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Club practices lumberjack skills at competition

By Tracy Hamm
Reporter

As most students slept early Saturday morning, the Texas A&M Forestry Club members were rolling logs, climbing poles and throwing axes.

The Forestry Club held its 10th annual Skidadoo as a practice session for the southeastern lumberjack competition, Conclave.

"It is a social activity to meet other foresters and to gain experience for Conclave," said Robert Henry, a junior urban forestry major.

Pete Stewart, a sophomore forest management major, agreed that Skidadoo is a friendly competition where people can get to know others away from school.

Saturday's events made up the physical portion of the practice and also decided who would compete in each of the events at Conclave. Also, each winner in a Skidadoo event wins a pair of "Aggie Forester" suspenders, said Kay Thierheimer, a sophomore forest management major.

The technical events began Monday and will continue through Sunday, Forestry Club president Curt Sherretts said. These events will include photogrammetry, which is interpreting aerial photographs; dendrology, the identification of trees; and wildlife studies, during which students will examine specimens and determine the wildlife types.

Two technical events, Diameter Breast Height estimation and compass and pacing, were held Saturday.

For compass and pacing, contestants are given a set of compass coordinates. They have to set their compasses and walk the number of paces they think will get them to the chosen point. The contest is judged by determining who comes closest to that point.

Dolph Scott, a senior forest management major, won the compass and pacing event by coming to

within 1.7 feet of the target.

Bob Argent, a lecturer and graduate student, explained that DBH estimation occurs at about 4 1/2 feet above the ground. This height was determined because trees swell at the bottom. To take an accurate estimation of the tree's diameter, foresters estimate it at breast height.

Freshman Lindy Harding was the winner in DBH estimation.

Winners in the chain-throw competition were Sherretts and Gene Gehring. In this event, competitors take a 66-foot-long steel cable — first used by lumberjacks to measure an acre — uncoil it, stretch it across to a stake, then recoil and throw it over the stake.

Sherretts and Gehring also represented A&M in this event last year.

Gehring, a senior urban forestry major, said he learned the skills for the chain-throw event in a surveying class.

Gehring also won other events. He climbed a 20-foot pole in 4.9 seconds to win the pole-climbing event and he was 100 percent accurate in chopping a pole to fall on a stake in the pole-felling event.

Sherretts kept his balance on a log rolling in the water to win the log birling contest.

Sherretts and Stewart won the men's cross-cut event by sawing through a 10-inch by 10-inch cant — a railroad tie — in 15 seconds. Stewart also won the Jack 'n' Jill cross-cut with Michelle McAffey, a sophomore forest management major, and the bow-saw event. Stewart triumphed in the bow-saw event by sawing through an 8-inch by 8-inch cant in 20 seconds.

The women's cross-cut was won by McAffey and Nancy Brannon, a senior forest management major.

Jamie Rodgers, a senior forest science major, won the axe throw and Richard Shaw, a sophomore forest management major, won the knife-throw competition by hitting logs with a bull's-eye painted on them.

Theater

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says. "So is CBS, but it has to do with the 'bigwigs' at CBS. That's whose hands it's in now."

Gordone explains that if the series airs, he no longer will be the only script writer.

"In the series they (CBS) will assign two or three writers," he says. "I will be pretty much just a consultant. I may write one or two (episodes) along the way, but I wouldn't write each separate script. I'm just too involved in theater and with this (A&M's theater department)."

Unless the series demands his undivided attention in New York or California, Gordone says he has high hopes for the future of the Aggie Players.

"I want to see where I can go with these young people," he says. "Thus far I feel very fulfilled where I am right now."

Gordone's wife, Susan Kouyomjian of American Stage, also acts, and Gordone has appeared in a

cameo role in "Angel Heart," a motion picture starring Lisa Bonet of "The Cosby Show" and Mickey Rourke.

Gordone's status in the entertainment business and his connections with other actors could prove beneficial to A&M by bringing well-known guests to the University.

Gordone says he would like to see some of his friends from the stage and the screen visit A&M.

"We're in the midst of getting some of these people out to the department to talk and tell them (the theater students) about the reality of the acting world," he says.

Gordone says he believes the students may not be getting enough "reality preparation."

"That's another reason why I'm here," he adds. "Many times the kids get steeped so much in academia that they don't get too much of the reality of what goes on outside. I'm here to give them the good, hard sell on what they're going to face when they get out there on the street."

What's Up

Tuesday

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: John Boyle of Welborn Church will speak during Hullahaloo Fellowship at 7 p.m. in 229 and 230 MSC.

JUNGIAN SOCIETY OF THE BRAZOS VALLEY/PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT: will present a lecture on "The Mystic Feminine Trinity" at 7:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

TAU BETA PI: will have a symposium on "Government vs. Regulation" at 7:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

HUMAN FACTORS SOCIETY: will have an update on current student research projects at 7:15 p.m. in Zachry 333B.

WRITING OUTREACH MINI COURSE: presents "Elements of Clear Style," a session applicable to all kinds of writing, at 6:30 p.m. in 131 Blocker.

NUTRITION CLUB: will meet with a representative from the Peace Corps at 6:30 p.m. in 117 Kleberg.

TAMU HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION: will present Roger Golstein with baggians and Clydesdales at 7 p.m. at the Dick Freeman Arena.

WATER SKI CLUB: will have a planning meeting for the spring tournament at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower. Check the monitor screen for the room number.

COLLEGIATE FFA: will have an election of outstanding students and a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 208 Scoates.

MSC LITERARY ARTS: Deadline for submissions for the 1988 Litmus is today.

MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY/PI SIGMA ALPHA: will meet at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

INTRAMURALS: Tennis doubles, softball and preseason softball entries are due in 159 Read.

AGGIE ALAMANDERS: will have square-dance lessons at 7:30 p.m. and a dance at 8:45 p.m. in the Pavilion.

TAMU PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT: will present "healthy heart" seminars and workshops from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder. The workshops are free to University employees. For reservations call Gigi Delgado at 845-4153.

TRI-BETA BIOLOGICAL HONOR SOCIETY: will meet at 6 p.m. in 109 Heiderfels.

MSC PAGEANT: Pageant contestants will model new spring fashions at 11 a.m. in the MSC flag room during the MSC Hospitality fashion show.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a discussion on "Mary & Me" at 9 p.m. at the All Faiths Chapel.

AUSTIN HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

Wednesday

PRE-MBA ASSOCIATION: Stan Madden, associate dean of admissions of the Baylor graduate MBA program, will speak at 7 p.m. in 156 Blocker.

STUDENTS HELPING AGGIE RESIDENTS EVERYWHERE (SHARE): will meet at 8 p.m. in the Off Campus Center.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION CASINO: will have a mandatory meeting for casino dealers at 7:30 p.m. and a meeting for casino girls at 8:30 p.m. in 207 Harrington.

COLLEGE STATION PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Registration closes for the spring adult-soccer league (recreational division). For more information, call David at 764-3737.

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: will have information on studying in Denmark, Mexico, West Germany and Scotland at 2 p.m. in 251 Blizzell West.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION: will have a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

OFF CAMPUS AGGIES: will meet at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachry.

MSC JORDAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS: Applications for the Gottingen exchange program are due by noon in 223G MSC.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES: will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Letterman's Lounge.

MSC PAGEANT: The men of Texas A&M will compete for the title of Mr. Aggie at noon in the MSC flag room to promote the 1988 Miss TAMU Pageant.

BRAZOS VALLEY AIDS FOUNDATION: will have its first general meeting of 1988 at 7:30 p.m. in room 101 of the College Station Community Center.

WESLEY FOUNDATION: The Rev. Picasso will continue leading a study on the Hispanic church at noon in the fellowship hall of the Wesley Foundation.

AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

AGGIE GOP/COLLEGE REPUBLICANS: will have spring elections at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a mini course on the book of Revelation at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center. There will be a midweek study break at 7:30 p.m., also at the student center. There also will be a discussion on "History of the Rosary" at 9 p.m. in Lounge B on the quad.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Son fears father may use magazine to hire other killers

HOUSTON (AP) — A tearful teen-ager testified Monday he feared that his father, now on death row for hiring a hit man through Soldier of Fortune magazine to kill his mother, also could use the magazine to do the same to him.

Gary Wayne Black, 18, testified in the second week of a federal court trial in which he and his grandmother, Marjorie Einmann, are suing the military magazine for \$22.5 million, accusing it of negligence for running an ad that led to the slaying of Sandra Black.

Mrs. Black was Gary's mother and Mrs. Einmann's daughter.

The ad in the self-proclaimed "Journal for Professional Adventurers," based in Boulder, Colo., brought Robert Black, the woman's husband, together with John Wayne Hearn, who placed the ad.

Black is on Texas' death row, paying Hearn \$10,000 to carry out the killing of his wife. Hearn is serving three life terms in Florida for that and two other slayings.

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