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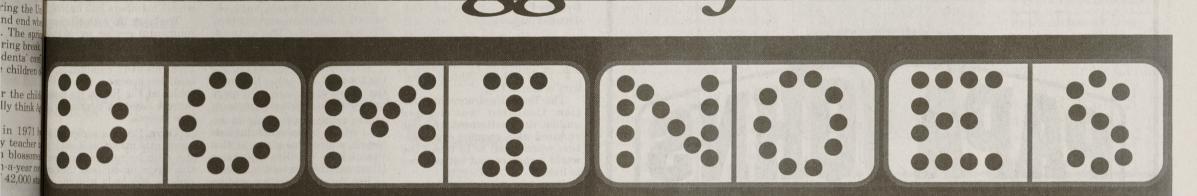
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Students spend hours over addictive games of forty-two

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When asking A&M stu-dents about their fa-vorite sport, many peoficial Eng 22 states to rant-bash emight be surprised to hear a rticular answer — playing

Domino playing has become pport offinother one of those longanding Aggie traditions, but one knows exactly when it uring the ot started.

Don Ganter, owner of the Dixaly limit Chicken, said domino playing came popular at his Northgate Agency or when it opened in 1974.

We decided to kind of copy laces like Luckenbach, Texas nd old country stores where cople sit around and play domioes and drink beer," Ganter aid. "We just said we had the inoes and then stepped aside ulation or the people who were coming into play.

Swarms of A&M students nts were now how to play games involv-00 listed of dominoes before they leave

Karen Nichols, a senior busims analysis major, said she th't start playing dominoes ntil she came to A&M as a

I knew upperclassmen who playing, people can become bet-

taught me how to play," Nichols said. "Now, anytime I go to the

Others have learned the game by right of passage in

Ian Hastings, a senior animal science major, learned to play dominoes from his grandfather when he was six, although he didn't learn how to play 42 until high school.

"It's a good clean game that's competitive and fun to play. Some people just eat the game alive, or it eats them alive."

Forty-two is a popular domi-

no game similar to the card

8:00 at night and play until 6:00

Hastings said by continuously

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– Don Ganter playing dominoes because owner, Dixie Chicken it is a challenging game.

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Ganter said people enjoy

Hastings said he has become more serious about domino play-The Dixie Chicken has 30 sets of dominoes for patrons to use There have been times when when they come in, but Ganter my buddies and I would get in at said there are never enough.

"There are people who are as rabid about dominoes as they are about the Aggie football team," he said. "I've seen people



Kelly Black, a senior kinesiology major, Kelly Baker, a senior agricultural development major, Shelly Huntley, a senior kinesiology major, and Mike Landin, a former business student, play a friendly game of 42 at the Dixie Chicken Tuesday afternoon.

here playing dominoes from the minute we open in the morning until the minute we close.

Hastings said he enjoys dominoes because of the competitiveness of the game.

'I can't stand to lose, and I instill that into my partners," Hastings said. "Dominoes is a

very competitive sport because it is mental, and you can always get better. You can think of ways to harass other people and make them lose.

Nichols said the competitive nature of dominoes makes it hard for players to quit.

"I can play for hours and not

realize the time, because it is so competitive, and you always want to win," she said. "If you lose a game, you want to keep playing so you can win. If you win a game, you want to keep playing and continue winning. You just keep playing and keep

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