

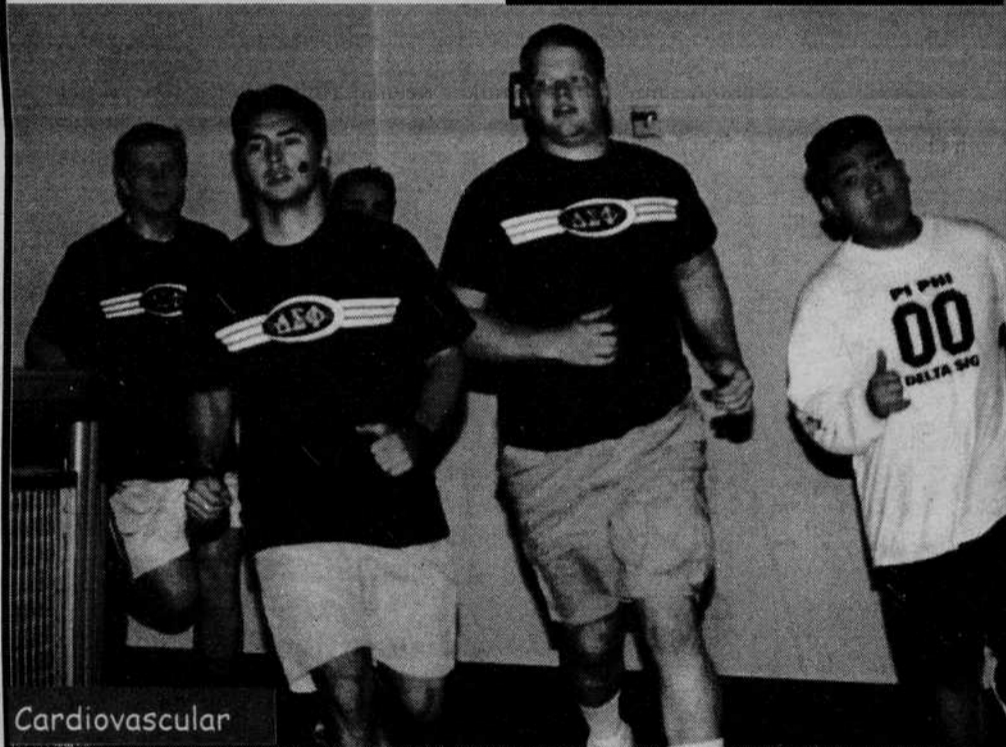
Late Night at the Rec Center

Friday, May 5th
11pm-2am
at the

Food, refreshments and prizes!

Get your friends to wrestle in a sumo suit!

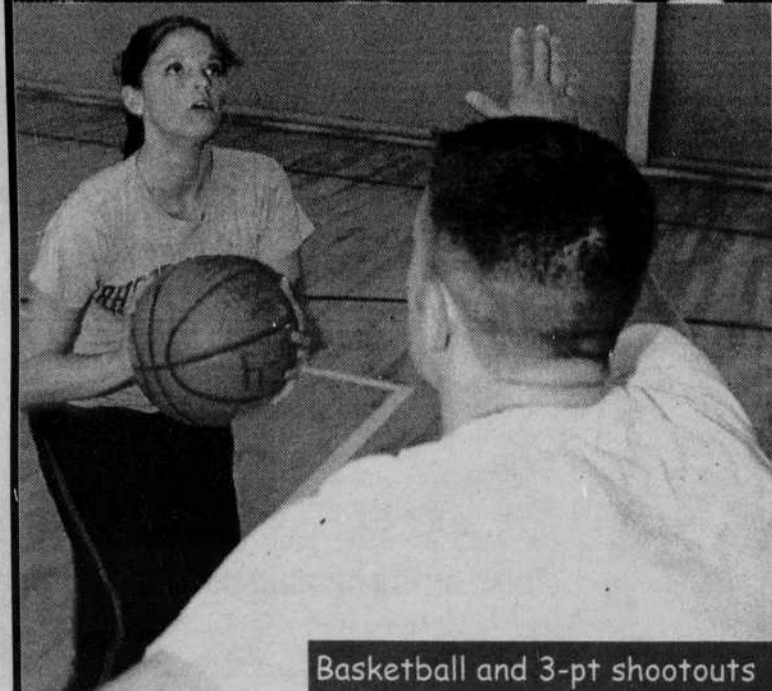
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Cardiovascular



Volleyball



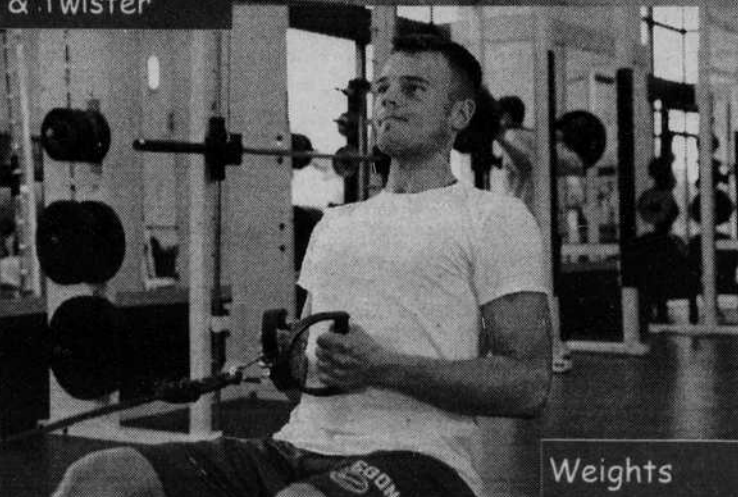
Basketball and 3-pt shootouts

and more:

Table Tennis

Racquetball

& Twister



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ABC's stations dumped

By David Bauder
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In an escalating corporate dispute, ABC was blacked out in the homes of 3.5 million Time Warner cable customers around the country Monday — just as the “sweeps” period was beginning and Regis Philbin was about to quiz celebrities on “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire.”

Instead of ABC programming, Time Warner customers saw a message saying, “Disney has taken ABC away from you” on the channel that normally carries WABC-TV in New York.

Around the country, the only way many viewers could see ABC shows was the old-fashioned way — by disconnecting the cable and rigging up an antenna — or finding a friend with a satellite dish.

The Walt Disney Co., ABC's corporate parent, is fighting over how much money Time Warner must compensate Disney for the right to carry some of its cable channels.

The affected customers were in seven markets served by ABC-owned television stations. About 1.5 million were in the New York City area, 665,000 in Houston and 440,000 in Raleigh-Durham, N.C.

Smaller numbers of customers in the Los Angeles; Philadelphia; Toledo, Ohio; and Fresno, Calif., markets also lost service.

The blackout was particularly ill-timed for ABC, America's top-rated broadcaster. Its most popular show, “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire,” began its first celebrity week Monday. Viewers who saw the opening night of the miniseries “Arabian Nights” on Sunday risked missing the conclusion.

In the coming weeks, ABC is airing the Kentucky Derby, the Daytime Emmy Awards and virtually all of the season finales of its regular series.

Disney appealed for help from the Federal Communications Commission on Monday.

Each side angrily blamed the other for the blackout, and each said FCC law was on its side: Time Warner said it was against the law to carry a station without a transmission deal, while ABC said a cable operator cannot stop airing a broadcast station during a sweeps period.

The sweeps, a period when ratings are used to set local advertising rates, began Thursday and runs until May 24.

The two sides had no negotiations scheduled but were to meet with FCC staff members late Monday.

Preston Padden, executive vice president of governmental relations at Disney, said it was a “damnable lie” to blame Disney for pulling the plug.

“These people are arrogant manipulators,” Padden said. “Some deranged individual has deprived all of these people of ABC.”

Disney had offered a series of deadline extensions after the original national transmission deal expired Dec. 31. The most recent deadline, offered in March, expired at 12:01 a.m. on Monday.