

Women Sports Group Fields Winners

By LYNNE EDWARDS
In its first year at A&M, the Women's Sports Association has fielded several successful teams and given A&M women the chance to compete in intercollegiate athletics.

Not officially affiliated with the Physical Education department, the organization is co-sponsored by Kay Don, P.E. instructor, and Dr. Mickey Little, associate professor of P.E.

Finances have been an obstacle for the WSA. Aid was received earlier in the year from Exchange Store funds and the Former Students Association. The club has had fund-raising projects and membership dues to supplement the treasury. Entrance fees and travel expenses have been its major expenses. The club is now looking for other sources of funds.

Both Little and Don commented on the unfeminine image that women athletes have. "With

every curve there is a muscle. You find a girl without muscle, and she's a Twiggy," Little said. "Our girls have represented the school well in both ability and appearance. The girls probably look better from participating," Don remarked.

The A&M women have participated in various sports this past year. Bowling and track proved to be the most successful.

Sex Battle Persists, Says Professor

"The battle of the sexes has been going on since the start of time," said Dr. Garland Bayliss at the banquet in the Bluebonnet Room of Wyatt's Cafeteria.

Bayliss, professor of history and undergraduate adviser spoke at the banquet in the Bluebonnet Room of Wyatt's Cafeteria.

Bayliss made observations on the battle from his "safe and neutral position" and remarked that "the truth lies between the extremes of the controversy."

"No one could possibly deny that discrimination is still practiced against women," said Bayliss. "The present struggle of women to obtain their just rights is a continuation of a struggle that has been in progress throughout our history," said Bayliss.

"There have been many prominent American women in history such as Anne Hutchinson and Kathryn Green, along with Clara Barton and Eleanor Roosevelt. The last two were immortalized in my commemorative stamps. This should be evidence that we appreciate women although we mistreat them," said Bayliss.

He then mentioned the Equal Rights Amendment now being considered by state legislatures and said, "the main leaders both for and against the proposed amendment are women."

"There is no question that our society is undergoing a revolution which involves much more than the status of women.

Last fall at the district bowling tournament, the coeds took second and fifth in singles. Bernie Ponzio and Jerri Lampkin won first in doubles. A&M also took third and fifth in that event. The team placed second in the tourney and Ponzio became the individual high point winner.

At the state meet, Ponzio again was high point winner and took first in singles. The team placed

seventh. In the regional championship, she placed second overall.

Several women will be participating in the state track meet April 27-28 at West Texas State University for placing high in last weekend's district meet.

First through third place winners will attend. Debbie Berrier took second in the shot put and discus and first in the mile run. Third in the shot put went to Jean Collins. Debbie Wooten ran to a second in both the 100-yard hurdles and the 100-yard dash. Nancy Peck placed third in the 100-yard dash. Third in the javelin was won by Connie Karcher. The second place 440-yard relay team of Peck, Wooten, Collins, and Berrier will also attend.

The swimming season was both successful and yet disappointing. The team won second overall at the state with several individuals taking first and second place medals in various events. Five women qualified for the nationals in Moscow, Idaho, but due to money problems only one could

attend. Jean Collins placed eighth in the 50-yard backstroke, twelfth in the 100-yard individual medley, and 50th in the 100-yard backstroke. She won all these events at the state meet.

A&M gymnasts competed in three meets this season. The team won the dual meet with Pan American College. Kay Corbell and Elaine Eike were the top performers. Other meets were the TCU Invitational and the San Jacinto Invitational in Houston.

In volleyball the A&M team placed fourth at the district championship last November in Houston. Jean Collins, Debbie Balcerwitz and Beverly Goech were top players. The doubles team in badminton placed second in the district meet at the University of Houston, but did not place in the state tourney.

The state golf tournament was held last Monday and Tuesday in Austin. Barbara Blake and Ellen Maniatis represented A&M. The last two rounds were rained out.

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Coed Hospital Uses Outlined

The Health Committee of the Women's Awareness Workshop met Monday with Dr. W. Harold Powe, director of the campus hospital, to learn what types of services are available to women students.

There are four doctors on duty full time at the hospital and one on full time duty during the weekend.

A gynecologist is at the hospital on Tuesdays and Thursdays but is available only through appointment. As Dr. Powe puts it, "the doctors are here only to treat the sick and wounded," which means the students must have an infection or some other problem to get an appointment.

Since Saturday, there has been a clinic open to all female students from 8 a.m. until noon. No appointment is necessary and students are able to get a pap smear for a \$3 lab fee.

Hospital policy as it now stands is opposed to prescribing or dispensing any kind of birth control devices except to married

students. A single coed may have a prescription for birth control pills renewed if she already has a prescription but must go elsewhere for the actual pills.

Powe noted a student can get an examination and the prescribed birth control device free at the Family Planning Clinic in Bryan. The clinic is located by the old St. Joseph's Hospital on 28th Street and is open on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9. They will treat married or single women.

The campus hospital also tests for and treats venereal disease.

OPA To Hold Bake Sale

The Omega Phi Alpha pledge class will have a bake sale Thursday in front of the Exchange Store from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The nine member pledge class of the organization which sponsored the blood drive, cancer drive and heart fund will hold

The test for gonorrhea is free and the one for syphilis is \$4.50. Students planning to get married can get the required blood test at the hospital.

Powe emphasized that whatever problems a student has or thinks he or she has is confidential between doctor and patient only. The doctors are there not only to treat students but also to "guide and counsel" them, he added. He said a student with a problem should ask the person at the desk to see a doctor and not leave until he or she does see him.

"Baked goods for the sale will be homemade and are guaranteed to be good," said Cindy Wallace, vice president of the pledge class. Other pledge officers are Jane Ott, president and Kathi Griffith, secretary treasurer.

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