

An Old Game Still Survives With New Name—'Billiards'

Remember when the ladies were all fired up to rid the country with that bad old thing called pool?

Pool apparently has survived, although the game has a new name—"billiards"—and don't be caught saying pool.

That smugged expression (pool) has gone with the spittoons, the clouds of smoke and the cigar butts on the floor.

What makes the victory sweeter is the increase in women players.

Anyway, the whole thing came to light again this week with the departure of Omar Flores, an A&M University junior from Mexico, to a national billiards play-off in Albuquerque, N. M., Saturday.

FLORES earlier had beaten competition from a four-state area at a regional tournament held at the University of Texas by the Association of College Unions.

He won first place in three-cushion billiards, one of four divisions, and a plane ticket to the play-offs. Another event was for coeds.

If he wins in New Mexico, Flores

will advance to the national tournament in Arizona, May 1-2.

Nowadays, when anyone says "billiards," he usually is referring to pocket billiards, played on tables with six holes or pockets.

To excel at cushion billiards, one must practice with the zeal of an Olympic champion. The cue ball must ricochet from three sides of the table before striking one or both of the other balls.

CUSHION, incidentally, is the padding extending around the table.

A Laredo high school graduate, Flores feels that his opponent may have an advantage since the two

NBA Plans Inking Of Television Pact

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The National Basketball Association is expected to sign a one- or two-year contract with a major network to televise weekend games next year, NBA President Walter Kennedy said Wednesday.

will be competing on his table. The winner of Region 10 is John Granis of the University of New Mexico.

One of the secrets of the game, Flores pointed out, is to become acquainted with the cushion response of the table. It's necessary in order to determine the amount of roll the cue ball will take when struck with the cue stick.

Flores isn't majoring in billiards, petroleum engineering instead. He has six years of experience in billiards competition, however.

THE 24-YEAR-OLD Agujita, Coahuila, resident advanced to the national play-offs by beating students from Rice, Texas, and Oklahoma universities, in addition to A&M competition.

Most billiard rooms in student centers over the nation are catering to women, with pastel decor, wall-to-wall carpeting, air-conditioning and piped-in music.

Flores said the game is more popular in Mexico. The billiards is becoming a popular family game. A table can be installed for only \$1,500, he said.



A&M Gets Unrestricted Grant
The Atlantic Refining Company has presented a \$1,000 unrestricted grant to A&M University's College of Engineering. Hugh D. Sheffield of Houston, a senior engineer with the firm, presented the check to Dean Fred J. Benson, left, of the College of Engineering.

Staffers To Attend Meet

Three A&M University staff members will attend the Association of College Unions' 50th anniversary meeting at Indiana University, April 19-22.

J. Wayne Stark, director of A&M's student center, will participate on a four-man panel discussion of program responsibilities of union directors. Stark was association president in 1959.

Versatile Student Thrives On Work

Some Texas Aggies are club presidents, other are married, some earn their way financially, and others rank high academically. Few combine these factors like Wallace L. Johnston, A&M University senior from Beaumont.

The 27-year old Johnston plans to graduate in May with a degree in industrial education, then commence graduate studies here.

The Johnstons—have two daughters, Paula Louise, four years old, and Jana Lynn, two.

A 1955 graduate of Beaumont High School, Johnston is the son of Mrs. W. F. Stanley of the 1920 Wall, Beaumont. His father died in World War II action with the merchant marine.

Johnston serves as president of the Industrial Education Society, the Student Engineers' Council and the University Inter-Council, an organization of officers of student councils from three colleges. He also is the reporter for Iota Lambda Sigma, national honor society for industrial education majors and a member of the University safety committee.

"These organizations do not meet at the same time and their busier times are at different periods of the year," Johnston explained.

He also works 25 or 30 hours weekly as an assistant student program advisor at A&M's Memorial Student Center.

This workload seems relatively easy to Johnston for he has worked 70 hours weekly at different jobs in the summer.

THE TEXAS Aggie assumed a Houston newspaper route shortly after coming to the campus early in 1961 following his discharge as an Army aircraft mechanic.

Later, he became campus circulation manager, as well as holding such jobs as movie projectionist.

"We thought for awhile that we'd lay out a year and then go to school, but the more we thought about it, the more we thought we

should go ahead," Johnston said. "After all, while in the Army I lived on a tight budget." He has been in the service for 35 months.

Mrs. Johnston has helped serving as a departmental secretary on campus. She now operates a nursery. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Lester of Brunson, Midland.

JOHNSTON began to work with hand tools, to working while at Howard College as a speech major.

"While I was in the service I thought about liking to work with hands," he said. He decided industrial education at Texas following his discharge at Hood.

The 21 persons attending the Engineering Extension Society school have been busy from 8 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. since Monday.

John R. Rauch and other members of the Texas Firemen's Training School have directed rescue problems involving "hurricanes," "floods" and fires, demolishing buildings and man-made destruction.

Shortly after the evening Friday, trainees were alerted of a mock disaster, created by "atomic blast." Sirens and loudspeakers sent the trainees to the scene, appropriately labeled "saster street."

AT THE disaster site, students found a smoking building with screaming women and children of the upper floor and "bodies" under a collapsed brick wall.

To make the situation seem realistic, instructors provided sound effects over a speaker system, and "timers" had appropriate makeup, including torn clothing and smudged faces.

None of the persons being rescued laughed, nor did any of the students. It was all serious business. Students were graded, and a critique followed.

The rescue was quickly completed, first aid was given and the "injured" rushed to a temporary field hospital.

Instructors during the week included Theo H. Fields of Houston, city-county civil defense rescue chief; Wallace A. Beard, Kingsville fire chief; H. G. Hood, College Station, coordinator of Brazos County civil defense rescue service; and Gilbert Eimann, A&M University fire chief.

Girls seeking the degrees are Harriett Hierth, Ann Kirby, Barbara Staten, Kathy Sperry, Sharon Yeager and Yolonda Burkhalter.

If they are chosen to receive the awards, the six girls will be honored at the State FHA meeting to be held in Austin May 1-2.

At a recent meeting of the Area VIII FHA group, Linda Isbel of the local chapter was installed District II president and Miss Burkhalter was elected area second vice president.

Ag Ed Supper Set
The Agricultural Education Wives' Club is sponsoring a pot luck supper Saturday, at 6:30 p.m. in the Agricultural Education Building, Room 109. All of the girls and their husbands are urged to come and join in the fun and entertainment provided for them committee chairmen said. All they need to bring is their favorite dish, their silverware and their husbands, the sponsors said.

Math Contests Set For April 28 Here
The annual Mathematics Contests examinations are scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The freshman contest will be held in Room 223 of the Academic Building, and the Sophomore contest in Room 225. Prizes offered this year in each of the contests are: first prize, gold wrist watch; second prize, \$15.00 and third prize, \$10.00.

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