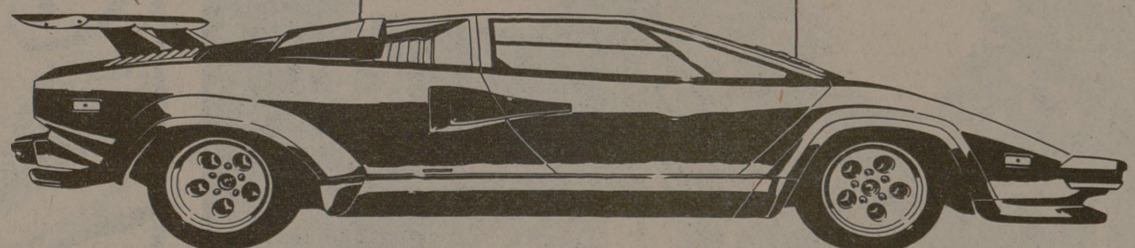


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