

Kyle Field: 'Hottest spot on campus for a date'

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Now that spring is in full swing, football season is long gone. But there's still some passing and playing going on at Kyle Field.

"It's one of the hottest spots on campus to take a date," says Scott Lewis, a sophomore business major. He says he took his date to Kyle Field for pizza and champagne on the 20-yard line.

Lewis says he thought Kyle Field would be a great place to go — somewhere private and different — but it turned out to be a more popular spot than he had imagined.

"There were so many people around, I thought I would have to buy tickets to get in," he says.

Bob Wiatt, A&M's director of security and traffic, agrees that Kyle Field has become a popular spot for hanging out.

"We've seen a lot of different things going on out there at all hours," he says.

Wiatt says the gates to the field are often left open for joggers, but

people do all kinds of things out there.

Wiatt says there are locked gates that prevent people from going up into the second and third decks, but a few have managed to get around them.

"We've caught a few breaking into the dressing rooms and the press boxes on the home side," he says.

"They usually have been tearing up things or stealing, but we haven't found this an increasing problem."

Wiatt says the lower deck and the field are open to anyone as long as the main gates aren't locked.

Jon Karp, a freshman psychology major, took advantage of this opportunity and created some special memories on Kyle Field.

And he's not talking about the Aggies' winning season in football.

Karp says he took his out-of-town girlfriend to the 50-yard line and presented her with a ring.

"My girlfriend flew down from New York late one night," Karp says.

"Just off the airplane, she and I drove to Kyle Field.

She couldn't figure out what the hell I was doing."

Karp says the ceremony has made a lasting impression on his girlfriend.

Now whenever she hears of Texas A&M, she thinks of Kyle Field and the special moment they shared.

But Kyle Field is more than just a place to take a date.

It's an unusual outdoor recreation center.

Lewis says he and his roommate used to go jogging late at night around the track at Kyle Field and it wasn't unusual to see some strange things going on.

Quite often, Lewis says, high jumper's mats are left on the field overnight.

"My roommate and I would always see couples mugging on them," he says.

"And if they weren't making out on the field, you'd see them in the bleachers.

"I guess some people just have no shame."

Katie Matzinger, a sophomore journalism student, says she and a friend used to go out to Kyle Field and lie on the track to watch the stars.

"One time when we went out there, we saw a dark figure out in the middle of the field moving around," she says.

"Finally we realized it was a person wearing a Walkman doing a dance routine."

But Kyle Field isn't just a place for individuals to go to burn off a little steam.

It's become almost a traditional meeting place for Fish Camp.

Julie Houser, a subchairman for Fish Camp '85, says that last spring the guys in her fish camp split up into groups and kidnapped the girls in the fish camp early one morning.

Then the guys all met at the 50-yard line with their kidnapped victims, most of them only wearing gowns, robes and houseshoes, Houser says.

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