

# Relay

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enjoying a day off. "To get a class 3 privilege — there are three levels of privilege and 3 is the highest — one only needs contact the Master Relay Operator, Charlotte Dick," Barnes said.

"If you're reasonable, she'll more than likely give the privilege to you," he said.

"Usually it works on the idea that they'll let you do it if you ask for it and let you keep doing it as long as you don't abuse it."

### Users

It was Relay that got Barnes interested in computers, but he said he doesn't have much time for it any-

more.

He made several friends through Relay when he was a regular user of the system.

"I haven't been on Relay very much for the past few months, but I still remember the people I used to talk to all the time," he said.

"There were a couple of people from other universities, one was at the University of Ottawa."

Although it is possible to build a strong friendship without meeting anyone face-to-face, Barnes knows of one person who traveled around the country from node to node, meeting and talking to the people he used to talk to over the computer.

Late at night, many Europeans are on the Relay lines, Barnes said. Language isn't much of a barrier,

because most of the users speak English, he said.

"It's sort of universal," Barnes said. "Someone in France will be on Relay, and will be talking to someone in Germany."

"Often the French user won't speak German, and the German user won't speak French, so they'll both speak English."

### Services

It doesn't cost anything to use the Relay services — that service is covered by the computer access fee. However, some "funny money," as Barnes called it, comes into play.

"You have a balance on your account, and if you don't have any classes that require a computer, you have \$10 a week (to spend)," he said. "When you run out of money, you

can't log on."

Services that will run a balance down include running heavily mathematical programs and printing.

Papers or program can be sent from home computers to any of several printers on campus. The work can be picked up later in a box at the printer.

The boxes are all over campus and generally are shared by several people.

If one printer is closer to a particular class, Barnes says, you can send your document to that printer, changing locations at will.

Barnes also described a mail service.

Unlike the CB-like Relay, in which the person you want to speak to must be in the system at the same

time, mail goes to a computer and is waiting for the user when he or she comes in.

That way you can leave a message, and the receiver can read it and respond at their leisure.

Another service is the help desks. If you're having trouble with a COBOL, Fortran or almost any other program, you can call the helpdesk for assistance.

Barnes works at the VM (virtual machine) helpdesk in Blocker. His "address" is XO45CB at TAMV1, if you're already in the system.

He enjoys his job, he said, but noted that it would help a lot if he could get an IBM PC in the office.

"There are a lot of different disk formats out there, and it's hard to transfer from one kind to another."

### Setting Up An Account

To set up your own account or accounts, use your modem to dial either 845-9411 or 845-9211 (the system will tell you which number — either of them).

When the A&M computer system responds with a large ATM, it will ask the following:

Enter Resource Name or (P) which you reply VTAM.

Enter Terminal Type: If you need a list of types, hit "Return".

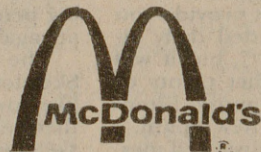
Enter Application: To which you reply CICS.

The computer will then ask for your student ID, birthdate and last name, and it takes about a minute for your account to be set up.

Once you've got an account, you're ready to Relay.

# INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

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## FOOTNOTES

- **Volleyball Triples and Innetube Water Polo** begin play Monday, March 27.
- **Tennis Doubles** begin Tuesday, March 28.
- **Sports Club Meeting** Tuesday, March 28, 7 PM, 167 Read.
- **Golf Singles** preliminary round April 2 - 4.
- **All University Team Bowling Finals** Sunday, April 2, 2 - 4 PM.
- **Swim Meet** Divisionals Monday, March 27. All University Finals Wednesday, March 29.
- **Softball playoffs** posted Monday, April 3 across from racquetball court #2. Playoffs begin Thursday, April 6.

## SPORTS CLUBS

- **The Badminton Team** will be hosting the Texas State Tournament Saturday & Sunday, April 1 & 2.
- **The LaCrosse Team** will play Saturday April 1 at 1 PM on the Drill Field.
- **The Fencing Team** will host a tournament Saturday & Sunday, April 1 & 2, 303 Read.
- **The Cycling Team** will hold the Aggieldand Critterium Sunday April 2, 8 AM - 4 PM at the Research Park.
- **The Racquetball Team** will be at the National Championships in New Orleans.

## IM GAMEPLAN

ENTRIES CLOSE: MARCH 28

**PUTT-PUTT GOLF ENTRY FEE:** Men's or Women's Singles \$2.00/person; Men's or Women's Doubles \$4.00/team; CoRec \$4.00/team. All fees will be collected at registration in the Recreational Sports Office. All equipment is available at the course. **CONTEST DATE:** Wednesday, April 5, 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM. **LOCATION:** Putt-Putt Golf Course, Texas Avenue South, College Station, North of K-Mart. \*\*\*Bring your student ID or recreational ID.\*\*

**TYPE OF COMPETITION:** One round, 18 hole contest with medalist (stroke) scoring. Ties will be decided by comparing totals of back nine holes. If a tie still exists, a match of holes from #18 backwards will determine the winner. Local course rules with Intramural exceptions will be in effect. **ELIGIBILITY:** All TAMU students, faculty, staff and spouses if they meet the eligibility requirements in the Recreational Sports Calendar/Handbook. **DIVISIONS:** Men's Singles & Doubles, Women's Singles & Doubles, CoRec Doubles. **AWARDS:** All-University T-shirts will be awarded in each division.

Intramural Rules will be enforced. **AWARDS:** Intramural championship t-shirts will be given to the winners. Men's, Women's, and Co-Rec divisions. **TEAMS:** Teams consist of 7 players per team. Co-Rec teams consist of 4 men and 3 women or 3 men and 4 women. **ELIGIBILITY:** Check the Recreational Sports Calendar for policies concerning eligibility. **TOURNAMENT DATE:** March 31 - April 1.

**SUPERSTARS ENTRY FEE:** Free!!! **DIVISIONS:** Individual - Men and Women. **ELIGIBILITY:** Superstars competition is open to all TAMU students, faculty and their spouses. **COMPETITION:** The competition will be held April 1 & 2. Participants must choose 10 of the events: (Everyone must participate in the obstacle course.) Softball Throw, 1600 M Run, Weightlifting, Cycling, 100 M Dash, Frisbee Toss, 50 M Swim, Volleyball, Free Throw, Shuttle Run, Bowling, Obstacle Course. \*Participants who bowl will need to pay for the games at the alley. \*\*Participants who enter Cycling will be required to provide their own bikes. **AWARDS:** High Point Man and Woman in Individual Competition will receive the Dan Copp Memorial Award and an Intramural Champion t-shirt. **MEETING:** There will be a meeting for all participants at 10:00 am Sat., April 1 in 164 Read to discuss rules for the competition. This meeting is mandatory!!

**ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOURNAMENT DIVISIONS:** Men's, Women's and CoRec. **ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per team. **SCHEDULES:** Schedules may be picked up at the team captains meeting in 167 Read at 5pm on Thursday, March 30. **LOCATION:** All games will be played at the Penberthy Intramural Complex or the Intramural Sports Center. **RULES:** Ultimate Players Association Rules and

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### BASEBALL HITTING / HOMERUN CONTEST

#### FUN RUN

#### FRISBEE GOLF

#### WOMEN'S RUGBY

The Women's Rugby Team is looking for anyone interested in playing. For more information, call Angela at 260-3004 or Renae at 693-3911. Practice is at 5:00 PM on Tuesday and Wednesday, on Henderson Field (by the Bell Tower) and on Sunday at 4:00 PM at the Polo Field.

**RAINING???** Call 845-2625 to see if your game has been rained out.

### GOLF DRIVING RANGE HOURS

The Driving Range located at the Intramural Sports Center is now open for operation Mon-Thu, 3 PM - 6 PM; Fri, 12 PM - 6 PM; Sat, 10 AM - 6 PM; and Sun, 12 noon - 6 PM. Individuals with student ID or TAMU Recreational ID may purchase a large bucket of balls for \$3.00 and a small bucket of balls for \$1.50. Without an ID individuals may purchase a large bucket of balls for \$4.00 and a small bucket for \$2.00. Club rental is also available. For more information, contact the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read, or call 845-7826.

## ALL UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONS

### Wallyball

<b>Men's A</b>	Newsensation	<b>CoRec A</b>	Good Action
<b>Men's B</b>	4nichaters	<b>CoRec B</b>	Wallbangers2
<b>Men's C</b>	Sato Family	<b>CoRec C</b>	Minimum Wage
<b>Women's A</b>	Three Amigas	<b>Women's B</b>	Wallbangers

## TAMU-OUTDOORS

**Intermediate Kayak Workshop on the Guadalupe River**  
Saturday April 15 - 16 Registration: March 27 - April 10

Spend the weekend improving your kayaking skills. Emphasis will be placed on refining technique, braces, eskimo rolls, and learning how to play rapids. The \$55 (\$60 for non A&M) fee for this workshop includes transportation, group camping equipment, kayak equipment, camping permits and experienced instruction. Sign up early because class size is limited.

### Kayak Roll Instructional Clinics

Date: April 6, 6:15 - 8:30 PM Registration: March 20 - April 3

Learn the mechanics of the Eskimo roll!! Experienced guides will be on hand to instruct and assist you in sessions at the Outdoor Pool. The \$8 (\$10 non A&M) fee covers instruction, kayak rental and pool time. Limited to 10 participants.

### Climbing At Enchanted Rock State Natural Area

Dates: April 7-9 Registration: March 20 - April 3

Join us at the Rock for an introduction to the thrills of rock climbing!!

Experienced guides will teach a variety of climbing techniques and safety systems. Spend the weekend testing your new skills. The \$30 (\$35 non A&M) fee for this adventure includes rental of group camping equipment, climbing equipment, camping permits and experienced instruction. The trip is offered to beginning and intermediate climbers and is limited to 10 participants.

Register for these trips in the Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read Bldg. For more information about these trips or TAMU Outdoors contact, Patsy Greiner, 845-7826.

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