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The Battalion

A&M program offers solutions to campus stress

Activities available year-round

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Exams, term papers and campus parking can be mind-numbing and muscle-tensing experiences for Texas A&M students, but there is a solution for those affected by stress—recreational activities.

Students, faculty members, staff and their families can take advantage of the programs and services available year-round at the Department of Recreational Sports.

To participate, students must be presently enrolled and have a valid student ID.

Faculty members and staff can purchase recreation passes for \$10 a year. Passes for their families are \$20 a year.

A&M facilities are less expensive than other local outfits, says Judy Steffes, assistant director of recreational sports.

Fitness classes are offered at several levels, from beginning to advanced, and require a registration fee. Classes are offered several times a week throughout the semester.

Those with a competitive nature can participate in intramural sports.

More than 70 competitive tournaments are conducted in a variety of sports at levels for the serious to the recreational competitor, Steffes says.

Participants must comply with the rules of eligibility available at the recreational sports office in 159 Read Building behind Kyle Field.

Adventurers can go backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, skiing and take trips offered by TAMU Outdoors.

Trips are planned periodically throughout the semester. Each excursion generally has a registration fee to cover the cost of equipment, transportation and guides.

Athletic equipment also is available for checkout, rental and purchase. Stop watches, megaphones, rackets, balls and even tug-of-war ropes can be checked out at windows in the Read Building or DeWare Fieldhouse.

DeWare Fieldhouse courts are open from noon to 1 p.m. and 5 to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday. The courts are available from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Courts are available hourly and can be reserved one day in advance.

Read Building and G. Rollie White Coliseum courts also can be reserved. They are open from 6 to 8 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to midnight Monday through Friday.

The DeWare weight room is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays and noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Tennis courts are open on a first-come, first-serve basis from 5 p.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to midnight on weekends.

The driving range, which cannot be reserved, also is available from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, noon to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

For further information about recreational court and gym availability, call the REC hotline at 845-0737.

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A KBTX Channel 3 camera man interviews a war supporter at a yellow ribbon handout in the parking lot of Post Oak Mall. Hundreds of Bryan-College Station residents attended the event sponsored by KKYS, KTAM, AGGIE 96 and other media.

Official indicted on charges of falsifying records

McALLEN (AP) — The board president of South Texas School District has been indicted on charges he falsified records of a government-funded day care center that he had directed.

Romeo M. Villarreal was indicted Tuesday by a federal grand jury on eight counts in connection with alleged irregularities at El Tule Day

Care Center in Edinburg. Villarreal directed the city-operated center from 1979 to 1987.

He is accused of recruiting ineligible, non-indigent families and coaching them to falsify financial application forms, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jack Wolfe said.

Wolfe said falsified applications

resulted in the loss of about \$250,000 in state funding.

"I feel I didn't do anything wrong," Villarreal said. "There was no gain for me, monetarily or in any way."

He said parents may have provided false information that the day care staff did not know about. Villarreal faces a maximum of five years in

prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count.

Federal charges were filed because the funding in question originated from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Wolfe said a routine state audit of El Tule in 1987 prompted a three-year probe that resulted in Villarreal's indictment.

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