

reasons defending them. Skaggs said he likes working on these programs, because he has taught students to think on their feet and employees value his traits. Skaggs said he enjoys teaching a lot of his classes, but that he especially enjoys teaching the Animal Science 107 and 108 classes because they provide an opportunity to expose non-majors to the world of animal science. Skaggs enjoys different courses in different ways," he said. Skaggs is currently working on a Teaching Extension, help in arranging different programs, including youth programs, and working as supervisor with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Skaggs is an employee of Texas A&M since 1992. Skaggs said he enjoys observing students mature. Skaggs is enjoyable to watch the transition from freshmen to seniors said. "It's something that's quite remarkable."

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"I see convocation as the college," she said. literature, said he plans to speak by stressing the

Shakespeare, like all great playwrights as he wrote

major, said she is unsure

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## Playing the game

Intramural sports offered by the Rec Center beat the monotony of studying

By Kristin McNulty  
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As the fall semester nears, students will put away their suntan lotion and beach balls in exchange for books and scantrons. But to beat the back-to-school blues, students can participate in intramural sports offered by the Texas A&M Student Recreation Center. The Rec Center offers a wide variety of intramural sports — from flag football to wallyball — for the fall and spring semesters. A&M students can find stress relief from school in intramural sports, according to Dane McGinnis, a sophomore wildlife and fisheries science major. "Intramurals give you something fun to do so you don't have to worry about school. You are just there to have fun," McGinnis said. McGinnis played 7-on-7 flag football last fall and 4-on-4 last spring. He said he enjoyed it and that he plans to continue playing this fall. Melissa Sherrod, a junior kinesiology major, played intramural basketball and

said it was a fun hobby. "My favorite part of playing was the competition and staying in shape while meeting new people," she said. While intramurals offer a good time with friends, teams do compete for awards. All-University Champions in classes A and B are awarded intramural champion T-shirts, and All-University Champions in classes C and D receive certificates. Rec Center employees encourage students to speak with a Member Service clerk to find what days and times are available for sports with a round robin playing format. Intramurals are offered to all A&M students, faculty and staff who are 18 to 25 years old. Players must present their student or employee I.D. at the games. The intramural program also provides an opportunity for students to become intramural officials. Tavoris Johnson, a 2003 A&M graduate, worked as a basketball official and refereed games and ran the clock. "It was a way to make money and a

way to participate in something I liked — basketball," he said. Anyone seeking to become an official must attend training clinics, provide a good attitude toward players and other workers, be dedicated to the sport and must always follow the rules of the game. Though students play intramural sports to have a good time, the sports are not to be taken lightly. McGinnis stresses the importance of being a team player. "Only play if you are going to be dedicated. Don't let your team down," he said. There are 38 intramural sports offered, and the Rec sports staff is always looking to add new activities. To suggest any sports or activities contact Mike Waldron at 845-9672, and for more information call member services at 845-7826. The entry dates to sign up for intramurals are listed online at www.recsports.com, in the Rec Handbook and on flyers around campus.



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### BIZARRE IN BRIEF

#### Giraffe struck and killed by lightning

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Lightning struck and killed a giraffe at Disney's Animal Kingdom as the animal roamed among tourists, company officials said Wednesday. The accident occurred Monday as a severe lightning storm moved over the Kilimanjaro Safari attraction,

Disney spokeswoman Diane Ledder said. "To the best of my knowledge, it was a quick death," she said. It was unclear if any tourists saw the lightning strike. Betsy the giraffe, who was 6 years old, was the first animal to die from a lightning strike at the theme park, Ledder said. "It's very unfortunate and unusual...but it has happened in the past" at other U.S. parks,

she said. The park has lightning rods placed throughout the safari area to protect animals. Egg yolk sellers found innocent COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A poultry researcher and a surgeon were cleared Wednesday of defrauding the public by marketing powdered egg yolks as an

immune-system booster, but were found guilty of selling unapproved drugs. Prosecutors said Marilyn Coleman and Dr. Mitchell Kaminski told people the egg powder could cure or prevent yeast infections, autism, cancer, chronic fatigue syndrome and AIDS. Under federal rules, food supplements are considered drugs — and thus subject to a rigorous approval process —

when they are advertised as treating a disease. Coleman, Kaminski and their company, OvImmune Inc., were convicted of 15 misdemeanor counts, including selling unapproved drugs and failing to register them. The jury, which started deliberations Friday, acquitted each defendant of mail fraud and conspiracy. Each count carries up to a year in prison and a \$100,000 fine. No sentencing date has been set. Coleman's attorney Max Kravitz said he would decide later whether to appeal. "I believe in the product," Kravitz said. Kaminski, a plastic surgeon in Niles, Ill., said the government was trying to obstruct science. "This jury doesn't know how important this verdict is," he said. The government must regulate such products to protect the public, said federal prosecutor J. Richard Chema.

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