

## WHAT'S IT LIKE AT THE PLASMA CENTER?

To the staff of the Plasma Center,

I would like to start by saying thank you to each and every employee for making the past three years enjoyable in a professional, efficient and courteous environment. As a donor since 1993, I have been more than satisfied with every aspect of your operation, which allows myself and others to contribute what we can to community service, all the while being serviced by diligent, but relaxed, workers. Everyone at the Plasma Center, from those behind the front counter to the phlebotomists to the supervisors, have made great efforts to insure that each donor feels hygienically safe, as well as keeping the atmosphere light.

Like most, I started coming to the Plasma Center for monetary reasons, but I soon developed acquaintances that appealed to me almost as much as the original need for money, enabling me to look forward to each donation, not only for my wallet's sake but also

to see my friends. Like I commented to someone recently, talking to people at the Plasma Center was like getting mail from a far-off friend that you don't get to do much with, but who you can talk to as often as you write. For those acquaintances and for your continual services. I would like to thank all of those I've come to know and appreciate over the past three years - Emily, and Tracy, Heath, and Marty, Ada and Josie, etc... more I can't remember or those who have gone on to better things.

So, as I graduate from this great University, I bid you all a fond farewell and strong commendations on such a successful blend of quality medical practice and friendly service. Thank you all and have a great summer. Thanks, C.F.

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## Aggie relay teams sweep invitationals

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

The Texas A&M Track and Field Team ran away with the Texas A&M Invitational this weekend at the Frank G. Anderson Track Complex, winning nine events on the day to outdistance the field.

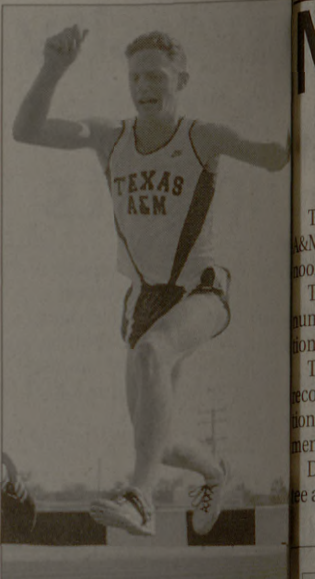
The men's 4x100 relay team of senior Larry Wade, junior Mike McKinney, sophomore Toya Jones and freshman Stephen Pyles took first with a time of 41.47 seconds, almost two seconds ahead of Stephen E. Austin's second place time of 43.64 seconds. The Aggies own the nation's top time in the event.

A&M also took the 4x100-meter relay with the team of McKinney, sophomore Derrick Woods and freshmen Keith Bender and Johan Lannenfors.

The women completed the A&M sweep of the relays, winning the 400-meter and 1600-meter relays as well.

Wade, who already has qualified for the NCAA's, picked up a second victory in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 13.67 seconds.

A&M swept the top three spots in



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Freshman **Jim Pat Darcy** completed the steeplechase on Saturday, the 100- and 200-meter dashes. The 100, junior Billy Fobbs paced the field with a time of 10.31 seconds. Senior Danny McCray and sophomore Michael Price finished second and third respectively.

In the 200, it was Price's time of 20.64 seconds which led the field. McCray finished second, followed by Fobbs.

On the women's side, junior Adrien Sawyer brought home the long jump title with a leap of 23.2 1/4 inches.

The Lady Aggies dominated the field events, with sophomores Schradler and Detrich Clarietta winning the discus and triple jump respectively. Junior Vanessa Garcia continued the strong showing, taking the high jump crown.

The women also had a strong showing on the sprints, with senior Donyale Canada taking the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.34 seconds and junior Erika Hazelton placing first in the 200-meters with a time of 24.20.

In the 400-meter dash, freshman Amber Dean captured the title with a time of 1:04.71, better than her seconds faster than her closest competitor.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Senior Nuti named to All-Farm Team

Successful Farming magazine announced Thursday that Texas A&M track and field team member Russell Nuti was named to the All-America Farm team for the second consecutive year.

Nuti, a senior agronomy major from Nevada, earned the honor after posting an NCAA automatic qualifying mark and career-best discus throw of 197-10 earlier this season.

On Saturday, at the Texas A&M Invitational, Nuti placed first overall in the discus with a throw of 190-0, 19 1/2 feet further than 2nd place.

In addition to his accomplishments in the discus, Nuti holds A&M school records in the 35-pound weight throw and the hammer throw.

### Aggies remain hot, set for conference

The A&M Men's Golf Team braved cold weather and high winds to place second in the All-American Intercollegiate Golf Tournament at the Pine Forest Country Club this weekend.

The tournament, originally scheduled to consist of 84 holes, was pared down to 36 because of inclement weather. A&M led the field with a team score of 297 after the first 18 holes, but scored a 296 on Sunday for a total of 593 to place second to the University of Alabama-Birmingham, who finished first overall with a score of 595.

Head Coach Bob Ellis said the team played well despite the weather.

"We played very well under tough conditions," Ellis said. "I was proud of the way our guys hung in there."

A&M's Ty Cox tied for second with Sam Houston's Brandt Kieschnick with a total of 144. Other Aggies finishing in the top 10 were Jeff Brown (tied for 6th) and Miguel del Angel (tied for 9th).

Ellis said the tournament provided the Aggies with momentum heading into the conference championship.

"We have started to play with some confidence," Ellis said. "We should be ready for the conference championship in two weeks."

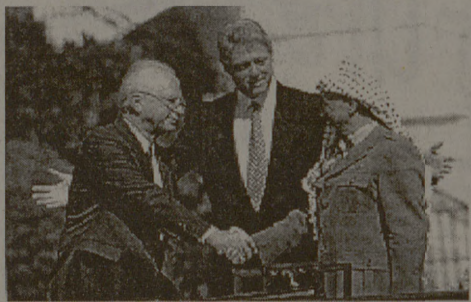
The Aggies will continue play at the Big 12 Championship April 27-29 in Hutchinson, Kan.



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Senior **Russell Nuti** throws the discus at the Aggie Invitational.

The MSC L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness & MSC Political Forum present:



## ISRAEL - PALESTINE

### PEACE IN OUR TIME?

A PANEL DISCUSSION FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES OVER THE PEACE PROCESS, WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT SHOULD BE.

7p.m., April 14th

Memorial Student Center, Room 292A

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**Archery Outdoor National Championships**  
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**Mens and Womens Gymnastics Teams Take 1st in National Championships April 4**  
Congratulations to team members: Kobi Del Castillo, Shane Thompsen, Brittany Eck, Ellen Laminack, Lori Blakely, Shanna Wilkinson, Abby Lindemann, Cyndi Coselli, Kaori Wada, Jeff Schulen, Wendi Craft, John Sides, Melodee Hansel, Corrie Keashey, Neal Mansfield, Dan Luellen

**Texas A&M Intramural Basketball Team Wins 2nd at The Regional Intramural Championships March 22 & 23**  
Congratulations to team members: Herbert Williams, Virgil Ray, James Crieder, Alton Clivens, Derrick Evers, Andra Hall, Ricky Jackson, and Wes Butler

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## More To Do Before Spring Runs Out

### Intramural Sports

More Than Just Fun and Games

Sport	Registration	Fee
•Baseball Hitting	April 7-15	free
•Fun Run	April 14-22	free
•Disc Golf	April 14-22	free

### Aerobics Instructors Wanted



Rec Sports will hire aerobic instructors for the summer and fall semesters. To apply fill out the yellow fitness applications at the 2nd floor reception desk of the Rec Center 8am-5:15pm, Mon-Fri. Last day to apply is April 18. For more information, call DeAnn 862-3995.

### Lifeguard Certification

Session III: April 18-20  
Session VI: May 7-9  
Session V: May 12-14

\*Alternative price for non-Rec member based on availability

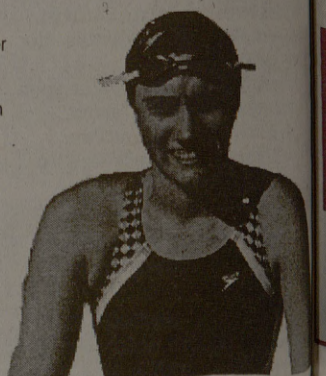


### Advanced Golf

Rescheduled dates and still open for registration  
Focus on your swing, your grip, posture, alignment, weight transfer, and follow through. Classes are April 15, 17, 22, & 24, 6-7pm.

### Advanced Adult Learn to Swim

Improve your swim stroke, increase water stamina, work on deep water swimming, and begin diving. Class sessions are Apr. 14-17 & Apr. 21-24, Monday-Thur. 7:35-8:35pm



## TRIPS

### Sailing /Diving In The Bahamas

August 16-22 \$689\* \*Airfare not included

### Horseback & Rafting Trip

May 25-31 \$468/514\*

### Backpacking The Grand Canyon

May 10-18 \$283/325\*

### Spring TAMU Outdoors Schedule

Event	Date	Register	Fee*/**
•Rock Climbing Clinic Footwork	April 15	Mar. 31-April 14	\$20
•Day Hike	April 19	Mar. 31-April 14	\$20/24
•Canoe Day Trip	April 19	Mar. 31-Apr 14	\$28/33
•Rock Climbing Clinic Face Climbing	April 22	April 7-21	\$20
•Rock Climbing Trip	April 25-27	April 7-21	\$65/72
•Windsurfing Fundamentals	April 26	April 7-21	\$20/24
Scuba Open Water Diver Course	April 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 26, & 27	Mar. 17-Apr 14	\$150/180
6-10pm Rec Center			

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