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Junior mechanical engineering major **April Short** races through a hole at the Adrenaline Rush inflatable obstacle course in front of the academic plaza on Monday afternoon. The course was part of National Engineering Week which is going on February 15-22.

Chicago club stampede kills 21; 53 suffer injuries

By Brandon Loomis
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Hundreds of screaming guests rushed the exits of a crowded nightclub Monday after someone used pepper spray or Mace, and at least 21 people were crushed to death or smothered in the panic, officials said.

Firefighters had to use sledgehammers and pry bars to open locked or blocked doors that prevented some club-goers from fleeing, Fire Commissioner James Joyce said at a late morning briefing.

"There are people trying to get out that could not get out," Joyce said. "Locked and blocked doors are a contributing factor. We can't explain how management or ownership would allow that."

All but one of the exits were locked or blocked, in some cases by bags of laundry from the

first-floor restaurant.

The locked doors are a fire code violation, Joyce said.

Twenty-one people were confirmed dead in the tragedy at the Epitome Night Club, Chicago Police spokesman Pat Camden said. Hospitals reported treating at least 53 for everything from critical injuries to asthma-like symptoms.

"Everybody smashed; people crying, couldn't breathe," said club-goer Reggie Clark. "Two ladies next to me died. A guy under me passed out."

Some witnesses reported that panic broke out after the guards used pepper spray or Mace to break up a fight, but authorities did not immediately confirm that. Police Commissioner Terry Hillard said investigators are trying to sort out conflicting stories about the source of the spray, and were retrieving a video from inside the club.

"We will get to the bottom of this," Hillard said. "Right now

Nightclub chaos

Someone released pepper spray or mace into the air in the Epitome Night Club causing hundreds of guests to rush to the exits. At least 21 people were crushed to death in the panic.



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI

our investigation is at full tilt." Authorities initially reported as many as 1,500 people were in the nightclub, but Joyce said he could not confirm that number.

The ULTIMATE Experience



Is your organization planning a retreat, event, or traveling this semester? Are you unsure of how and what to plan? Do all of the rules and procedures make your head spin? Do you want to know what resources are available to you and your organization? Then **The Ultimate Experience 2003** is for you! Several workshops, ranging from "The Ultimate Service Project" to "The Ultimate Retreat," will be made available during the spring semester to help guide your organization through the event planning and implementation process.

The Ultimate Retreat

Is your organization planning its annual retreat; is your leadership tired of the same old retreat location and activities? Join us and discover how to plan the ultimate retreat. This presentation will cover all the various places available to host retreats, suggest team-building activities, aid in the development of agendas that will help your leadership development and much, much more!

January 27, 2003 at 5:00-6:30pm & 7:00-8:30pm, MSC 228
April 14, 2003 at 6:00-8:00p.m., MSC 228

How to Get Sued

During this short seminar, participants will learn about the basics of tort law, the elements of negligence, and how they can take proactive measures to help protect themselves and their organizations.

February 6, 2003 at 11:30-1:00pm, 228 MSC
April 9, 2003 at 11:30-1:00pm, 228 MSC

The Ultimate Travel Experience

Most student organizations travel each semester to organizational retreats or conferences and many are unaware of system policies and university resources. Come learn how to travel safely and learn about the resources available to you when traveling for your organization.

March 3, 2003 at 5:00-6:30pm & 7:00-8:30pm, 707 Rudder

The Ultimate Service Project

How to do meaningful service and connect your service experience to your everyday life in order to continue making a difference every day!!!

February 19, 2:00-3:00pm, 144 Koldus
February 19, 5:30-6:30p or 7:00-8:00p, 146 Koldus

Campus Resources/Renting Vehicles

Discover how to tap into the various resources available to students at Texas A&M University. This presentation provides students with a rare opportunity to learn about the significant number of resources on campus that can be utilized when planning meetings, events, philanthropies, and trips. Also, become familiar with the process of renting vehicles.

February 10, 2003 at 6:00-7:30pm, 228 MSC

The Ultimate Event

The Ultimate Event is a high-energy, interactive program focused on expanding student knowledge about planning a successful student organization event.

February 25, 11:00-1:30pm, 507 Rudder
For Advisors
February 27, 6:00-8:00pm, 231 MSC, For Students

Fundraising

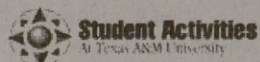
Does your organization have to limit its activities and membership because you simply do not have enough funds? This seminar is designed to instruct students on how to raise more money to host or attend events. This interactive session will help you expand your fundraising and collection ideas.

January 30, 2003 at 6:00-8:00pm, MSC 228

Enhance Your Organization by Assessment

Professionals from the Department of Student Life Studies will provide resources and strategies for effectively using assessment in your student organization.

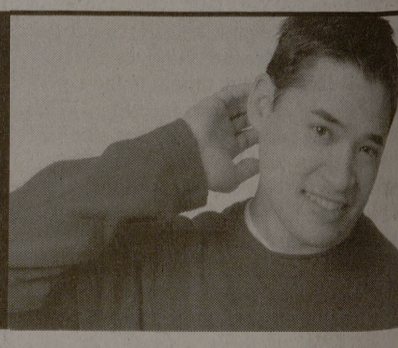
April 24, 2003 at 6:00-8:00pm, 228 MSC



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