

Class of 1996

Committee Applications are available in the Student Programs Office at the Class of 1996 cubicle.

Descriptions of each committee (Class Ball, Boot Dance, Public Relations, Fundraising, Scrapbook, Newsletter, Service) will be posted in the cubicle.

Turn in completed applications to the Committee Box (also in the cubicle) corresponding to first choice on application.

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WHOOPIING COUGH (Pertussis) VACCINE STUDY

We Are Beginning a New Whooping Cough Vaccine Study

Monday, September 19, 1994 & Monday, September 26, 1994 (First Come, First Served Until Study Is Filled)

For further information or to determine eligibility for the study

Come To:

Beutel Health Center, Room 233, 2nd Floor 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Dr. John Quarles 845-3678



MAIL CALL

Some may be offended by 'white bread' description

This letter is in response to Aja Henderson's column (Sept. 14) "Fear, risk of violent crime warps lives of people throughout America."

Kudos to Henderson for delivering a sincere, well written article addressing the violent nature of American society. If enough people realize, as she does, that the war on crime can be won, we can accomplish something that all the money, police and politicians in America cannot - winning our nation back from the criminal element that has robbed us of our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

My only question after reading this article was, what was meant by the sentence, "I don't know of one person who feels really safe from crime, even here in white bread College Station."

Without wearing my ethnicity on my sleeve, pointing the ugly finger of racism and insensitivity or even feigning revulsion and shock at seemingly racist language, (like violence and crime, unfortunately one builds an immunity to it after a while). I would like an explanation for the term "white bread." Perhaps I am reading too much into this phrase, or maybe I'm just not up on what could be the latest slang. Either way, I don't think the author is talking about the kind of "white" bread one buys at the store.

Brian Bullard Graduate Student

five pound text and a half dozen pencils (and a calculator for you engineers). As Aggies, we must unite and end this travesty of double strappin'! This is not an indictment of any particular minority, race, religion, nation origin or sexual preference. No! This is only an indictment of those who insist on double strappin' - you know who you are.

Let's look a little deeper. What is the reason for double strappin'? Is it for comfort? Well, in that case, why don't we just sit on sofas in the lecture halls. Or why don't the professors lecture from a recliner in Bermuda shorts, sandals with socks and a beer in one hand? Sorry folks - suck it up!

Is it because we need that second hand free? It used to be, you threw your backpack over your shoulder and kept one hand free for whatever means needed. But now, there seems to be a growing concern for the need for two free hands. Why? Does it require two hands to wave and say "Howdy"? Does it require two hands to turn that doorknob to your classroom? Does it require two hands to guzzle that soda when you are five minutes tardy to class? Absolutely not! Believe it or not, but you can still maintain a perfectly normal college life without having to use both straps of your backpack. Granted, there are an exceptional few that need both straps for medical reasons, for bike riding, etc. However, for those of you who don't - well, let's put it this way. Do you ever wear polka dots with stripes? Do you ever wear sneakers with your suit? Do you ever belch after dinner on a first date? (Well, OK, maybe some of you do.) The answer to all of these questions is no! Unfortunately, there is an unresolved myth at hand. Backpacks have dual straps, not for double strappers, but rather to allow equal use for those who prefer wearing their pack over their right or left shoulder. It is simply an effort of the major name brands to remain politically correct in not showing bias to lefties or righties - just like we are.

Just remember, when thinking of wearing that backpack on both shoulders, keep in mind - we are all watching you!

Cindi Matkins Class of '94

Chris Carney Class of '92

Double strappers carry leisure on their backs

After a long road of more than five years at Aggieland, two dead zips have come to notice a major problem on our campus. There are just too many people double strappin' it! Now, what do we mean by double strappin'? Well, for those of you who cringe at the sight of a backpack being worn on both shoulders, you know who we're talking about - double strappers! Now maybe in the third grade, double strappin' was the thing to do. Maybe because our growing little bodies couldn't support that ever-so-gosh-awful weight. But what is the excuse now? We are all fully developed, (at least most of us are), mature young adults who can support the minor weight of three spirals, a

Students question results of study on entrance exam

This is in reference to the front page article in The Battalion Sept. 14 about medical exams being easier for men. First of all, where is the rest of your data in this bar graph? Which other data? The percentage of Asian-Pacific Islander men, African-American men and Hispanic men that passed this medical test. I guess they weren't important in this

particular study, huh? It wouldn't have to do with a liberal, discriminatory would it? I don't know what these figures but I am pretty sure that in each racial mentioned, the men do better than women, but white men do best of all.

Now excluding this racial issue, let's try to create, let's look at why men do better on these exams than women. 1) Is the exam hard? Yes. Therefore you have to be right? OK. 2) Is the exam long? Yes. Therefore you have to have enough endurance to keep your faculties at 100 percent throughout the entire exam. So doing well on this exam is little to do with intelligence or physical endurance. You know something, I bet men, who are naturally physically stronger than women, have more endurance than women. I also bet that this is a big deal taking a test like this. I know that coming out of my organic chemistry final, I was totally exhausted. I can just imagine what a physical exam is like. Now I'm sure that there is more than one explanation for these results, but I have a feeling that this one is the most important than elementary school science getting pushed into science by their teachers. If they didn't like math and science, they were "discouraged in the fields of math, science," then they wouldn't be in medical school, would they?

Matthew Thomas

Is it really possible that a study conducted that men do better on medical school entrance exams? The study might show that men do better on this test, but there are other abilities than that the test is "easier" for men. Maybe men took more science courses than women, thus knew more, than the women taking the test. Maybe men took that part of the test more seriously because they felt it was their best chance to do well overall? Maybe in high school, science teachers gave women less attention and lavished attention on men. Maybe maybe...but the headline is "Medical exam easier for men, study says." The bias doesn't have to have been in the test. There was a bar graph beside the headline with the caption, "Medical gender bias gave the percentage of the white men who passed, and the percentage of the other groups of women who passed. (Less than 50%.) Well, if the test system favors men, we would expect to see black men do better than black women, Hispanic men better than Hispanic women, so on. Is that what happened? The headline doesn't tell. Let's get the facts into the article, and the editorials out. And to all women out there, take heart, despite the headline, there's a good chance that you had a solid science education, you did as well on the test as the guys.

Doug Heister

REC SPORTS HILITES TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

A Department within the Division of Student Affairs

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

Week At A Glance

- Mon., Sept. 19**
 - ★ Entries Open:
 - ★ Golf Doubles
 - ★ Putt-Putt Golf Singles
 - ★ Tennis
 - ★ Kayak Roll Clinic
 - ★ Intro to Hang Gliding
 - ★ Entries Close:
 - ★ Kayak Roll Clinic
 - ★ Canoe Day Trip
- Tues., Sept. 20**
 - ★ Entries Close:
 - ★ Biathlon
 - ★ Horseshoes
 - ★ Innertube Water Polo
- Thurs., Sept. 22**
 - ★ Captains' Mtgs.
 - ★ Innertube Water Polo
- Fri., Sept. 23**
 - ★ Brackets Posted
 - Horseshoes-2p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 24**
 - ★ Sport Clubs
 - ★ Men's Rugby vs Sam Houston, 2-5 p.m., Zachry Rugby Field
 - ★ Archery Tournament, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Zachry Fields
- Sun., Sept. 25**
 - ★ Sport Clubs
 - ★ Men's Soccer vs Lamar, 2 p.m., Drill Field
 - ★ Men's Soccer "B" Game, noon, Drill Field



Intramural outdoor soccer registration starts next Monday.

Beginner/Intermediate Clinic Mondays & Wednesdays Oct. 3, 5, 10 & 12 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$25*/30** registration fee	Beginner/Intermediate Clinic Tuesdays & Thursdays Oct. 11, 13, 18 & 20 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$25*/30** registration fee
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Beginner/Intermediate clinics are taught by Larry Godfrey, Jr., PGA certified professional golfer. Instructional clinics will be held at the Penberthy Golf Range, located west of Olsen Field.

Putting Clinic Sat., Oct. 8 8-9:30 a.m. \$5*/8** registration fee	Sand Clinic Sat., Oct. 8 10-11:30 a.m. \$5*/8** registration fee
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Putting and sand clinics are taught by Johnny Andrews, PGA apprentice head professional and TAMU Golf Course manager. Putting and sand clinics will be held at the TAMU Golf Course.

Register in the Rec Sports Office, 159 Read Bldg. Clinics are limited to 15 people, but a minimum of eight people is required for the clinic to be offered. Participants must provide their own clubs; golf balls will be provided. Registration closes at 5:30 p.m., Wed., Sept. 26. For more info, please call 845-7826.

*Students & faculty/staff with rec memberships
**Faculty/staff without rec memberships & the community

Wanted: Officials

Outdoor Soccer and Volleyball
There will be an orientation meeting next Monday night for those interested in being an official for outdoor soccer and volleyball. No experience necessary. Officials participate in a training program before games begin. Training occurs over a two-week period before play in a sport begins. Meeting time is 7 p.m. in 267 G. Rollie White. (Psssst...you get paid, too!)

Kayak Roll Clinic and Intro to Hang Gliding Registration Opens Today!

PENBERTHY GOLF RANGE

Fall Hours*
Monday - Thursday 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday - Sunday 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Don't forget about **Two for Tuesdays***
4 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Buy one bucket of balls and get the second **FREE!**

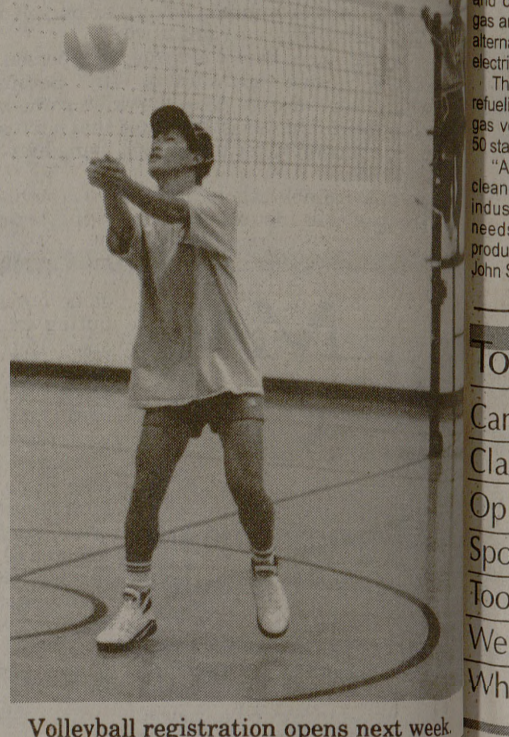
*The Range will remain open until 10:30 p.m. on Sundays-Thursdays till Nov. 17, when intramural contests are played.

TAMU Outdoors

Listed below are the activities opening in the few weeks. For more information, come to the Rec Sports Office, 159 Read, or call 845-7826.

Trip	Date	Open	Fee
Kayak Roll Clinic	Oct. 5	TODAY	\$12*/15**
Intro to Hang Gliding	Oct. 8-9	TODAY	\$75*/82**
Canoe Trip	Oct. 15-16	Sept. 26	\$35*/40**
Kayak Workshop	Oct. 22-23	Oct. 3	\$50*/55**
Rock Climbing Trip	Oct. 28-30	Oct. 10	\$48*/55**
Hiking Day Trip	Oct. 30	Oct. 10	\$15*/20**
Backpacking Trip	Nov. 4-6	Oct. 17	\$35*/40**
Mt. Biking Trip	Nov. 6	Oct. 17	\$25*/30**
Rock Climbing Trip	Nov. 11-13	Oct. 24	\$48*/55**

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Volleyball registration opens next week.

Man charged with posing as...
HOUSTON (AP) - A man charged with posing as a sports professional athlete, friend young boy sexually abused. Michael Joseph was charged with sexual assault of a teenager. Authorities believe additional victims. "We're asking their child may have to contact the sergeant Sgt. John Denholm said department has since Ma Stemer since Ma contacted by on fathers. He said the ager told his fat sexually assaulted.

Use of alternative fuels up...
AUSTIN (AP) - Number of alternative vehicles is good natural gas into controller reports. The comptroller that fuel tax rec 26,500 public and using alternative fuel. A report in the "Fiscal Notes" published and compressed gas are among the alternative fuels. M electricity are other. There are more refueling stations in gas vehicles may 50 stations in the state. "As interest ac cleaner fuels for industry, Texas needs. We are the producer of natural John Sharp said.

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