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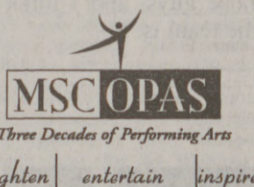
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disorder titled, "Life Without Ed: How One Woman Declared Independence from her Eating Disorder and How You Can Too," said she thinks this week will be very beneficial for students with eating disorders or for students who know people with eating disorders.

"I'm so thrilled A&M is having an eating disorders week," Schaefer said. "When you're in college, you just don't think you have an eating disorder, and the more you have a week like the one A&M is having, the more you become aware, the more you connect yourself to it and think 'Oh, I might have a problem.'"

Schaefer said it is important for students to get information on eating disorders because not many people are aware of the physical long-term effects.

"Now my bones are like that of an 80-year-old," Schaefer said. "When you're young and hurting your body, you think you're resilient, but the things I did then will affect me for the rest of my life."

Staggs said even though studies show that more than 19 percent of college students display bulimic behavior and bulimia is the most publicized eating disorder, other eating disorders are also rampant among college students, including exercise bulimia, a condition in which one exercises excessively.

"We want to raise awareness of how prominent disordered eating is in both men and women and to offer support," Staggs said. "Any student

who identifies any low kind of self-esteem, body image, excessive exercising or eating problems should not hesitate to come in and work with a counselor."

Daniel Webb, a freshman biomedical science major, said he has helped a friend deal with eating disorder in the past and that he would get students struggling with eating disorders take advantage of the programs offered this week.

"Eating Disorders Week will show students ways out of their eating disorder," Webb said. "Students don't know how to get better, the program can give them information."

Niki Ragan, a sophomore wildlife and fish science major, said she thinks that this week will be especially helpful for students who know people with eating disorders.

"Most people with eating disorders are in denial, and I think this week will be more beneficial for people who can help those with eating disorders," Ragan said.

Staggs said she hopes Eating Disorders Week will help those in denial recognize they need help and inform them on how to get help.

Schaefer encouraged students with eating disorders to take advantage of the week and to work with counselors, because it is possible to recover from an eating disorder.

"No matter what you think, you can get better," Schaefer said. "People with eating disorders don't think they are the ones who will never recover. My message is that if you never give up, you can get over your eating disorder and live a happy life."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman who fell from a platform at Mardi Gras dies

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A woman who fell 20 feet during a Mardi Gras party at the Superdome died early Sunday during surgery, officials said.

Maxine Gartman, 49, of Bulverde, Texas, was standing on her front-row chair on a spectator platform Saturday night when she fell over a railing surrounding the platform, Superdome spokesman Bill Curl said. Police said the death appeared to be an accident.

The platform had been inspected by fire safety officials and was deemed safe, Curl said. Gartman's death was the second connected to the week of parades leading up to the raucous revelry of Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday.

She was among about 14,000 people at the "Endymion Extravaganza," which began after the Endymion parade snaked its way through the city. The celebration, featuring LeeAnn Rimes, the Neville Brothers and Cowboy Mouth, was a private party for people who helped fund the parade and their guests.

On Wednesday night, teenagers shooting each other hit four other people in a crowd of people watching a parade, killing one of the four. Teenagers were arrested and charged with second-degree murder.

San Franciscans gather to support same-sex wedding

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Hundreds of people gathered Sunday to honor San Francisco's newly married same-sex couples as politicians continued to debate whether the mayor overstepped his authority in allowing the unions.

Nearly 1,800 people registered to attend a celebration at the Hyatt Regency Hotel's Grand Ballroom, which was decorated with purple and white balloons. Well-dressed couples wore heart-shaped red, white and blue stickers that said "Freedom to Marry" arrived before the event.

The marriage of Del Martin, 83, and Philip Lyon, 79 — longtime leaders in the city's lesbian community who have been together 51 years — was the focal point of the celebration. They were the first of more than 3,000 gay couples married in San Francisco beginning Feb. 12.

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- FREE Healthy Living Lecture**—"Eating Disorders" This lecture is a must! College campus disorders to know. Join us Wed. Feb. 25, 5:30-6:30 pm in room 281. Come early!
- Fitness Instructor Training**—Registration open NOW! Training begins March 21 from 6-9 p.m. in room 304. Dress for a workout. Limited to the first 40 participants.
- FREE Women on Weights!**—Get the most out of a workout! Learn effective free weight techniques in the Weight and Fitness Room on Feb. 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Rec personal trainers. Register NOW through Wed. Feb. 25!

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The following IM sports **OPEN** for registration **TODAY**:

4-on-4 Flag Football	\$10/\$12
Sign up at Member Services by March 2nd at 6:00 p.m.	
The following IM sports CLOSE for registration on Feb. 24th:	
Kyle Field Ramp Romp	\$10/\$12
Badminton	FREE
Sand Volleyball	\$25/team

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Program	Registration	Cost
Basic Scuba	NOW-March 21	\$225/\$245
Lifeguard Training	NOW-April 11	\$110/\$130
Lifeguard Challenge	NOW-April 11	\$25/\$35
Springboard Diving	NOW-April 11	\$25/\$35
Advanced Scuba	NOW-April 12	\$110/\$130

Go All Out with TAMU OUTDOORS

Upcoming Events	Registration	Event Date
Kayak Roll Clinic	TODAY	Feb. 24
Rock Climbing 101 Clinic	NOW-Feb. 24	Feb. 28
Backcountry Cooking Clinic	NOW-March 1	March 3
Bike Clinic—Brakes & Shifts	NOW-March 1	March 3
Rafting Day Trip	NOW-March 2	March 6
Aggie Pumpfest	NOW-March 6	March 6
Horseback/Hike Day Trip	NOW-March 2	March 7
Costa Rica Adventure	NOW-March 16	May 16-23
SPRING BREAK TRIPS		
Boulder Hueco Tanks	NOW-March 8	March 14-17
Canoe the Rio Grande	NOW-March 2	March 14-20

Costa Rica Adventure—Give yourself the escape of a life time: hike, raft, horseback ride, explore and sea kayak! Experience the adventure of beautiful Costa Rica! Register NOW through March 16 and travel May 16-23.

Outdoor Gear Swap Meet—Join the outdoor community at the 1st Annual TAMU Outdoor Gear Swap. Bring your gently used gear and any cash you want to spend to TAMU Outdoors on Sunday, March 7. Admission is FREE!

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