

School was never this much fun



Photo by Amy Hardy

Jay Keller, a senior kinesiology major from San Antonio, jet skis on Cedar Creek last weekend.

Ag finds calling, counsels athletes

By Douglas Pils
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College is where children become adults. It's where the foundations are laid for adult life and where the consequences of a decision can last a lifetime.

These life-shaping times, coupled with the rigors of being a student-athlete, can be difficult for an 18-year-old to deal with at times.

It's during such times that athletes at Texas A&M can look to former "Aggie Heart" award winner Jeff Paine for guidance and spiritual growth.

Paine is acting as the chaplain for the athletes as part of a program introduced last year by the Brazos Valley Adult Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

From 1980-83, Paine played linebacker and tight end for the A&M football team and received a degree in industrial engineering in 1983.

After graduation, Paine was chosen by the Kansas City Chiefs in the fifth round of the NFL draft.

He was a linebacker with the Chiefs for two years and was known for his aggressive specialty teams play.

Cut from the team during pre-season in 1986, Paine went on to play for the Washington Redskins in 1986 and the St. Louis Cardinals the next year.

In the off-season between 1986 and 1987, Paine began attending the Dallas Theological Seminary to start work on his master of arts in biblical studies.

Upon completion of his masters work, he began a two year internship with Grace Bible Church, located at 701 Anderson in College Station, in July of 1989.

"I really enjoy getting to know people and helping them to understand the Lord and how important he is to all of our lives," Paine said. "I took a class at a seminary in Kansas City and the more time I spent at the seminary in Dallas, the more I realized that this was my calling."

As Paine finished his work at the

seminary, the men of the Brazos Valley Adult Chapter of the FCA were working on developing a position where someone would have a closer relationship with the athletes of A&M.

Chapter president Terry Rosser said that when he heard Paine was coming back to the area, he knew that's who he wanted for the position.

"The A&M FCA huddle group is very important to us," Rosser said.



Jeff Paine

"Since Jeff was once an athlete at A&M and a very strong Christian, we thought he was perfect for the job."

Paine said he believes that being approached by Rosser and Randy Sims, the chapter's treasurer, was no coincidence.

"I think it was an act of God that brought me back to A&M so I could work with these athletes," Paine said. "Working with them and watching them grow in their faith is great."

"It really goes hand in hand with what I'm doing with the church."

Presently, Paine is the interim college pastor and said he is being considered for the vacancy left when the regular college pastor was promoted.

However, Paine said if he gets the job he will continue to work with the

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Nude skydivers to drop in at nudist resort

I'm sure you've all seen those ads for nude volleyball at Live Oaks Nudist Resort and really wanted to investigate further.

Well, this weekend's your chance. You see, it's National Nude Weekend and Live Oak is celebrating in style ... sans fig leaf.

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This includes a stroll past the restaurant, club house, children's playground, swimming pool (with water slide and diving board) and, of course, the volleyball courts.

Later, one can walk past "The Original," KLOL-Pettigrew Smith's Monster 4x4 truck, which has appeared at the Houston rodeo and the opening of the George R. Brown Convention Center.

For children, there will be a "Moon Walk." Remember those big air things that you could run around in a bounce all over the place? I loved those, but naked?

The last event, and my favorite, is a nude skydiving exhibition performed by our own See Nudist/Page 6

UA pleased with SWC plans, might stay

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Arkansas athletic director Frank Broyles emerged from a Southwest Conference meeting Thursday sounding as if the Razorbacks will remain in the league rather than accept an invitation to jump to the Southeastern Conference.

"It's not just a possibility we'll stay. It's a strong possibility," Broyles told reporters waiting in a hallway outside the airport hotel meeting room. Representatives from all nine SWC schools met for several hours Thursday to discuss new approaches for the league in the 1990s.

"Other conferences are moving



toward change, to get prepared for what might be happening in the '90s, and the Southwest Conference is not going to sit still. It's going to be moving, and that was exciting for not just Arkansas but everyone who was in the room," Broyles said.

"The movement toward change was realistic, it was enthusiastic and

it was encouraging," Broyles added.

SWC president Dr. James Vick called the session "a constructive, productive meeting" in which league schools talked seriously about expansion or merger with another conference to create more exciting games from a television or fan standpoint.

"We discussed the possibility of expansion of the conference. There has been some interaction between our conference and other institutions and our conference and other conferences," said Vick, the faculty

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