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1st Annual Golf Scramble

PLACE: Texas A & M Golf Course  
DATE: March 3, 2001 8:30 am SHOTGUN start  
ENTRY: \$35 (includes greens fee, 1/2 cart, drinks)  
DEADLINE: February 23, 2001  
FORMAT: 4-person scramble  
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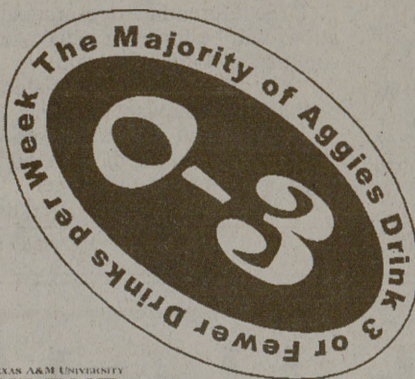


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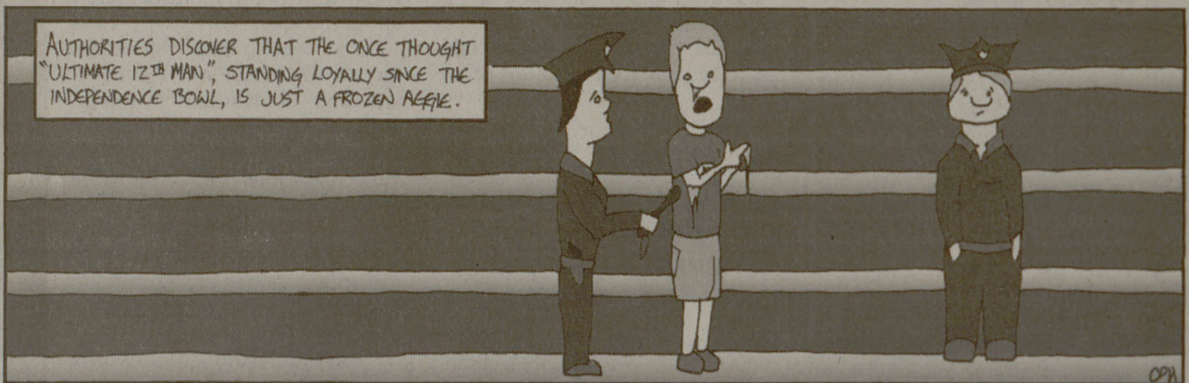
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Phen-fen users  
may have hope

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — People who took the diet pill combination fen-phen and a similar weight loss drug have new hope that any damage done to their heart valves may not worsen with time or may even improve, two new studies show.

About 6 million people took the drugs before they were pulled off the market, and research has suggested that up to a third of them may have suffered some heart valve damage.

A study published in Tuesday's *Annals of Internal Medicine* looked at patients who took fenfluramine, the "fen" in the fen-phen cocktail. A second study, also published in the medical journal, dealt with people who took dexfenfluramine, a chemical cousin of fenfluramine.

The studies found that leaking heart valves got no worse with time and in

some cases got better. A leaky valve makes the heart less efficient; severe leakage can cause heart failure.

The research mirrors the results of three previous studies.

The leader of the dexfenfluramine study, Dr. Neil Weissman of the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., said people with valve damage should be reassured by the findings.

"If you took diet pills and you (developed) a mild degree of (valve damage), it is unlikely that it will go on to become severe, and it is possible it may even get better," he said.

Researchers at Duke University Medical Center and MeritCare Medical Center in Fargo, N.D., looked at 50 people who took fenfluramine and had echocardiogram pictures of their heart taken at least 100 days apart.

VOTING

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is the answer to the budget problems.

Bus Operations, which receives its budget from bus-pass sales, PTTS money and an allocation from the Student Services Fee, is faced with maintenance problems that are beyond reasonable repair, in some cases. The disposal value of some of A&M's oldest buses is about \$3,000. Jackson said a complete overhaul of one of those engines costs \$18,000, and they are no longer manufactured.

Twenty-two buses will arrive for Fall 2001, regardless of the outcome of the referendum, Jackson said. But Bus Operations needs 70 buses to operate at its current level of service; as the fleet ages, more buses and funding are necessary to maintain or enhance that service.

For the 2000-01 year, bus passes cost \$100; the cost will remain the same for students who currently live off campus and ride the bus. However, Jackson said, the proposed Transportation Fee would distribute the cost of operating the buses over the entire student body.

On-campus residents who are concerned about paying for a service they will not use should know that on-campus routes will be improved first, Jackson said. The first 22 new buses will be dedicated primarily to on-campus routes, freeing other buses and improving off-campus service.

"They were destined to be on campus first," Jackson said. "That is going to be a benefit students are going to see immediately."

Jackson said daily ridership for on-campus routes is approximately 13,000 students; it is 11,000 for off-campus routes.

Jackson said the referendum is an investment in the future because students have a vested interest in the bus system.

"If we do this right, we will have a good bus system for years to come," Jackson said.

ADVERTISING

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Williams said advertising is charged to expense accounts, printing, "other supplies" and "services" — accounts for miscellaneous expenses. For the 1999 fiscal year, about \$30,000 was charged to these accounts.

Forrest Lane, student body president and a senior political science major, said the advertising may seem like a significant amount of money to students, but considering the amount of money necessary to manage Bus Operations, he said.

"In Bus Operations' eyes, this is an investment, and it is," Lane said.

Williams explained the decision to advertise for the fee, citing the need to educate students about the referendum and its importance.

"I think the only student who would vote 'no' would be the one who doesn't understand the referendum," Williams said. "We've been getting this done for eight years, and it is our last chance to get it done."

MEMORIAL

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to the memorial board.

The memorial board will break ground on the monument on Veterans Day, 2001.

ALCOHOL

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can happen to anyone, Schwab said.

"I got involved to make sure that people know what they are doing," said Rachel Sawilowsky, a senior business major.

Adenoro said, that after the referendum, students can ask questions, and two counselors from Student Counseling Services will be standing by to talk to any participant who needs to talk.

The program will be repeated on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Walker.

WEDDING

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they are denied the right to a same-sex union," said Woodson, president of NOW, a senior psychology major.

The brides were Christy Deaton, a sophomore psychology major, and Krista Benson, vice president of NOW and a senior psychology major. Grooms were Marcus Williams, president of Queer Aggies and a senior general studies major, and Cato, a senior philosophy major.

The ceremonies attracted a large number of curious onlookers with a variety of opinions.

"To the Christians on campus, we should love these people, and not to condemn them for their actions," said Matt Mann, a senior business major. "God loves gay people, even though they are sinners. We are all sinners. God forgives us all. They are not enslaved to this sin, but the Christ they can break away from."

Other students said they thought the ceremony benefited A&M.

"I think it is good that we are having this ceremony," said Ederson, a freshman biomedical science major. "It is something that needs to be addressed by the community. This is reality."

The ceremony was followed by both couples' first dance.

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