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Students get best football tickets, director says

By Troy D. Hall
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Distribution of A&M football tickets is fair, despite many students' complaints of long lines and poor seating, says Wally Groff, Texas A&M associate athletic director.

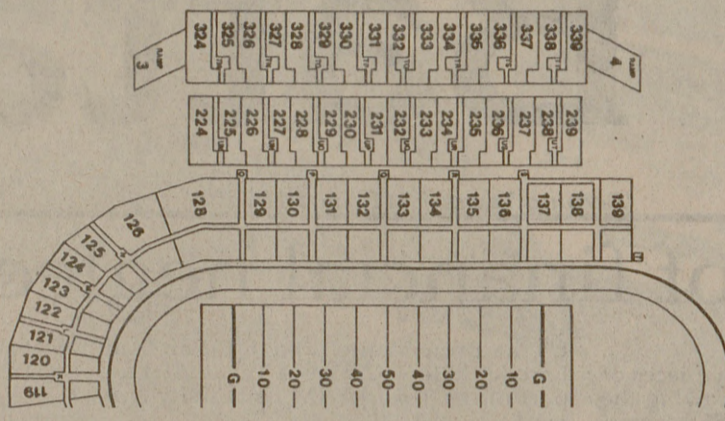
"Our students get the best tickets in the nation for a football game," he says.

The distribution plan was designed by the A&M student government in the early 1970s.

Before every home game, all student tickets are put into envelopes in groups of ten by the ticket manager, Groff says. The envelopes are then put into a barrel and randomly drawn to be placed in each ticket booth at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

During the week of a home game, students with the football ticket option can draw up to ten tickets on designated days according to their classification. Seniors and graduate students draw on Monday, juniors draw on Tuesday, sophomores draw on Wednesday, and Thursday is for freshmen. Friday is an open day.

While distribution within a particular classification is random, the second deck



Student section allocation for A&M football is determined by classification.

sections 230-233 are open for selection on senior day, says Jim Kotch, athletic ticket office manager. These tickets are distributed on senior day beginning at 7 a.m. After these tickets are issued, the remaining second deck sections marked for senior day are randomly distributed.

Groff says once the day of a student's classification arrives, students can then draw tickets on any of the following days

before that game.

Students can also draw for a student with a lower classification on their designated day, but they must present that student's A&M identification card as well as his or her own. Only one underclassman ticket can be drawn for each upperclassman A&M identification card.

A student with the football option is also entitled to purchase one guest ticket per game. These non-student guest tickets may be purchased by exchanging it with a student ticket and paying half price for a guest label or by purchasing a full price ticket which includes the label. The price of the guest label and ticket varies depending on the team A&M plays.

Friday is open to all students who have not yet picked up their tickets and to stu-

dents without the fee option. Any tickets left on Friday are sold at half price to students not using the football option. But the amount of students utilizing the football option has remained relatively constant the last 20 years, Groff says.

The majority of A&M students purchase the football option. Groff says that approximately 66 percent of the students purchase the fee option and that the support by A&M students is one of the best anywhere.

Students must show their valid Texas A&M identification card at the gate to be admitted as a student, says Kotch.

Section seating is as follows:
Senior Sections: 131, 132, 227-236 and the first 15 rows of 330-333
Junior Sections: 130, 224-226, 237-239 and 329-334
Sophomore Sections: 129, 327, 328, 335 and 336
Freshman Sections: 128, 324-326 and 337-339

For more information concerning football tickets, Kotch encourages students to pick up a 1991 Texas A&M Athletic Ticket Information brochure or contact the Athletic Ticket Office at 845-2311.

Library provides 417 carrels for graduate use

By Karen Praslicka
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Sterling C. Evans Library provides special places for some graduate students and faculty to study or work.

Four hundred and seventeen study carrels are available to faculty members and graduate students who are actively working on a thesis. The carrels are designed with desk counters built into the walls with enough space for two people.

Graduate students who want to use a carrel need a letter from their department that verifies they are working on a thesis.

In addition, a five dollar de-

posit is required, but it is refundable if the student either returns their key to the carrel at the end of the semester or renews it within a specified period.

Linda Deason, a library employee who handles the carrel reservations, said normally there are few carrels available during the semester. This semester, however, each carrel has at least one person in it.

Deason said the library has not had any real problems with students or faculty abusing the privilege of having carrels, even though the potential for taking advantage of the space exists.

"Some people have had the carrels for a long time," she said. "When you've been in one place

for a long time, you start to bring more and more things and you get everything you need for a home."

Security is maintained in the carrels by a student worker who periodically checks both library lockers and carrels.

Tod Walters, a library assistant in the reference department, said sometimes library books that have been declared lost or missing are found in the carrels.

"We don't look for anything beyond that," he said. "Anything else we leave there."

Walters said that after last week's search, 10 books that had been declared missing were found and put back on library shelves for students to use.

Walters said that he also has never known of any problems with anyone abusing the usage of the carrels. But occasionally things are left in the carrels between semesters by people who do not renew them. Items that are left must be removed for the new carrel users.

If anyone's things are removed from the carrels, it is held for 24 hours and a note is left on the door of the carrel stating what was taken and how to retrieve it. Unclaimed books are placed in the library stacks.

"We try to give the person the benefit of the doubt before taking anything," Walters said. "We'd rather leave something there than take it."

State completes proposal to settle jail overcrowding

AUSTIN (AP) — The attorney general's office on Monday completed a proposal for settling jail crowding lawsuits brought against the state by counties holding inmates sentenced to Texas prison, a spokesman said.

The proposal was being typed and prepared for release on Tuesday to parties in the case and to the public, said Ron Dusek, spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales.

Counties successfully sued the state for the cost of housing thousands of inmates who are backed up in county jails because of crowding problems in Texas prisons. The state has appealed.

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