

AggieCon

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one another in a maze of cardboard-box walls and mirrors.

Kenneth Godwin, 20, who also goes by the name of Mark Thyme, a character in a novel he's writing, was supervising the Lazer Tag activities that afternoon. He chatted about the philosophical aspects of the game. "This is futuristic combat," Godwin said. "But instead of people dying, you just put them on the side. That's the best type of war."

A 13-year-old girl wearing braces, who came out of the maze with her sensor indicating she was "dead," was not exactly concerned about the philosophy of game. She was almost in tears.

"Something hit me," she sobbed. "I had my sensor covered, and it still

hit me" (of course, covering your sensor is illegal, and everybody knows cheaters never win — better luck next time).

Lazer Tag is not just for children any more. A bunch of folks from Corpus Christi proved that point. They were decked out in fatigue-green flight suits covered with insignia indicating each one's "rank," black berets, and arm patches indicating they were the "War Dogs." They were all "over 20."

A couple of the "Dogs" explained to me that their characters were based on some heroes from the cancelled "Captain Power" animated series. They were keeping the series alive by assuming the identities of the characters and keeping up with the facts of the show.

They performed for my benefit the show's theme song. I lost them when they started talking about "bio-dreads hunting down humans and

digitizing them" in a future world run by machines, which resulted from "robots being the only ones who played sports," or something like that. They apparently thought of themselves as "the last pocket of resistance against the bio-dreads."

They weren't facing any bio-dreads today — just a bunch of junior high kids who were matched against the War Dogs. After some initial bickering between the teams, caused by the fact that the kids' team had three more members than the adults' team (adults: "We get to use two pistols," kids: "then we get to use your rifles, adults: "No way, go buy your own"), the match began.

Attempting to ask War Dog Mark Briody one last question before the match began, I was cut off when he turned his bearded face, complete with waxed moustache, to me and said "Umm, excuse me, I'm about to play Lazer Tag."

Not surprisingly, the War Dogs tore up the youngsters. But it was all in the name of fun.

Coming back from Lazer Tag, I was greeted by one of those scenes for which the possible captions are endless. The members of the Corps of Cadets were jogging past the MSC, fresh from their annual March to the Brazos. They were sun-burned, they were shouting, they were sweaty, they were caked with mud and were carrying everything from tree limbs to large bones.

On a street corner quietly watching them pass were a couple of AggieCon-ers. The guy wore a silver band around his neck; his black T-shirt indicated his nickname was "Moon Dog." His female companion, with pale skin and straight jet-black hair, wore a low-cut spandex top, purple and black leggings and black felt boots.

They watched the Corps; the

Corps watched them. Surely, here were two of the most widely diverse groups of people ever to have faced one another in the history of the planet. What was each one thinking about what the others' existence meant about the state of the world? In some futuristic world, would these groups blend together, or would they grow further apart? Would there be hostility? Would there be love? I just don't know.

Capping off Saturday's festivities was the Masquerade Ball. If you can imagine it, it was there. Characters both good and bad, attractive and ugly, from the past, present and future, were in attendance, grooving to a sound system that played everything from Def Leppard to Information Society to Tchaikovsky.

How did the creatures dance? They two-stepped, they waltzed, they jitter-bugged, they did stuff you'd see at The Edge, and a couple

of 'em tried what they called the "naissance jig."

The War Dogs had traded in the fatigues for Star Trek costumes, made the mistake of calling them Trekkies, and was promptly rebuffed (for future reference, they are "Star Trek enthusiasts").

The ball's costume contest provided some interesting scenes. Imagine a monk, a dark elf, a dwarf, a wizard, a princess and a tap-dancing space bug doing the bunny hop in a circle.

If you thought it couldn't get any weirder, try imagining a two-headed guy, a Klingon, Dr. Who and a Dinos delivery driver rapping to the Run-DMC version of "Walk This Way."

Figuring that anything I saw Saturday would be anti-climactic, I left the Masquerade Ball and the experience for me.

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

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FOOTNOTES

- **Rock Climbing Pretrip Meeting:** Monday, April 3 in 161 Read 6:00 PM.
- **Softball Officials Meeting:** Thursday, April 6, 7:30 PM or 8:15 PM at the Intramural Sports Complex.
- **Pickleball Doubles** schedules posted Friday, April 7 after 1 PM.

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

SPORTS CLUBS

- **The Fencing Team** will host a tournament Sat. & Sun. April 8 & 9 beginning at 10:00 AM.
- **The Men's Volleyball Team** will hold two beginner Power Volleyball Clinics Sat. April 8 from 10 - 1 & 2 - 5 PM. There is a fee of \$5.00.
- **The LaCrosse Team** will hold their last home game Sat. April 8.
- **The Women's Polo Team** will compete in Nationals April 4 - 9 in Dallas.
- **The Pistol Team** will compete in Nationals April 6 - 9 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- **The Boxing Team** will compete in Nationals April 7 - 9 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

IM GAMEPLAN

ENTRIES CLOSE: APRIL 4

PICKLEBALL DOUBLES ENTRY FEE: Free !!! **PLAY BEGINS:** Tuesday, April 10. **SCHEDULES:** Will be posted after 1 pm on Friday, April 7. Check the bulletin board outside the Recreational Sports Office to see when you play. **COMPETITION:** Class A - highly skilled; Class B - moderately skilled; Class C - Novice. All tournaments will be single elimination. Class A All-University Champions will receive t-shirts. Classes B and C All-University Champions will receive certificates. Class B CoRec Champions will receive a General Motors T-Shirts. **ELIGIBILITY:** All TAMU students, faculty and staff may enter if they meet the eligibility requirement listed in the intramural calendar. **EQUIPMENT:** Will be furnished. **PRACTICE TIMES:** Practice times will be available on Wednesday, April 5, 5:00 - 6:30 PM in 351 G. Rollie White. Participants who have won a divisional championship in doubles must play in the next higher class if the team remains the same.

ENTRIES CLOSE: APRIL 11

10th Annual Penberthy Softball Tournament ENTRY FEE: \$40.00 per team (Double Elimination Tournament). **TOURNAMENT DATE:** April 14-16. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all TAMU students, faculty, staff and spouses. **DIVISIONS:** Men's A/B, Men's B/C, Men's C/D, Co-Rec A/B, Co-Rec B/C. Divisions must have at least 8 teams in order for the division to make. The Recreational Sports Department reserves the right to combine divisions as they see necessary. **AWARDS:** Men's and CoRec A/B: Top 3 places will receive Penberthy t-shirts and champions will receive a trophy. Men's A/B Champion will also receive a \$200.00 CC Creations gift certificate good for 15 team shirts with 2 color screen and numbers with one hour towards production. Men's and CoRec B/C: Top 2 places will receive Penberthy t-shirts and the champion will receive a trophy. Men's C/D: The champions will receive Penberthy t-shirts and a trophy. **RULES:** A.S.A. Rules of intramural exceptions will apply. T-shirts awards will be limited to 15 per team. **TEAM CAPTAINS MEETING:** Tournament Brackets may be picked up on Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 pm in 167 Read Building. **SPONSORS:** Thanks to our sponsors: CC Creations and McDonald's. **EXTRAS:** All Homerun Hitters will receive a food coupon compliments of McDonald's. Most valuable player of each game receives a Penberthy play of the game koozie compliments of CC Creations. Rain?? In case of rain, the tournament will be rescheduled for the following weekend. For more information call Tom Reber at 845-7826. * Food Services Department will have food available throughout the tournament at the Penberthy Intramural Complex.

ALL UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONS

RACQUETBALL SINGLES

MEN'S A	Scott Heath	WOMEN'S A	Mary Bean
MEN'S B	Rusty Rowe	WOMEN'S B	Elena Olive
MEN'S C	Nimesh Patel	WOMEN'S C	Keli Shoemaker

BASKETBALL

MEN'S A	Twine Time	WOMEN'S A	CC Creation
MEN'S B	Hart Hoopers	WOMEN'S B	5 Slamma Jamma
MEN'S C	C Men	WOMEN'S C	Foulups
MEN'S D	Spunkers	COREC A	CC Creations
COREC B	Macaroni	COREC C	Snowbirds

ARCHERY DOUBLES

MEN'S OPEN	Brian Lawrence & Billy Varos
WOMEN'S OPEN	Cooner & Dutton
COREC OPEN	Cindy Speroni & Billy Varos
MEN'S A	Curtis Clingingsmith & Pat Yeiss
WOMEN'S A	Alada Zuniga & Susan Weinstrom
COREC A	Elaine Turner & Frank Matsumoto
MEN'S B	Tim O'Sullivan & Nick Havard
WOMEN'S B	Karlen Yerks & Karen Yerks
COREC B	Jason Young & Cynthia Smith

TAMU-OUTDOORS

Canoe the Guadalupe River April 22 - 23
Registration: April 3 - April 17

The Guadalupe River is the most popular canoeing river in Texas and is famous for its exciting whitewater and scenic beauty. Spend the weekend camping on the banks of the river and testing your whitewater skills. The \$30 (\$35 for Non A&M) fee for this weekend adventure includes rental of canoes, shuttle costs, instruction before the trip and while on the river and experienced guides. This trip is offered for beginning and intermediate canoeists and is limited to 14 participants.

Backpacking Sam Houston National Forest April 14 - 16
Registration: March 27 - April 10

Enjoy exploring part of the Texas Big Thicket with piney woods, hardwoods, and spring-fed streams. We consider this the best time of the year to visit Sam Houston National Forest. The \$35 (\$45 NON A&M) for this backpacking adventure includes rental of camping gear, backpack, food and experienced guides. This trip is geared for the beginning and intermediate backpacker. Sign up in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office, 159 Read.

Intermediate Kayak Workshop on the Guadalupe River 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. The next clinic is scheduled for April 20. Registration begins April 3.

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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BASEBALL HITTING

TEST DATE: Contest will be held April 12, 1989 at 6 pm at Olsen Field. **ENTRY FEE:** Free !!! **ELIGIBILITY:** All TAMU students, Staff, Faculty and Spouses are eligible if they meet the requirements in the intramural calendar. **RULES:** Contestants may be picked up in the Intramural-Recreation Sports office, 159 Read Building. **FORMAT:** Each individual will be allowed 10 swings from the pitching machine. Points are awarded for different distances. **EQUIPMENT:** Will be provided. Personal bats will be inspected. **AWARDS:** T-shirts are offered to champions of the Men's and Women's competition.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

FUN RUN

FRISBEE GOLF

GOLF DRIVING RANGE HOURS

The Driving Range located at the Intramural Sports Center is now open for operation Mon-Thru, 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.

ATTENTION SOFTBALL CAPTAINS!

Due to the rain, Softball Playoffs will be posted Thursday, April 6 at 12:00 noon across from racquetball court #2. Playoffs will begin Sunday, April 9. NOTE: Only those games played prior to Wednesday, April 5 will count towards seeding in the playoffs. We apologize for any inconvenience.