

# Reba

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Looking me right in the eye, she answered everything I asked completely, and even answered some questions I didn't ask in her rich, slightly-accented voice.

She was gracious, pleasant, and very candid. She laughed at my little jokes, and made some of her own. Her manager, upon learning I would be writing the review of the show, jokingly offered me a wad of cash. They were all very nice and very accomodating.

During the interview, we were completely uninterrupted, and she gave me her full attention. I took very few notes during the interview; I just concentrated on talking to her.

We covered a lot of subjects. A rundown of the conversation follows.

- Her next album, which she said will be called *Sweet Sixteen*, will continue the trend of expanding her sound into other areas of music. Reba co-wrote three of the songs on the album, which is now being mixed and will be released by spring.

- She would like to see one of her albums go platinum (one million copies sold), and said she is nearing that goal. Her greatest hits album, released in 1987, is only 50,000 units short of that mark.

- She enjoys going to other performers' concerts. Some of her recent favorites include Eric Clapton (whom she saw in England), George Michael, and A&M's famous musical son, Lyle Lovett.

- Other interests that may one day play a bigger role in her life include acting (she already is trying out for a part in a movie) and possibly having children.

Reba is, quite simply, a class act. During the show, she turned the spotlight over to her fiddle player, her saxophonist, and even her backup singer for solos. She took time out to introduce the entire band, and directed the audience's applause to them after each one of their exceptional performances.

According to her keyboard player, Kirk Cappello, Reba makes sure her concerts are a real "band effort."

After the show, Reba did not abandon her class act. She signed autographs for members of her fan club in G. Rollie White Coliseum and posed for a seemingly endless number of pictures. She also signed the shirts of a bunch of very happy Town Hall ushers.

Then she was escorted to her bus, and she stood in its doorway until after midnight, signing autographs for the more than 100 fans who had assembled to see her off.



Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack  
Reba McEntire performs the blues last Friday.

## U.S. women's lament: too few men to go around

NEW YORK (AP) — Listen, ladies. If you're looking for a Valentine to tie the knot, he's not going to be easy to find.

The Atlantic magazine, with the help of the U.S. Census Bureau and the National Planning Data Corporation, offers these statistics:

There are 3,138 counties in America. The male-female ratio for ages 18-44 is within 10 percentage points of equality in almost all of them.

"A difference of a few percent may seem slight," the magazine reports in its February issue, "but it is in fact quite significant."

"Think of the situation as a game

of musical chairs. Each man moves one man and one woman from the game.

"In a county where 48 percent of the population are 13 single for every 12 seats.

"Counting out gay and lesbian men may remove another 10 percent of the potential husbands in the group in such a county as 15 percent of the women target age group."

One bit of advice: there are counties with a surplus of men, western two-thirds of the than in the eastern third.

# INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

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## FOOTNOTES

- **Softball Umpires** meeting Monday, February 13, at 6:00 PM 267 G. Rollie White.
- **Outdoor Soccer** playoffs will be posted on Tuesday, February 14. Playoffs begin on Wednesday, February 15.
- **Slam Dunk** preliminaries are Thursday, February 16, at 7:30 PM Main Floor, G. Rollie White. Finals will be held during halftime of the A&M vs. Arkansas Men's Basketball Game, Saturday, February 18.
- **Basketball** playoff petitions are due Friday, February 17. Playoffs will be posted on Monday, February 20. Playoffs begin Sunday, February 26.
- **Note:** Due to the delays caused by the weather, **Basketball** playoff games will be seeded for the first 2 games only!!

## SPORTS CLUBS

- The **Men's Rugby Team** will be in action against Bay Area Feb. 17, at 1PM on East Campus.
- **Collegiate Rodeo** beginning at 7:00PM Feb. 17 & 18.
- The **LaCrosse Team** will be playing UT Feb. 17, at 1:00PM on the Drill Field.
- The **Gymnastics Team** will hold a meet Feb. 17, from 2 - 5PM in 307 Read.
- The **Women's Soccer Team** plays at Rice Feb. 17.
- The **Racquetball Team** will compete in a regional tournament Feb. 17.
- The **LaCrosse Team** will be at Sam Houston Feb. 18.
- **Sports Club meeting** Tue. Feb. 14, at 7:00PM 167 Read.

## IM GAMEPLAN

ENTRIES OPEN: FEBRUARY 6 ENTRIES CLOSE: FEBRUARY 11

**FREE THROW CONTEST DATE:** Wednesday, February 15, 1 pm - 10 pm. **ENTRY FEE:** Free !!! **LOCATION:** Floor, G. Rollie White Coliseum. **DIVISIONS:** Men's and Women's. **RULES:** Each participant will shoot 20 free throws. In case of a tie, the participant with the most consecutive shots made from the beginning will be declared the winner. Participants making the 20th free throw will continue shooting for a separate consecutive shots made award. **AWARDS:** Will be awarded to the Individual Champion in each division. Bring your Student ID or Recreation ID to participate.

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**PRESEASON SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT LIMITED ENTRIES:** Entries will be limited to the first 128 teams. **DIVISIONS:** Men's, A, B, and C, Women's Open, CoRec A and B. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per team. **SCHEDULES:** Schedules will be posted in the Recreational Sports Office on Wednesday, February 22. The tournament will be held February 24 - 25. In case of rain, the tournament will be held March 3 - 4. If both weekends are rained out, the tournament will be cancelled. Only teams not completing one full game will be given a refund. **AWARDS:** No awards will be given. The tournament will use all Intramural rules, policies and procedures. This tournament is sponsored by the Texas A&M Sports Officials Association.

**SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL DIVISIONS:** Corps, Fish, Men's and Women's Residence Hall, Men's and Women's Independent, Fraternity, and CoRec. **RULES:** ASA with Intramural exceptions. Rules are available in the Recreational Sports Office. **COMPETITION:** Round Robin league play with single elimination playoffs in all classes. Class A - highly skilled; Class B - average skilled; Class C - novice; Class D - recreation. **PLAY BEGINS:** Sunday, February 26. **EQUIPMENT:** Game ball, bases and catcher's mask will all be furnished by the Recreational Sports Office. **ENTRY FEE:** \$30.00 per team. **AWARDS:** T-shirts will be given to All-University Class A Champions and certificates to Class B & C All-University Champions. Class B CoRec Champions will receive General Motors t-shirts. **TEAM MANAGER'S MEETING:** Thursday, February 23 at 5 PM in Room 601 Rudder Tower. Schedules will be available and rule changes will be discussed. **CORPS MANAGERS MEETING:** Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 PM at 167 Read Building. Schedules will be available and rule changes will be discussed. **UMPIRES:** Any person interested in becoming an Intramural Umpire should contact Chris Koperniak in the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read.

**BILLIARD SINGLES SCHEDULES POSTED:** Thursday, February 23, 3 PM outside the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office. **ENTRY FEE:** \$4.00 to be paid in the Recreational Sports Office. **TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE:** Double elimination. **COMPETITION:** Men's and Women's Divisions will be offered with no class distinction (no A, B or C). All-University teams will receive points as if they were in Class A. **COMPETITION DATES:** Matches will be played on the weekend of February 24-26. **EQUIPMENT:** Each participant must supply a can of balls, a cue, and a chalk. **AWARDS:** The winners will receive a General Motors t-shirt. **SCHEDULES:** Will be posted on the Intramural bulletin board after 1 pm on Friday, February 23. Check to see when you play. **RULES:** U.S.A. Rules will apply. Matches will consist of 21 games to 21 points and an 11 point tie breaker necessary.

**BASKETBALL 3 POINT SHOOTOUT. Sponsored by NIKE and TAMU Recreation:** **REGISTRATION:** All participants are encouraged to sign up for a starting time at the Recreational Sports Office. Late entries will be accepted on an availability basis only. **PRELIMINARIES:** Wednesday, February 22 and Thursday, February 23, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM in Gym 303. **FINALISTS:** Four scorers will compete on Saturday, March 4, half time of the A&M - U.T. Men's Basketball game. **AWARDS:** Top men's and women's scorers will receive a Nike T-Shirt. In addition, Nike will award the top 4 female and top 12 male scorers with Nike socks and jerseys. The final male or female will receive Nike basketball shoes and shorts. The top scorer from the finals will receive a Nike sweatshirt and gym bag. **RULES:** Available at the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read Building. **ELIGIBILITY:** All TAMU students, faculty and staff may participate if they meet the requirements in the Recreational Sports Handbook/Calendar. Students must present a student ID and Faculty/Staff must present a recreation ID to participate.



The Department of Recreational Sports mourns the passing of W.L. "Penny" Penberthy, the "Father of Intramurals" at Texas A&M.

Mr. Penberthy passed away on December 20, 1988. He served as Director of Intramurals from 1926 - 1939. He also served as the Head of The Department of Health and Physical Education, Dean of Men and chairman of the Memorial Student Center Council in his 40 years at Texas A&M. The Penberthy Intramural Center bears his name as does the Penberthy Softball Tournament. He will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### PENBERTHY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Horseshoe Doubles      Wrestling      Mountain Bike Day Trip

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## TAMU-OUTDOORS

### CANOEING SAN MARCOS RIVER SATURDAY, March 4

REGISTRATION: February 13-27

Enjoy paddling the beautiful and scenic Sam Marcos River! The water remains a constant 72° year-round and this lush, almost tropical environment plays host to a wide variety of plants and animals. The \$25 (\$30 for Non A&M) fee for this outing includes transportation, rental of canoes, instruction while on the river and experienced guides. This trip is geared to the beginning canoeist. Sign up in the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read. The trip is limited to 12 participants. For more information, call Patsy at 845-7826.

### RAFT/KAYAK THE CANYONS OF BIG BEND MARCH 11 - 19

REGISTRATION: FEBRUARY 6 - MARCH 1

Paddle the Rio Grande along majestic canyon walls that tower as much as 1500 feet above the water. Take exploratory hikes into side canyons and caves. Relax in a tinaja. Experience sleeping under the stars.

The \$225 (\$250 Non A&M) fee for this spring break adventure includes transportation, food, rental of rafts/kayaks, camping equipment, and shuttle costs. All you need to bring is your camera.

Swimming ability is a prerequisite for the trip. Kayakers should be competent in the eskimo roll and white water paddling.

Sign up in the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read. This trip is limited to 11 participants. For more information, please call Patsy at 845-7826.

### KAYAKING WORKSHOP SAN MARCOS RIVER Saturday & Sunday, February 25 - 26

REGISTRATION: February 6 - February 20

Take the weekend off and learn the fundamentals of kayaking in a two day class offered by TAMU Outdoors. The first day will be an introduction to kayak strokes, rescue, and the eskimo roll. The second day will be spent on the San Marcos River learning how to paddle the boat and get a feel for white water. The \$40 (\$45 for non A&M) fee for this workshop includes group camping equipment, kayak equipment, camping permits and experienced instruction. Sign up early because class size is limited. For more information, call Patsy Greiner at 845-7826. Register in the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read Building.

### Rock Climbing and Rappelling Clinic

Saturday, February 25

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM at Sugar Loaf

REGISTRATION: February 6 - 20 Recreational Sports is offering this one day rock climbing/rappelling clinic to introduce this exciting sport. Experienced guides will teach basic knots and rope handling techniques, protection and belaying systems and a variety of climbing techniques at Sugar Loaf (located near Hearne, Texas). The \$12 (\$15 for non A&M) fee includes climbing equipment and experienced instruction. The trip is limited to 10 participants. Sign up in the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read Building. For more information, call Patsy Greiner at 845-7826.

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### DEPARTMENT OF RECREATIONAL SPORTS LOGO CONTEST

The Intramural-Recreational Sports Department is officially changing to the Department of Recreational Sports September 1, 1989. We are holding a logo contest to identify potential designs for our new logo. Designs are due in the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read Building no later than 5:30 PM, Tuesday, March 7. The winner will be announced after Spring Break and will be awarded a \$50.00 prize. Rules are available in the Recreational Sports Office 159 Read. For more information, call P.J. Miller, 845-7826.