

First egg shoot held at A&M

Team wins with 53-point score

By ANTHONY S. CASPER
Reporter

Two Texas A&M students catapulted their team to first place Thursday with a score of 53 points in the University's First Annual Egg Shoot on first floor of the Zachry Engineering Building.

Mechanical engineering majors Stewart "Egg" Nolan and teammate Mark Jagers claimed the championship after a runoff between the top four teams. Each team consisted of two to five members and had to make its own propulsion device. Twenty-three teams entered the contest.

In the first round each team fired a volley of three fresh eggs into a target. Rings on the target were assigned different point values.

The top four teams then fired a two egg volley in the runoff.

Jagers said, "I'd say we won this thing with definitely the cheapest model. We got the most egg for our money."

Their catapult was constructed from a maze of hardwood dowels held together by rubber bands and tape. The egg holder was made of waxed beer cups tied to the end of the catapult arm.

Jagers said his team built the winning catapult the night before the contest.

Nolan said, "We tried it out before we got here. We ran two dozen virgin eggs through it — these weren't the first eggs it's seen."

Carl Erdman, head of the department of nuclear engineering, judged categories for creative design and unique materials.

The winning creative design apparatus was a tower standing about 15 feet high. The catapult was powered by weights hanging from the end of a throwing arm.

The unique materials winner was made with a modified mouse trap.

The contest was sponsored by the American Society for Metals.

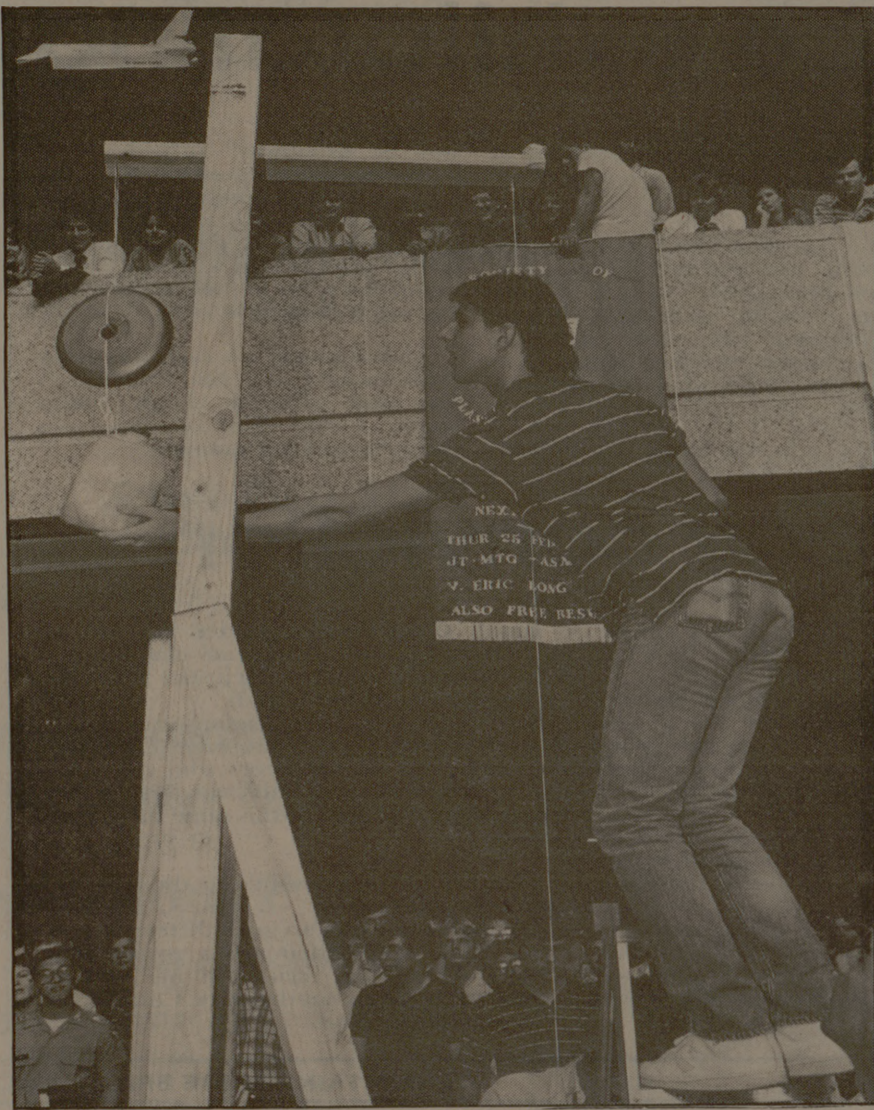


Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

Peter Mailhes steadies counter-weights on his team's catapult at Thursday's egg shoot in Zachry Engineering Building.

It was the idea of Jim Dubrouillet, the secretary of the society.

Dubrouillet, a mechanical engineering major, said, "I got the idea from the University of Missouri at Columbia. My brother went there, and they had one of these contests. He told me about it so I thought it would go over good here."

Jenny Salazar, a mechanical

engineering major, said the students need contests such as the egg shoot.

"I think this is hilarious," she said. "This is kind of the way architecture and engineering majors get to play."

"This is what an engineer does. We don't just sit there and do calculations in our classroom."

Unlocked dorm rooms aid thieves

By BRIAN PEARSON
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Two campus dorms recently have been the prowling ground for someone who has entered unlocked rooms and stolen about \$500 in cash, a gold chain, a gold ring and a Texas A&M senior ring.

Aston Hall and Dunn Hall have had 17 such burglaries in two weeks. Fifteen of the burglaries were during the morning hours of Feb. 16, one on Feb. 17 and another Sunday.

Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic at A&M, said the burglaries probably were committed by the same person. He said the suspect probably tried doors at random and entered unlocked rooms even if the occupants were in the room sleeping.

Carlos Martinez, a junior finance major from Weslaco who lives in Dunn Hall, had \$12 stolen from his wallet Feb. 16.

"I was asleep," Martinez said. "He came in. I woke up and saw him walking out the door with my wallet."

He said he got out of bed and searched the hallway for the suspect but couldn't find him.

Martinez told University Police the suspect appeared to be a 6-foot-2, 180-pound black man with a medium muscular build and short hair.

Wiatt said that in another Feb. 16 incident in Dunn, a student awoke to find the suspect standing in the room. The student said the person explained that he had come into the room by accident. Wiatt said that after the person left, the student checked his wallet and found \$5 missing.

The student told University Police the suspect appeared to be a 6-foot-1, 170-pound black male with a medium build, bad acne, short black hair in the front and long curly black hair in the back.

"The guy who is doing this is very bold," Wiatt said. "This is the type of individual who knows how naive the students are and he takes advantage of them. The only deterrent to this individual, who is on this campus to rip students off, is to lock the door. Students are just asking for it when they refuse to lock their doors."

Wiatt said a similar spree of about 12 burglaries happened during the fall semester. He said he is not sure whether these burglaries are connected with the current ones because none of the Fall victims could describe the suspect.

Recently, similar burglaries also have occurred in unlocked rooms in Hart, McFadden and Spence halls. In the Feb. 17 Spence burglary, a money bag containing \$30 was stolen. A wallet was stolen in the Feb. 2 McFadden burglary. In the Hart burglary Friday, a \$100 bill out of a wallet and a Swatch watch were stolen.

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March 5

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6 p.m. \$6⁰⁰

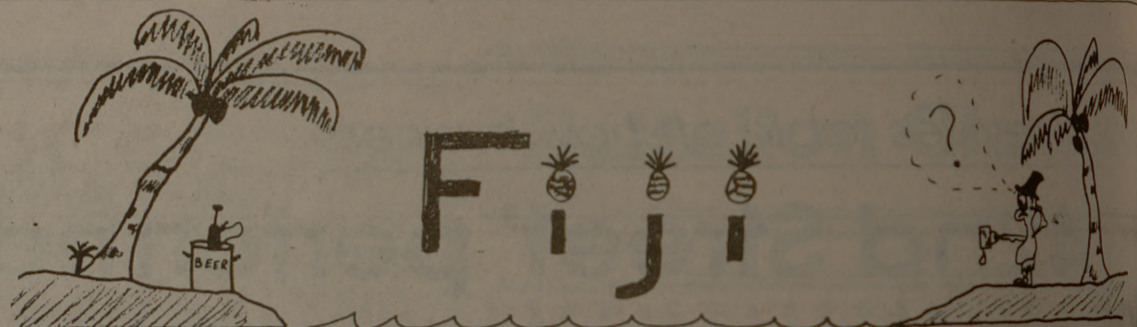
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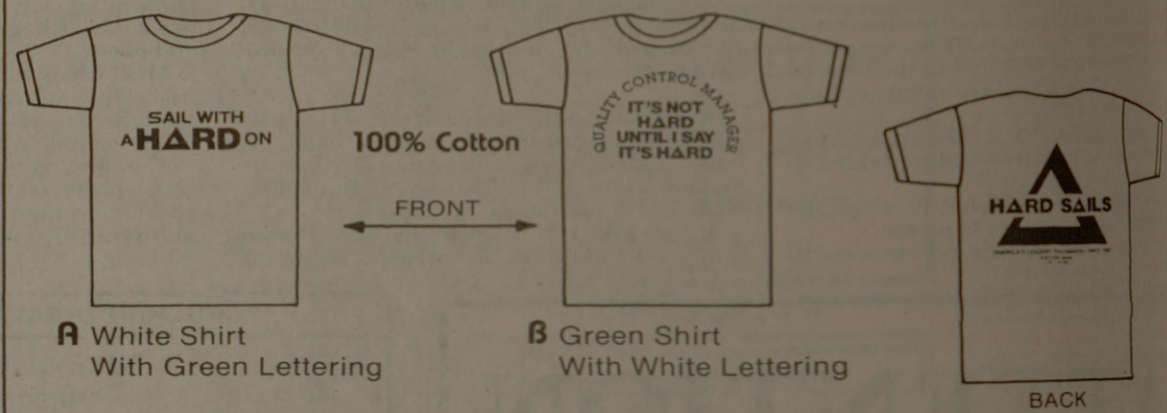
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