

Spring Fling gives graduate students break from stress

By Tracy McCarren
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It's back! For the fourth year in a row, the Graduate Student Council is sponsoring the outrageously fun Spring Fling for graduate students and their families.

Spring Fling is "friendly competition between the graduate colleges," said Shawn Holt, a member of the Graduate Student Council. It is designed to encourage interaction among graduate students on campus, as well as provide a well-needed break from the stress and drudgery of graduate studies, Holt said.

The activities include softball, racquetball, volleyball, golf, dominoes, billiards and basketball tournaments. The softball, volleyball, golf and basketball tournaments require a small fee, but all other activities are free, he said.

The tournaments will kick off

the weekend of April 4 and will conclude on the weekend of April 11. On April 12, a free picnic will be held for participants at Central Park in College Station.

At the picnic, the final game of the softball tournament will be played, and the winner will be determined. Graduate students and their families are encouraged to bring flying discs and footballs for a day of fun, Holt said.

At Central Park, a free catered picnic lunch will be offered. Advance tickets for the picnic may be picked up from May 24 until April 8 at the MSC box office in Rudder Tower. Without an advance ticket, you will be charged \$3 at the picnic, he said.

Registration forms for Spring Fling are available at the Graduate Student Council office in room 117A of the Teague Research Center. For more information, call 845-3631.

MSC assistant director takes time to listen

By Timm Doolen
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Paul Henry is a man dedicated to his students. He's not a professor, but he is a seasoned instructor in the laboratory of life.

Henry is the assistant director of the Memorial Student Center, and staff adviser to several MSC committees, where he not only advises his students, but helps them out in other areas of their life when necessary.

"I think Paul's strong point is that he totally opens up to students because he enjoys what he does so much," says Kevin Jackson, MSC associate director. "He helps them see things in themselves."

Staff adviser Eric Trezell says Henry's strength is that he listens to students and cares about what they say.

"If a student comes in, he always makes time to listen," he says. "He makes time no matter what it's about."

It may not seem like much, but Trezell says it is important to the students.

"Sincerity makes a big difference," he says. "We deal with a lot of students up here. It's easy to let it go in one ear and out the other; you deal with so many students in so many facets."

Henry works primarily with three committees that are all generally related in that they look towards developing professional skills for future use.

The MBA/Law committee focuses on programming for students interested in pursuing graduate degrees in business or law. The Fall Leadership Conference is an annual event for about 140 student leaders which tries to enhance their leadership skills for the coming academic year.

The Spring Leadership Trip rewards about 50 senior student leaders who have given a lot to the University by taking them on a cultural and educational trip to Houston.

"All three of these areas are very unique," says Henry. "Other colleges and universities have student centers, but they focus on entertainment programming or topical issue programming."

He says A&M's student center is unique among student centers in how it develops students to be leaders at A&M and in the real world. He says the lessons learned while putting on programs are utilized later in life while on the job.

"What the students are doing has real, practical results," he says. "If you're not organized, you won't get the right information out at the right time, and you have a disaster."

And while the students benefit from their involvement in the MSC, Henry gets his own reward by seeing the students learn about life.

"It's very rewarding to see students progress from general participation to an officer position and eventually a higher-level position," he says.

Before he came to the MSC, Henry worked in the Residence Life area of Student Affairs, and before that he filled a similar position at Eastern Illinois University. He obtained his undergraduate psychology degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and his master's in education from Springfield College.

Henry also spent two years off campus in managerial positions. After just a short time away from A&M, he was ready to come back and work with students.

"I missed the particular interaction with students," he says. "It's very rewarding to work with highly motivated individuals. When you get out in the so-called normal working situation - you'll probably be disappointed."

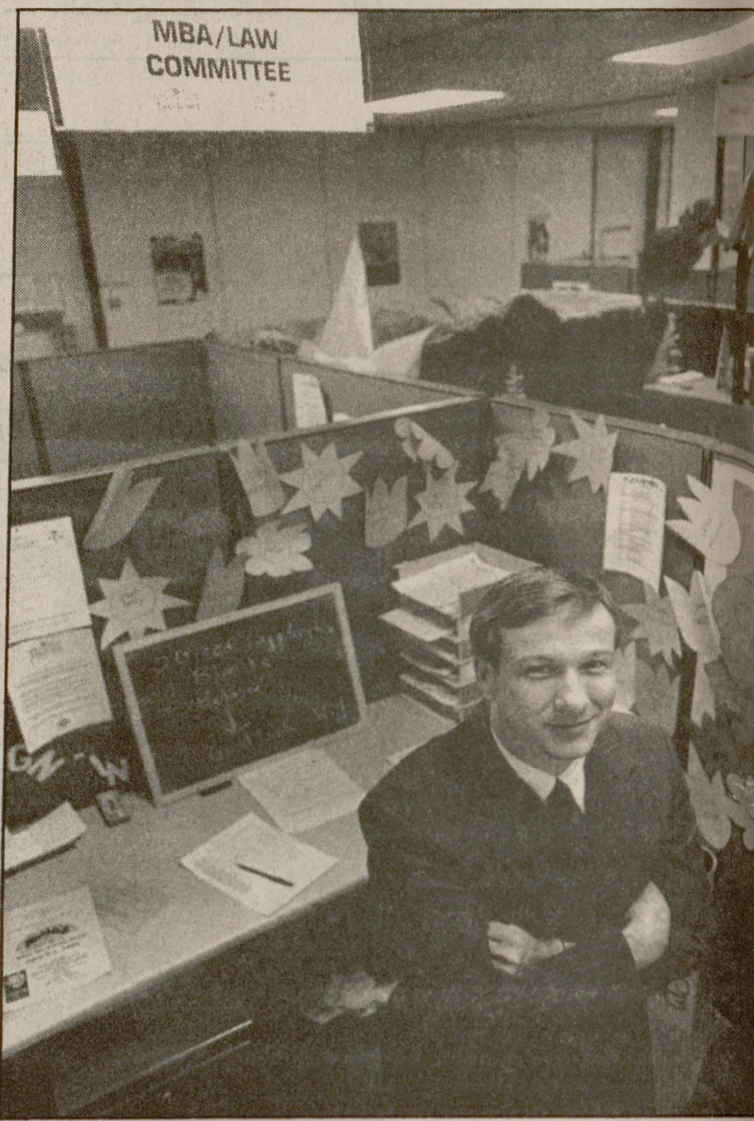
He chose working with students even though sometimes it's hard on his wife and two children. He keeps motivated by remembering why he became interested in assisting students in the first place.

"How can I impact the world around me? That's the question I ask myself occasionally. And the answer is working with students," he says. "The neat thing is that Texas A&M University has such a mission for its students, and lives up to that mission more than any other college I've been involved with."

"Obviously all universities are going to say they provide the best education possible, but I think A&M really delivers that."

And A&M can be proud of its student center thanks to the hard work and dedication of advisers like Paul Henry. But Henry is always aware that his job wouldn't exist without the students, which is why he likes to put some fun into all of his committees' activities.

"There's a sense of enjoyment satisfaction here that's special," Henry says. "I need to express it in the word fun, but not in a fool-



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The MBA/Law Committee is one of three student organizations with which Paul Henry work closely.

ish sense." Part of the fun Henry helps impart to some of his students and co-workers is his regular "creamery runs."

Co-worker Trezell explains Paul's trips to the creamery on West Campus as a motivational thank-you.

"Paul has a weakness for ice cream," he says. "So it's as much for him as it is for the students. If he feels they've done something special, the creamery run is a special thank you."

Henry was rewarded in turn by several of his students and co-workers when he won the John J. Koldus Faculty/Staff Achieve-

ment Award in 1990, which is given annually to a faculty or staff member who has given a lot to students at A&M. The award, which was created in 1989, is among the highest recognition staff members can receive.

The award reminds Paul of his belief that A&M and specifically the Memorial Student Center is the best place to work in his field. He says the MSC and A&M offer students opportunities unmatched by other universities.

"Not only do you get a fantastic education, you learn a part of something bigger than yourself, and you know that's a big concept in life," he says.

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