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## So long summertime blues

By Lizette Resendez  
The Battalion

### B-CS offers learning, outdoor activities

Students attending summer classes at A&M may find it easier to catch a parking spot than stay busy and entertained. However, while many students have returned home and businesses have shortened their operating hours for the summer, there is still plenty to do in the Brazos Valley.

Several programs on campus, such as University Plus and TAMU Outdoors, offer students opportunities to explore the outdoors or learn a new craft.

This summer, University Plus will offer courses in pottery, woodworking and photography and a course titled "How to Give a Better Back Rub".

along with arts and crafts courses such as woodworking and pottery. University Plus also offers dance classes such as ballroom dancing, country western dancing and belly dancing.

Most classes, depending on equipment, are limited to ten students. A shop cart fee of \$20 allows students to access much of University Plus' equipment.

The program provides students with drill presses, sanders and hand tools while students provide materials such as lumber for the woodworking class and clay and glaze for the pottery course.

Students enrolled in the photography and dark room class must provide their own paper while University Plus provides students with six dark rooms along with equipment and chemicals.

University Plus is located in 032 Memorial Student Center. Walk-in registration began Monday, and telephone registration begins on Wednesday.

TAMU Outdoors also provides students with necessary equipment for such sports as rock climbing, hiking, canoeing and flyfishing. Programs are offered year-round.

TAMU Outdoors rents sports and outdoor equipment such as volleyball sets, canoes and camping gear at a small fee for students enrolled in classes. A two-person tent can be

rented for \$5 per day and a canoe may be rented for \$15 per day. Footballs, Frisbees and baseballs can be rented at no cost.

Jason Kurton, coordinator for TAMU Outdoors and Class of '98, said TAMU Outdoors has decent prices on sports equipment that students cannot find closer than Austin and Houston. However, students who fail to return the rented equipment may be blocked from registration.

TAMU Outdoors, which is located behind the Student Recreation Center and faces Olsen Field, has

Research Park, where they may find other students flying kites, walking their dogs and rollerblading.

A popular sport at Research Park is Frisbee golf.

Randy Hammond and John Viens, frequent Frisbee golfers, said they have been playing Frisbee golf for a couple of years, but the sport did not become popular at Research Park until recently.

Hammond and Viens said they have played at several courses in Bryan but prefer the course at Research Park.

"There are more holes at Research Park," Viens said. "The Bryan courses have nine holes while Research Park has 18 holes."

Randy Hammond said he prefers Research Park because there are less trees, and it is an easier course.

Students who prefer a sport with more action can visit the Boondocks Recreation Center. Boondocks has recently added a new go-cart track and is adding three more paintball fields.

"We have finished the concrete go-cart track, which is a Grand Prix style track," said Bob Sybil, general manager of Boondocks.

There is also an arcade where new games are added each week.

Boondocks has been open for less than one year, but many students and groups have become frequent visitors.

"The A&M Sports Car Club races our go-carts once a week," Sybil said.



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fliers on fishing, hiking, paddling and mountain biking. The fliers include the names of parks where students can participate in activities and telephone numbers to call for more information.

The fliers also provide the distance of the parks, ranches, lakes and rivers from Texas A&M University.

Once students have rented their equipment, they can take the game to

The A&M Sports Car Club has also recently decided to hold their meetings at Boondocks.

Students who are not interested in sports can visit local bars and clubs.

While the crowds decrease during the summer, Adrian Sanchez, employee at Zapato's Cantina and a senior construction science major, said they are still busy.

Sanchez said they have about 50 people during the weeknights and more than 100 during the weekend.

Zapato's Cantina offers a variety of local bands throughout the week whose music ranges from rock and folk to Texas country music. Zapato's Cantina offers Open Mic Night on Tuesdays and bands perform every night except for Sundays and Mondays.

"It's a very relaxing atmosphere," Sanchez said. "Most people like to go out on the deck and just drink beer."

### People in the News

#### Tyler upsets veterans at Indianapolis 500

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — In a bizarre mix of style and taste, Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler took the stage at the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday with Florence Henderson, mother to the 1970s sitcom family "The Brady Bunch."

Henderson sang "America the Beautiful." Tyler sang the national anthem like an aging rock star who doesn't sing it often.

Wearing a flowing blue-starred shirt and red-and-white scarf, Tyler was so swept up in the moment he ended the song by singing "the home of the Indianapolis 500" instead of "home of the brave."

Not everyone was impressed.

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### Destiny's Child Survivor Columbia Records

Destiny's Child brings maturity, attitude and well-produced beats with the release of their third album for Columbia Records. Beyonce and the girls (Kelly and Michelle) have swiftly risen to the top of the music industry after their successful *The Writing's on the Wall*. Many fans complain about Beyonce's dominance of the group, but honestly, the group would suffer without her leading voice.

The new single, "Bootylicious," is sure to hit the clubs. It is fast-paced and showcases all of the members' talents. However, the reference to "booty" is referred to as "jelly." Most people may find it less desirable to

call their backsides jelly, but like the term "bugaboo," the girls are attempting to add words to their fans' vocabularies.

Unfortunately for the listener who enjoys a variety of songs on an album, *Survivor* is crowded with dance tunes on the first half then slowly dives into slower, ballad-like tunes.

The best track on the album, "Fancy" takes a not-so-subtle attack on the group's former members. "Fancy," seems to call out the stereotypical girls who continually do their friends wrong.

Most tracks were co-produced and co-written by Beyonce, much like the one-time Columbia artist whose contract recently expired, Mariah Carey. And with a musical lull happening for Carey, Beyonce has chosen to take on some of her characteristics in more than one way. She plays with similar



vocal stylings and has collaborated on songwriting with Walter Afanasieff.

But with radio-ready tracks on *Survivor*, there are a few elements this trio possesses that may harm their fan base. The "Outro (DC-3) Thank You," track, when each of the girls suffocates

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