

Women Come Out on Top in Astrodome Battle of Sexes

HOUSTON (AP) — Billie Jean King, heroine of the women libbers, made Bobby Riggs eat his words about women's tennis with a humiliating 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 victory Thursday night in their \$100,000 winner-take-all Battle of the Sexes at the Astrodome.

The curious and the crusaders, paying anywhere from \$6 to \$100, flocked into the Astrodome to watch King defend womanhood's honor against chauvinist Riggs.

If you were lucky enough to have one of the \$100 seats, you could purchase ice-cold cham-

pagne from a tuxedo-clad waiter for \$1. Should you be seated some 30 yards away in the \$20 field boxes it cost 75 cents for a hot dog—no champagne.

The University of Houston band played in the circus-like atmosphere in the air-conditioned dome. Beautiful, long-legged "Cougar Dolls" pranced about with their pom-poms.

Both Ms. King and the 55-year old Riggs, hated hustler of the women's lib movement, were intense and sober during pre-match practice.

There was no banter from the usually gabby Riggs, who held whispered conference after conference with close friends and advisers. Riggs, the king of the junk shot artists, practiced lofting high balls into the overhead Astrodome lights.

Banners sprang up — mostly for the 8-5 underdog Ms. King, who was carried to center court on a litter like royalty.

"Oonomonoc, Wis., Says Beat Him Billie," was typical of the signs.

Promoter Jerry Perenchio said more than 28,000 tickets were sold, making it the top tennis crowd in history.

Women's libber buttons in the crowd proclaimed "Bobby Riggs Bleagh."

Some men proudly wore "I Was Humbled By Bobby Riggs" buttons at \$3 each.

Hollywood jet-setters were on hand.

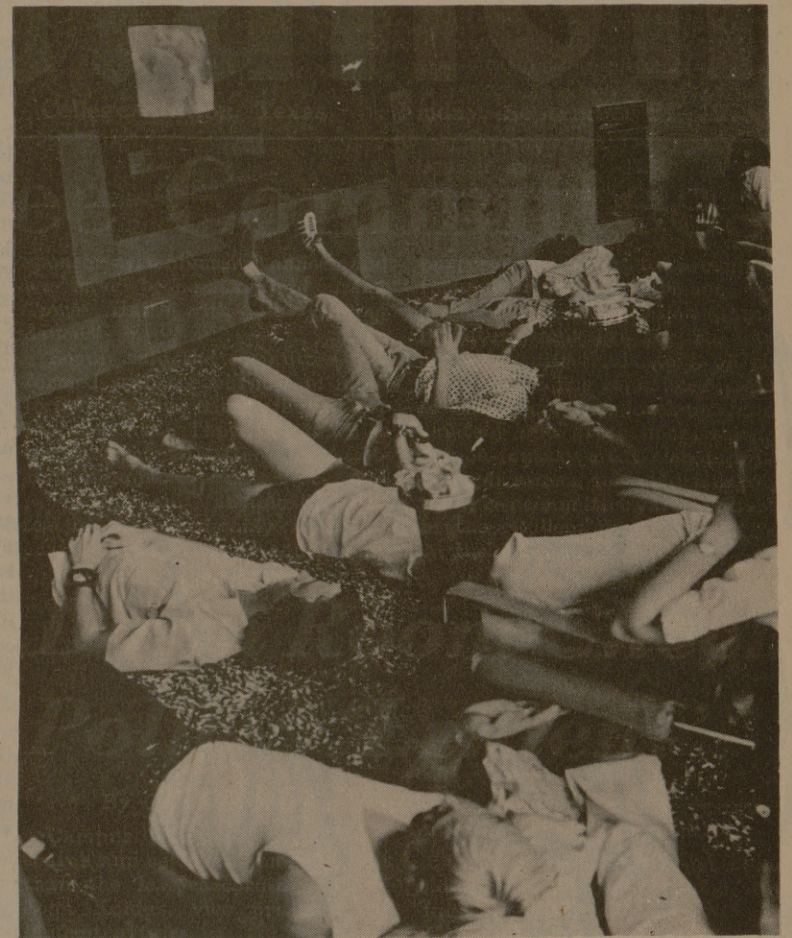
Singer Claudine Longet, asked who she was for, displayed a tennis racquet with Riggs' picture

on one side and Ms. King's on the other.

Such organizations as WORMS-World Organization For Retention Of Male Supremacy-were represented.

Some nine million viewers across the nation were expected to watch "The Libber" versus "The Lobber" on national television.

The attraction went smack up against the "Bonnie and Clyde" movie on another network; or as Riggs put it: "Clyde and Bonnie."



CROWDS JAMMED the television rooms in Krueger-Dunn to watch the Billie Jean King-Bobby Riggs \$100,000 winner-take all tennis match Thursday night in the Astrodome. King roughed up the 55-year-old tennis veteran in three straight sets, 6-4, 6-3 and 6-3. (Photo by Roger Malison)

Tapes Fight Back in Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U. S. Court of Appeals, having failed to obtain a compromise settlement of the White House tapes controversy, returns to the constitutional questions in the dispute.

Special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox and the White House notified the court Thursday that their "sincere efforts" to reach an out-of-court settlement "were not fruitful."

The court had asked a week earlier that the attempt be made.

If the search for a compromise failed, the court had said, "This court will discharge its duty of

determining the controversy with the knowledge that it has not hesitated to explore the possibility of avoiding constitutional adjudication."

An appeals court decision is expected by Oct. 1, when the Supreme Court returns from its summer recess.

Whatever ruling comes from the appeals court is expected to be appealed to the Supreme Court.

In nearly identical letters, Cox and Charles Alan Wright, White House consultant for the tapes case, told the appeals court that they had failed to reach a com-

promise in three meetings this week.

The court has before it appeals by both the President and Cox from U. S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica's order that he be given the tapes to determine whether the President's claim that they must be kept secret is valid.

Cox contends that the tapes of nine presidential conversations

are vital evidence for the grand jury.

In other Watergate developments:

—Cox asked Sirica to require that five Watergate conspirators who want to change their guilty pleas support in detail their claims that they were misled by high government officials. The pleas had been filed last January by E. Howard Hunt Jr., Virgilio

R. Gonzalez, Eugenio R. Martinez, Frank Sturgis and Bernard L. Barker.

—Another convicted Watergate conspirator, G. Gordon Liddy, pleaded innocent in Los Angeles to state charges of burglary and conspiracy in connection with the 1971 break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

—Henry Rothblatt, fired as defense attorney for four of the Watergate defendants because he refused to let them plead guilty, sued President Nixon and others Thursday for \$10 million "for malicious interference with an attorney-client contract." Rothblatt had represented Martinez, Gonzalez, Sturgis and Barker.

Concert Features Recording Artist

Dobie Gray, the recording artist who's hits include "Drift Away" and "Loving Arms," will highlight the Town Hall concert Sept. 28, at G. Rollie White. "The Trend," a seven man, one woman rock group will also perform at the Town Hall event and will play at the after-game dance, Sept. 29.

General admission for the concert is free for A&M students with ID and activity cards and \$2.50 for dates. Other general admission is \$3. Reserved seats are \$3 for A&M students and dates and \$5 for others. Season tickets will be honored.

Dobie singing career began the first day he went to Hollywood. He heard a radio ad for new singers and called the advertised number. He remembers, "the guy's name was Sonny Bono and the record company was called Specialty Records. I thought Bono was the funniest name I had ever heard, we didn't have names like Bono in Texas where I come from. Anyway, I got on a bus and came out and he liked me. It was '64 then."

The same year he recorded "The In Crowd" which in Dobie's words "became a big hit and kept me working for years."

Dobie then worked for a band called Pollution," and did a two year gig with "Hair."

Dobie has recently teamed with Mentor Williams, writer and pro-

ducer to record "Drift Away" and "Loving Arms."

"The Trend" has spent most of their four year existence rehearsing five to six nights a week.

The group made their TV debut in early 1972 when they co-starred with Nancy Wilson, Arte Johnson, John Denver and Bobby Darin. They have toured the country, performing everywhere from colleges and nightclubs to Disneyland and Dodger Stadium.

"The Trend" has made several TV commercial appearances in the past year.

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MSC Adds Three Committees

Three committees became an official part of the Memorial Student Center Directorate after approval from the MSC Council Tuesday night.

These committees are the Outdoor Recreation Committee, the MSC Dance Committee and the Cepheid Variable Committee.

The Outdoor Recreation Committee, temporarily chaired by Doug Ridge, began functioning during the summer months, when it held canoe workshops, canoe trips and a backpacking trip on the Lone Star Trail to Lake Buchanan.

Ridge said the organization is sponsoring an Oct. 6-7 canoe trip from San Marcos to Pecan Park, just above Martindale. The trip,

already filled, will cover about 20 miles and is considered to be a preparatory trip by Ridge.

Later trips on rougher water of about 25 miles will start at Thanksgiving.

"We want to teach interested students outdoor life and then let them try it," Ridge said. "As a committee we will coordinate and sponsor outdoor recreational activities for anyone who is interested."

Plans are in progress for a November camping trip, ski trip and a possible trip down the Buffalo River in Arkansas.

Interested students can contact the Student Programs office to register for trips.

The MSC Dance Committee will serve as a programming body for the planning and production of a variety of dance programs open to Aggies.

The committee will also program dances, including square dances, ballroom dances and rock 'n' roll.

"We hope the committee will break even," said Jane Logan of the MSC Council. "We will mostly

sponsor all university dances and we have been asked to assist Town Hall with its coming dance."

Logan said the committee was formed with the purpose in mind to help provide entertainment for the students. The next dance is set for Oct. 27 after the A&M-Baylor game.

The Cepheid Variable Committee is concerned only with literary, artistic and educational

purposes in order to provide a focus for the enjoyment and study of science fiction-fantasy literature and art for the students, faculty and staff of the university. The committee is also to encourage the development of amateur and professional science fiction-fantasy craftsmanship.

Applications for chairmen for the three committees are available in the Student Programs Office in the MSC until Sept. 26.

Dorm Room Check Policy 'Lenient'

By GREG MOSES

Campus policy on dorm room search and seizure is more lenient than the law, according to Dr. John Koldus, vice president of student affairs.

Under campus policy a resident adviser may enter a student's room if he feels he has justifiable

cause, but under no circumstances may he search the room.

"However, several courts have admitted evidence obtained during an R.A.'s search," said Koldus.

An R.A. has cause to enter when he feels there is injury to any person or university property within the room, or if he feels that the occupants are violating university regulations.

"I feel this is a fair and adequate procedure," said Koldus. "Our basic aim is not to get people in trouble or create problems. We want people to abide by the laws and regulations of the university."

If an R.A. believes he has a reason to justify search of a room he may notify the campus police.

The police then have two courses of action. They can go to the room and ask for permission from the resident to search the room. The resident may sign a form saying he understands his constitutional right not to allow a search yet giving the officers permission to conduct a search.

The police may also obtain a search warrant. This is a rare occurrence, says Chief Luther of the campus police. "The number of search warrants served would not even average out to two per semester," said Luther.

The Justice of the Peace usually approves search warrants. He may ask for the identity of the informant who gave the police cause to ask for it. He may also ask that the informant be proved reliable and accurate. This means he must have previously given reliable information to the police.

Evidence obtained by search warrant or search by permission is admissible in court.



SINGER DOBIE GRAY will perform the Friday night before the A&M-Boston College game. The Town Hall production is free to A&M students with ID and activity cards. A rock group, The Trend, will also appear.

Exchange Store To Be Re-used

The creation of a bookstore in the new Memorial Student Center left the familiar Exchange Store with nothing but the empty shell of a building.

But this is only temporary.

Although the two-story structure is no longer the hub of early semester activity, plans are under way to re-utilize the building.

The registrar's department has already laid claim to the second floor and part of the first floor area. Construction is under way to allow the department to utilize storage and office space in the old store.

A small portion of the ground floor will serve as a mini-Exchange Store to students in the immediate vicinity. This branch will be similar to the one presently located in the Krueger-Dunn Commons.

The remaining floor is to be turned into a student lounge with television and bulletin boards.

During periods of registration, the lounge will become registration headquarters. According to Student Government President Randy Ross, this use during registration will allow students to register in only one place instead of making the normal several stops.

Presently debate is going on to decide whether or not the lounge area will stock vending machines or host a snack bar. Ross said the decision would be made next week.

The lounge will probably not be open for student use until the first part of the spring semester, Ross said. Completion date for the internal structure of the building is set for late November, in time for pre-registration.

Free University Classes Scheduled

The schedule for Free University classes has been set. Classes begin Monday under the following schedule:

Monday: A Study of The Book of Revelation, Nagle, Room 6, 7:30 p.m.; North Indian Classical Music, Memorial Student Center, Room 229, 7:30 p.m.; Science and Religion, Old Engineering Build-

ing, Room 113A, 7 p.m.; Philosophy of Man: Search for Identity in the Contemporary World, Nagle, Room 102, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday: The Ethical Implications of the Biological Revolution, MSC 225, 7:30 p.m.; Human Sexuality, Nagle 313, 8 p.m.; Pickin' and Signin', Rudder Conference Tower 601, 7 p.m.; Applied Public Relations, (Oct. 2), Nagle 102, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday: An Introduction to the Bahai Faith, MSC 230, 7:30 p.m.; Biological Aspects of Social Problems, Physics 146, 8 p.m.; English Debating Style, Nagle 102, 7 p.m.; Introductory Texas Fishing, Biological Sciences East 105, 7:30 p.m.; Gourmet Cooking, Old Biology 107, 7:30 p.m.; Man and Time, Nagle 113, 8 p.m.; Science Fiction/Fantasy, MSC 229, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday: The Bible and Prophecy, Chemistry 231, 7:30 p.m.; Communism and Christianity, MSC 228, 7:30 p.m.; Women and Literature, Academic 123, 7:30 p.m.

Two classes are still not scheduled: Beginning Chess and Auto Mechanics. Further information can be obtained by calling the MSC Directorate, 845-1515.

University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M." Adv.

Business, Law Committee Hosts Career Conference

The Masters of Business Administration and Law Committee of the Memorial Student Center will host a one-day career conference, Saturday, Sept. 29.

"Because law and business are

closely related fields and many students work toward both degrees," David White, committee member, said, "the group decided to combine the two disciplines in one meeting."

The purpose of the conference is to allow A&M students to discuss MBA and Law programs with former students who have done particularly well as MBA graduates or lawyers. This seminar is open to students from any college in the university and any other interested people.

The MBAs will speak in the morning and attend the luncheon just before the law sessions begin. The schedule was arranged in this manner to enable students to meet and talk with both groups of professionals. Sessions will take place in the Memorial Student Center, Rooms 228 and 229. Lunch will be served in Rooms 230 and 231.

Reservations can be made between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. in the MSC Programs Office or by calling 845-1515.

3 Student Senators Elected

Nancy Ondorvik, Kay Zenner and Jim Campbell won Student Senate seats from Keathley-Hughes, Henderson-Fowler and Dunn Halls respectively Thursday in a special election.

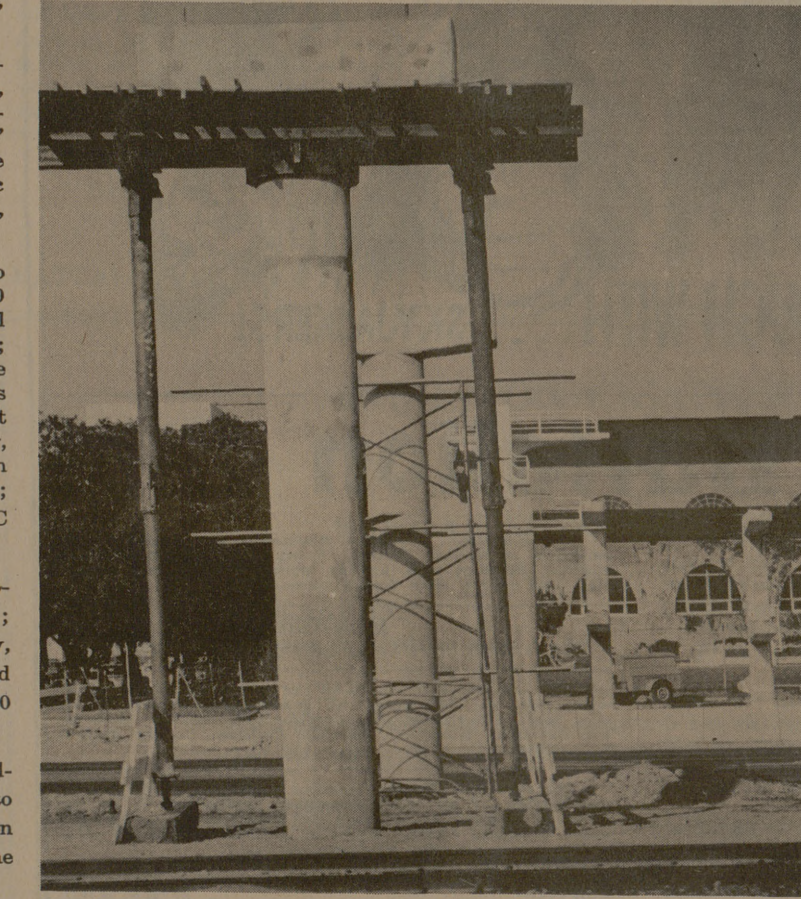
Ondorvik won the Keathley-Hughes position with 35 votes. Her closest competitor was Debbie Davis with 11 votes.

The Henderson-Fowler seat was taken by Kay Zenner with 14 votes. Kris Schwitzer received

two write-in votes and one vote apiece were cast for Pamela Gibson, Marci Murphy, Debbie Russell and Helena Biasatti.

Dunn Hall's new senator, Campbell, received 99 votes. Also receiving votes were Donald Wray, 63, Randy Stephens, 52 and Bob Morgan with three.

Dunn Hall managed the best turn-out with 221 of its 475 residents casting votes.



IT MAY JUST BE CONCRETE blocks now but within a month it will become a pedestrian overpass. The overpass will provide greater access between Kyle Field and the parking lots across the tracks. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)