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Hall dismissed from team

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Texas A&M head football coach R.C. Slocum announced yesterday that he has dismissed senior running back Dante Hall from the team for disciplinary reasons.

"We had a meeting [Sunday] afternoon, and I did dismiss Dante from the team," Slocum said. "He did not practice [Sunday] afternoon, and he is not on the team at this time."

Hall has rushed for 179 yards on 53 carries with one touchdown this season for the Aggies. In his career at A&M, Hall has amassed 4,725 all-purpose yards — leaving him 424 yards short of the school record held by Darren Lewis.

Slocum said he does not anticipate Hall's return. "I don't expect him to be back," Slocum said. "There'd have to be some real big changes ... for that to be a possibility."



Dante Hall, senior running back, was dismissed from the A&M football team.

Dante Hall

- Big 12 Freshman of the Year in 1996
- Holds school record for yards per carry in a season with 7.3 in 1997
- Is the only player in school history with more than 2,000 career rushing yards and more than 500 yards in both career punt return and kickoff return yards.

Committee to host lecture on suburbia

BY CHRIS CARTER
The Battalion

The MSC Current Issues Awareness (CIA) committee will host a lecture by James Kunstler at 7 p.m. in Rudder Theatre titled "Can America Survive Suburbia?" which will question the future feasibility of modern patterns of suburbia.

Kunstler is a nationally-known lecturer and author of *The Geography of Nowhere and Home from Nowhere*, which he said he wrote because he noticed the negative realities of suburbia.

"I believe a lot of people share my feelings about the tragic landscape of highway strips, parking lots, housing tracts, megamalls, junked cities and ravaged countryside that make up the everyday environment where most Americans live and work," he said.

Kunstler is a supporter of new urbanism, a growing movement in America which proposes a return to pre-automobile urban planning.

Charlie Hemmeline, CIA chair and a senior mechanical engineering major, said the problems associated with growing suburban areas need to be addressed.

"The issue of the new urbanism movement is one of growing social importance," he said. "This topic is very broad and has implications in many different areas from the actual design of cities to the sociological study of urban sprawl."

Brenda Chaloupka, assistant director

CAN AMERICA SURVIVE SUBURBIA?
James Kunstler will discuss the implications of suburban life on society.
Tonight at 7 in Rudder Theatre

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of the Civic Leadership Education Program in the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, said Kunstler will discuss city-planning issues that affect the College Station area.

"Even in the Bryan-College Station area, many problems are directly linked to planning issues," she said. "Kunstler brings a straightforward and interesting perspective on these issues to the table, and, though everyone may not agree with his views, gets people to discuss these problems."

Hemmeline said Kunstler's lecture will offer a non-architect's perspective of new urbanism.

Mr. Kunstler is a major non-architect proponent of new urbanism," he said. "As a writer and lecturer, he is a great communicator and will convey this issue in a way that even those who are new to this topic can understand its importance."

Kunstler also will have the opportunity

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Rojo hot Ricky



Latin singer Ricky Martin, performs to a sold-out crowd at the Compaq Center in Houston Sunday night.

Veterans to speak on Korean War

BY JULIE ZUCKER
The Battalion

The birth of the Marine Corps, on Nov. 10, 1775 in Tun's Tavern in Philadelphia, established a group who fought difficult battles and saw things in war some cannot imagine. In honor of this event, Dr. Arnold Krammer, a history professor, has asked seven Korean War veterans to discuss their experiences today at 2:20 p.m. in Harrington Education Center 105.

Krammer said hosting speakers and presenting experiences is the best way to teach history.

"I try to bring history as close as possible to my students," he said. "A real survivor of war can teach [students] better than I could."

Krammer said the speakers' message will be "War is awful." He said the speakers will talk about their time in battle without glorifying war.

Norman Beal, one speaker, served in Korea with the Marines after the war began in July 1950. He fought battles at the Pusan Perimeter in the southern end of Korea, climbed mountains through subzero temperatures and eventually made his way up to the Chosin Reservoir.

Krammer said Beal and the other speakers were wounded when they crossed Yalu River.

"These men were wounded in battles, but they survived the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, when [the] Chinese poured down over them," he said.

The speakers are members of the Chosin Few, honored because of their time in Korea.

Krammer said the veterans will tell stories textbooks lack. They will bring photos, medals and other memorabilia collected during their time in battle.

Krammer said he wants people attending to know that these men were young once.

"We make the mistake of seeing old people as just old people," he said. "These men were young once, and fought battles at the age of 17. To really learn and understand history, we need to listen to the stories of these heroes."

The event is open to the public.

Communication skills, obstacles subject of speech

BY STASIA RAINES
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Greg Economides, lead technical supporter for the video-conferencing network in the Center for Distance Learning at Texas A&M, will address obstacles to effective communication today at noon in Rudder 401.

Economides said his discussion will emphasize teaching others ways to improve how people talk to one another in a group settings or one-on-one, in his speech, "I Can't Hear You, I've Got a Banana in My Ear; Bert and Ernie on Communication."

Active and passive listening and body language will be discussed.

Economides said he encourages people to attend because communication is relevant to all.

"This stuff applies to anyone — anytime any person is trying to talk to someone else," he said.

"Some communicate well, and some don't. Hopefully, this will be a fun way to teach people to communicate."

"I Can't Hear You, I've Got a Banana in My Ear"

Bert and Ernie on Communication



Learn effective means of communication today at noon in Rudder 401.

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To emphasize the lecture's entertaining style, Joe De La Rosa, accounting assistant programs committee chair of the Texas A&M Professional Support Staff (TAPSS), said the lecture was publicized as, "the place to find out what [the children's TV show] 'Sesame Street,' a bottle-cap collection and eating cookies in bed have to do with you."

Paulette Bomnskie, publicity chair for TAPSS, said the presentation will help people because it will aid them in becoming more successful in their careers if they utilize the information that will be presented at the discussion.

"Communication skills enhance people's ability to do their jobs better, something everyone should be interested in," she said.

6th Man Club finds new name, ways to support A&M basketball

BY BRADY CREEL
The Battalion

With a new name and new initiative, a support group called the 6th Man Club will help the Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team strive to continue the University's legacy of excellence in athletics.

Kevin Hurley, administrative assistant for the Aggie Women's and Men's Basketball teams, said the change was proposed and initiated by A&M men's basketball Coach Melvin Watkins after he spent the past season analyzing the team's needs without an active breakfast club. Hurley said Watkins saw the potential for gaining additional support for the team from the outside.

"People were really interested and wanted to be involved in this type of club," Hurley said. "They wanted to meet the players and coaches on a more one-on-one basis."

Formerly known as the Breakfast Club, the 6th Man Club offers those interested in supporting the men's basketball program, the chance to become involved with the team. The group meets monthly with the coaches and players for lunch in Reed Arena.

Watkins said the 6th Man Club will benefit everyone.

"The membership will get the inside scoop

on the basketball program and take ownership of the program," Watkins said. "The players will benefit from the activities that we will do with the proceeds and the exposure to the core group of fans."

Hurley said the Breakfast Club was exactly what the name says. Members met with the coaches and players for breakfast and a practice session. However, the new 6th Man Club will be more structured, with more membership benefits.

For a membership fee of \$200, members receive an A&M basketball shirt, lunch and a parking pass for each meeting, not to mention a chance to show their support for Aggie basketball. In addition, practices will be closed to all but 6th man club members, whereas in the past they have been open to the general public.

Hurley said the two major differences between the Breakfast Club and the 6th Man Club is the increase in membership fees as well as the change from breakfast practice sessions to a luncheon.

"This is [Watkins'] personal touch on the club," he said. "It is an opportunity for the core group of basketball supporters to get to know the inside scoop."

The first meeting was in October with approximately 60 participants. The next meeting is Nov. 18 in Reed Arena.

Coping with School Crisis and Youth Violence: Lessons in Prevention and Intervention
Dr. Scott Poland will discuss methods of prevention and the causes of school violence.
7:30 p.m.
Friends Congregational Church in College Station

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(CSPS). Poland has written numerous books concerning school violence. His recent book, *Coping with Crisis: Lessons Learned*, will be on sale before and after the lecture, and Poland will be available to autograph copies.

Frederiksen said JPI and CSPS worked with members of the College Station Independent School Board to organize the lecture to prevent school violence in this community.

"The acts of school violence in the past years have been caused by children that have incredible turmoil in their lives," Frederiksen said.

"So [JPI], in order to prevent an incident like this from happening again, hosts discussions like this one."

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