

Disc sports are hot at A&M

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Texas A&M may not be the flying disc capital of the universe, but it's more than just a speck on the map of Texas as far as Frisbee sports go.

While traveling on or off campus on New Main Drive, you might have seen the Aggie Ultimate team running their legs off and chasing plastic plates on the polo field on the east side of campus. Ultimate basically is another name for what some people call disc football.

Scott Gunn, an A&M graduate zoology student, says Aggie Ultimate was "reasonably organized" in about 1978 although it wasn't recognized as

an extramural sport by the University until 1982.

Gunn, who started playing for Aggie Ultimate in 1981, says the team participates in from 10 to 12 Ultimate tournaments a year. The team has traveled all over Texas and to places such as Florida and St. Louis to play in these tournaments.

He says A&M usually hosts two tournaments every year. One tournament held in early fall, called the "Aggie Ultimate Experience," draws about 16 men's teams and four women's teams.

The spring tournament, "Savage Seven," draws between 13 and 15 men's teams, Gunn says. Savage Seven and the Ag-

gie Ultimate Experience are played the same, but Savage Seven does not allow substitutions for the ragged-out players who've been hoofing it around for 45 minutes with few opportunities to catch a breath or slam back some water, beer or whatever.

Gunn says Aggie Ultimate was the pioneer of Savage Seven.

If the physical challenge of Ultimate is not appealing, then try the A&M disc golf course.

While traveling on Houston or Throckmorton Streets around the Floral Test Gardens, Mount Aggie and the President's Home, you might have seen groups of people walking around and throwing plastic plates at striped trees and light

poles. This is the A&M version of disc golf.

The A&M disc golf course, which was created in 1979, has 18 "holes" and presents an abundance of hazards including bushes, trees and streets which count as water hazards.

A&M will hold an intramural disc golf tournament Saturday and students can sign up in the Intramural Office through Friday. Otherwise they can come to Mount Aggie at 11 a.m. Saturday and try to get a tee-off time. An Intramural Office spokesman says 23 participated in last year's tournament, despite the howling wind and torrential rain. There's no entry fee and the only equipment needed is a flying disc, so grab your Sbis disc and go for it.

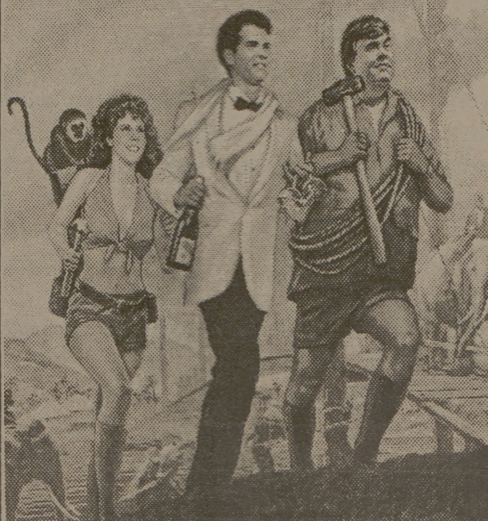
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