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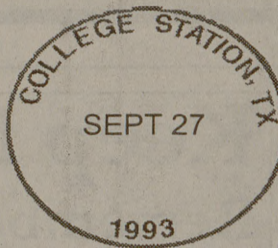
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**MAIL CALL**

**Food service privatization leads to efficiency, savings**

This letter is in response to Paul Deigan's Sept. 23, letter slamming the privatization of parts of A&M's food service operations. As a former member of the Student Senate, I first dealt with this issue two years ago. In the best interest of the vast majority of my constituents, I voted for allowing private firms to cater events in the MSC. Heaven forbid, on that sad day in 1991, we doomed ourselves to lose the benefit of the whole by selling a part. I wonder why the walls haven't come crashing down on the food service establishment here on campus in light of this decision made two years ago.

Paul, you speak of capitalism, competition and profit as if they were dirty words. Isn't our economy here in America based on some of those things or something? You may be right, though. If Taco Bell or Jack in the Box came in here, those evil people would earn profits (gasp). I really could care less though if I was paying less for more or better. You see, the wonderful thing about privatization is that it promotes competition and thus, efficiency. It is 'economic Darwinism' that ensures survival of the fittest. If our food service operations can't compete with private firms, then, we, as consumers, are wasting our money by subsidizing their inefficiency.

As a former student worker within A&M's food service operations, I would love to see the changes that competition would precipitate. Threats from competition would force our food service operations to trim the fat. I would love to see less "smoking and joking," less waste and more accountability to me. After all, as a consumer, am I not one of A&M's 40,000 bosses?

Ronald L. Hornback  
Class of '93

**Other cultures influence Western civilization**

In many respects, I do agree with Roy McIntyre's opinion on the achievements of Western civilization. However, we have to remember that the same people who produced this civilization were at one time the most barbaric race on Earth.

While prosperous cities flourished in the Middle East, Europeans continued to live in a backward feudal society. Only after encountering other

cultures, especially the Islamic empire during the Crusades, did the Europeans begin to refine their civilization.

In fact in his book, "The Intellectual Development of Europe," historian John William Draper (1811-1882), outlines the connections between every aspect of post-Renaissance Europe and the Arab culture. Thus, history shows us that all people can benefit from studying other cultures, even Aggies taking multicultural classes.

Peyam Barghassa  
Graduate student

**A&M must take steps to prevent boosters' cheating**

Matthew Rush's column concerning NCAA sanctions leveled against the football program gave me the dry heaves. When the scandal first broke back in December, 1992, many Aggies wrote the Dallas Morning News accusing the paper of supporting the teasips and deliberately bringing this upon A&M.

Oliver Stone could not see the outside world in a more conspiratorial light than many Aggies. Not since Jackie Sherrill's laconic whining has such nonsense emanated from Aggieland. Back then, however, The Battalion had the moral backbone to condemn cheating. The Battalion has since lost its spine.

Rush cites SMU's run-in with the NCAA as an example of the association's inconsistency. He forgets some of the story. After the relatively light penalties for the first offense, SMU boosters persisted in cheating — as have A&M's — and received the "death penalty." I agree the NCAA is inconsistent; its soft treatment of A&M testifies to that.

Perhaps the best example of proper conduct in the face of an NCAA investigation came from former TCU coach, Jim Wacker. Following NCAA sanctions, Wacker had the class and the guts to remove all players involved from the team — losing one of the best recruiting classes in TCU history. The boosters involved were banned from recruiting permanently.

Whatever reputation A&M has left might be salvaged with a similar bold step by Coach Slocum. Otherwise, the maxim "Agies don't lie, cheat or steal" needs modifications to allow the acceptance of HUD scholarships from Mr. Gilbert.

Ricky Dobbs  
Graduate student

**REC SPORTS HI-LITES TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

EXERCISE CLASSES ★ INFORMAL RECREATION ★ INSTRUCTIONAL CLINICS ★ INTRAMURALS ★ SPORT CLUBS ★ TAMU OUTDOORS

**Week At A Glance**

**Mon., Sept. 27**

- ★ **Entries Open:**
- ★ Cross Country Run
- ★ Preseason Outdoor Soccer
- ★ Outdoor Soccer
- ★ Preseason Volleyball
- ★ Volleyball
- ★ Kayak Roll Clinic
- ★ Kayak Workshop
- ★ Intro to Hang Gliding
- ★ **Officials' Mtg:**
- ★ Outdoor Soccer & Volleyball- 6 p.m., 267 G. Rollie White

**Fri., Oct. 1**

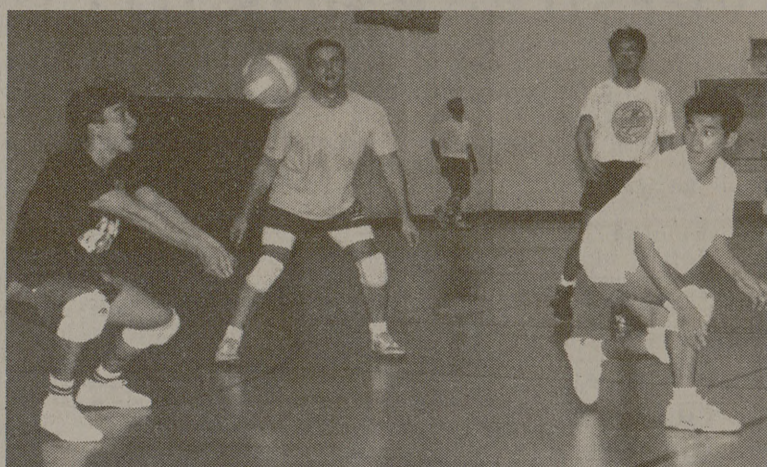
- ★ Golf Doubles & Tennis Singles Brackets Posted- 2 p.m.

**Mon., Oct. 4**

- ★ **Entries Open:**
- ★ CoRec Two-Pitch Softball
- ★ Handball Singles
- ★ Racquetball Doubles
- ★ Track & Field Meet
- ★ Wrestling
- ★ Canoe Trip
- ★ **Officials' Mtg:**
- ★ CoRec Two-Pitch Softball- 6 p.m., 267 G. Rollie White

**Sat., Oct. 9,**

- ★ Cross Country Run, East Campus, at 9 a.m. Late entries accepted at event site.



Intramural volleyball registration opens today!

**Intramurals**

Listed below are the intramural sports opening for the rest of October. If you need more information, stop in the Rec Sports Office, 159 Read, or call 845-7826.

Sport	Open	Close	Fee
Badminton Doubles	Oct. 11	Oct. 19	Free!
Pickleball Singles	Oct. 11	Oct. 19	Free!
Punt, Pass, & Kick	Oct. 11	Oct. 19	Free!
Kyle Field Ramp Romp IV	Oct. 11	Nov. 2	Varies
Field Goal Kicking	Oct. 18	Oct. 26	Free!
Flickerball	Oct. 18	Oct. 26	\$20
Bowling Singles	Oct. 25	Nov. 2	Varies

Registration and fees are taken in 159 Read, Mon. - Thurs., 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., and Fri., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cash, local check, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover accepted.

**Wanted: Sports Officials**

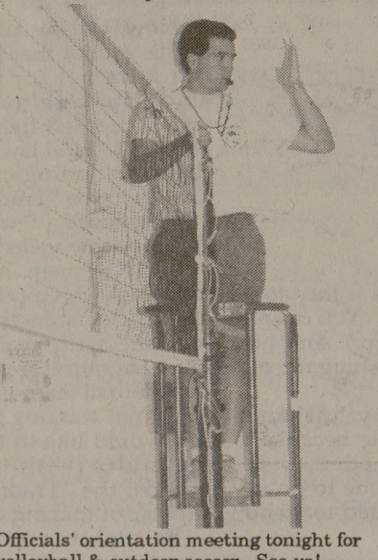
Have we got the official training and job for you! A sports officials' orientation meeting will be held tonight for both men and women interested in becoming an outdoor soccer and/or volleyball official. No experience is necessary. You receive on-the-job training. Did we mention it is a paying job? The meeting is at 6 p.m. in 267 G. Rollie White.

**REGISTER TO WIN A REC SPORTS T-SHIRT**

This week's winner is **CHUCK JOHNSON!** Register to win a T-shirt when you come into the Rec Sports Office, to sign up your team. One given away every other week. Good luck!

**Sport Clubs**

- Sat., Oct. 2**
- ★ Men's Soccer "B" team vs Southwest Texas, A&M Drill Field, 2-4 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 3**
- ★ Men's Soccer "A" team vs UTA, A&M Drill Field, 2-4 p.m.



Officials' orientation meeting tonight for volleyball & outdoor soccer. See ya!

**Mon., Sept. 27, 1993**

- ★ **Rec Facility Hotline** ..... 845-0731
- ★ **Read Court Reservations** ..... 845-2624
- ★ **Intramural Rain Out Info** ..... 845-2625
- ★ **Penberthy Golf Range** ..... 845-9635
- ★ **Outdoor Equipment Rental** ... 845-4511
- ★ **Rec Sports Office** ..... 845-7826

**TAMU Outdoors**

Listed below are the trips and clinics for the rest of the semester. If you need more information, please call Patsy, 845-3093.

Trip	Trip Date	Entries Open	Entries Close	Fee
Kayak Roll Clinic	Sept. 30	NOW	TODAY	\$12*/15**
Kayak Roll Clinic	Oct. 14	TODAY	Oct. 11	\$12*/15**
Intro to Hang Gliding	Oct. 16-17	TODAY	Oct. 11	\$75*/82**
Kayak Workshop	Oct. 16-17	TODAY	Oct. 11	\$50*/55**
Canoe Trip	Oct. 22-24	Oct. 4	Oct. 18	\$35*/40**
Backpacking Trip	Nov. 5-7	Oct. 18	Nov. 1	\$35*/40**
Mt. Biking Day Trip	Nov. 7	Oct. 18	Nov. 1	\$25*/30**
Rock Climbing Trip	Nov. 12-14	Oct. 25	Nov. 8	\$45*/48**

\*Students & faculty/staff with a rec membership  
\*\*Faculty/staff without a rec membership & the Bryan/College Station community

**Entries open in two weeks for Kyle Field Ramp Romp IV**

The 5K course begins at Kyle Field, winds its way through the A&M campus, and culminates at Kyle Field where runners tackle the ramps of the football stadium (not the stairs). **Door prizes and awards will be given\*** Proceeds to help benefit local Special Olympics.



\*Two vouchers for round-trip tickets on Continental Airlines will be awarded as door prizes. No purchase necessary. Winners must be present to receive their awards. For more info, call the Rec Sports Office, 845-7826.