

# Rodeo, an American sport

Requirements similar to major sports

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Special to the Batt  
Many of you may wonder whether rodeo is an art or a sport. If you will take the time to ask any rodeo lover this question, he will quickly tell you that "Rodeo is America's No. 1 Sport!"

Rodeo takes skill, practice, concentration and time just as football, tennis, baseball, basketball and others. In professional ranks, rodeo is widespread and exhibits some of the highest paid competitors of any sport.

Rodeo officially enrolled in college in August 1949 with the birth of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) here at TAMU. The first national student president was a TAMU student Charles Rankin. A&M produced another national official when Nick Burnham was student president last year. Membership for this constantly growing association numbered 2,286 students for the 1972-73 season.

The purpose of forming this association, according to the NIRA rule book, is "to promote college rodeo on a national scale as an organized, standard sport representing an educational institution on individual campuses throughout the nation."

Member cowboys and cowgirls travel at their own expense to compete in these NIRA shows and since the intercollegiate rodeo season, unlike other collegiate sports, runs

from September through June, the member schools are put into regions to furnish travel ease and less interference with academics.

As a result, the United States is divided into 10 regions. TAMU is in the Southern Region which takes in the eastern half of Texas and lower Louisiana. The other regions are as follows: Southwestern (western half of Texas, southern Oklahoma, New Mexico), West Coast (California, Arizona, Nevada), Big Sky (Montana, Central Plains (Kansas, Nebraska, Northern Oklahoma), Central Rocky Mountain (Wyoming, Colorado), Great Plains (North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Northwest (Washington, Oregon, northern Idaho), Ozark (Arkansas, top portion of Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee and everything east of these) and Rocky Mountain (Utah, Idaho).

As stated in the by-laws of the NIRA, to be eligible to rodeo in NIRA approved rodeos, a student must be carrying at least 12 hours of college work and maintain a C average.

There are nine approved events for these college rodeos. The women's events are breakaway roping, barrel race and goat tying. The men's events are bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, team roping and steer wrestling.

At the end of the season, the top two from each region in each of the nine events, the all-around stand-

ings and the team standings are qualified to go to the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR). This is based on a point system where an individual tallies up points earned in his best five rodeos.

A person may qualify for the CNFR as an individual or as part of a team. The teams consist of six men and three women. The CNFR held in Bozeman, Montana for the last four years takes place each June. The awards at the finals range from scholarships to belt buckles and from boots to trophy saddles.

The TAMU Men's Rodeo Team won the Southern Region championship last year by beating their biggest rival, Sam Houston State University, by some 300 points. This victory is similar to winning the Southwest Conference in football and is something of which to be proud.

The winning men's team consists of the following cowboys listed with their respective events: Doug Adams — Bull riding and saddle broncs, Terry Chapman — bull riding and saddle broncs, Jerry Hayes — calf roping and steer wrestling, Les Mason — bareback broncs and saddle broncs, Tim Roberts — steer wrestling and Mark Tillman — calf roping.

This team traveled to Bozeman last summer and participated in the CNFR held at Montana State University on June 22-27. A total of 57 colleges and universities were represented at the CNFR by teams and individuals. 232 students entered.

## Bowling club to hold rolloff for team spots

The Texas A&M Bowling Club will hold a 24-game rolloff Jan. 14-16 at the MSC lanes. The rolloff will be held to determine the bowlers who will make up a team to represent A&M at the Texas Intercollegiate Bowling Conference (TIBC) meet.

The early date for the rolloff was set to avoid conflict with the TIBC meet, held at Southwest Texas State in San Marcos on Jan. 18.

The rolloff will consist of eight games each day. Top bowlers will be eligible to represent A&M at the state meet.

Depending on the results of the North Texas State meet to be held on Dec. 8 as many as six spots may

be open. Twelve bowlers will be selected in order to provide alternates.

All full-time students are eligible for the competition. Students competing must pay the standard 45 cents per game.

The bowling club is also holding a fund drive. Four bowling balls of professional quality were donated by Pepper Martin of Columbia Industries, San Antonio.

Chances to win the ball are being sold for 50 cents. Chances may be purchased from any bowling club member. Chance holders need not be present to win.

# Sbisa Hall, Dunca Hall & Commons Meal Schedule

Week Beginning December 8 Thru December 14  
Master Menu No. 5

SUNDAY BREAKFAST			
*Coffee, Milk *Ass'l Dry Cereals *Hot Raisins *Fruit Eggs *Custard Casseroles *Blueberry Hotcakes	*Toast-Ole *Grape Jelly, Strawberry & Peach Preserves *Bacon	SALADS, RELISHES, DRESSINGS Fruit Salad "Cold" Salad Strawberry Jelly w/ Pear Halves Whipped Grape Jelly Parfait Toasted Salad, Cottage Cheese & Italian Tomatoes	DESSERTS AND BREADS Open Ice Cream Bar "Peach" Omelet Fruit Fruit Parfait Hot Raisin Omelet
ENTREES AND SOUPS *Seafood Platter (Shuffled Crab (1) Fried Whiting (2 oz.) and Sec. Shrimp (2 ea.) w/ Cocktail Sauce & Tartar Sauce	VEGETABLES AND FRUITS *Green Peas w/ Onion Sauce *French Fried Potatoes *Turnip Greens w/ Ham Base	DRESSING: French, 1000 Island, Bleu Cheese, Russian Relishes: Mustard, Catsup, Salad Dressing, Tartar Sauce Fruit: Tropical Fruit	BEVERAGES *Grape Drink, Tang, Grapefruit Juice Pineapple-Orangefruit Juice, Hot Chocolate, Hot Tea, Cola, Sprite
DINNER			
*Tomato Juice, Coffee, Milk *Cream of Wheat *Grape, Strawberry, & Plum Jelly *Ass'l Dry Cereals *Scrambled Eggs *Hot Raisin Omelet *Hot Raisin Omelet *Pan Fried Bacon			
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