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Feminine swimmers fare well

The women's swim team took first in the Women's Relay Meet held last Saturday.

The team won eight of ten events and finished second in the other two.

The first place finishes were in the 400 yard medley relay, the breaststroke relay, the 400 yard individual medley, the 800 yard freestyle relay, the 200 yard freestyle, the 400 yard fly breaststroke, the 400 yard freestyle and the 200 yard medley.

New records were set in the 400 yard freestyle, the 200 yard medley, the 200 yard freestyle, the 800 yard freestyle relay, the 400 yard individual medley and the 400 yard medley relay.

Sportfolio

SPORTFOLIO
By MARK WEAVER
Sports Editor

Another football season has ended and the Aggies will come for the holidays watching the bowl games on television instead of playing in one. Again.

Baseball season started a couple of weeks ago with promise of a good team at A&M. Again.

And the track team is preparing for another season with a number of excellent athletes. Again.

And the Aggie baseball team will have one of the best teams around and will prove to be tough competition. Again.

In fact, Aggies always seem to have some of the best teams, best personnel and most avid fans around. A&M is famous for its Corps of Cadets, its spirit, its graduates and many other things. But winning in a clutch situation is one of the Ags are not known for.

A&M always comes up with some of the best talent around and many times produce a very competitive record. But when it comes down to winning a conference championship, they just can't seem to get their heads on straight.

Having one of its best football teams in years, A&M was almost assured of a post season bowl game. Unfortunately, someone must have told the football team as they lost to SMU in Dallas and then were put completely out of the bowl picture in the annual University of Texas rout. For those of you who have been out of the country for the last 80 years, it has been UT doing the routing and not the Ags.

The way things have been going in games against Texas, one begins to wonder there really is a jinx on the Aggies. But Texas is not the only team that beats the Ags. It's just that the Horns do more consistently than anyone else.

It's not just football, either. Last year the Aggies had a fair pre-season in basketball. One might even consider their 8-4 record a good pre-season. Texas was 1-12 in pre-season play.

Texas won the Southwest Conference in basketball, beating the Ags twice. Another clutch performance.

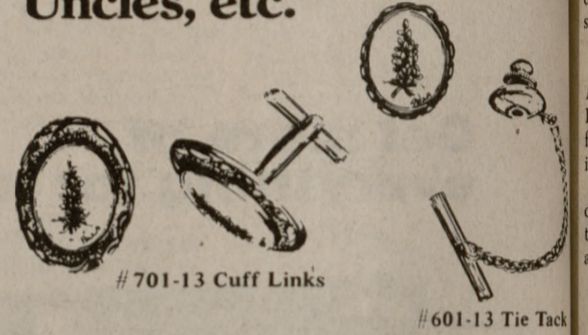
Then comes track and what is becoming another annual slaughter at the hands of the Longhorns. The Horns won, mainly due to their depth, with 182 points. A&M was runner-up with 73 points just 109 points from first place.

Baseball was probably the best example of how a good team can blow a season. The Ags were 12-0 at the halfway point in conference play, finished the entire season with a 31-13 record. The Aggies finished second behind Texas with a 17-7 conference record. Texas was 20-4 in conference play, winning its 49th baseball crown in 50 years.

The Ags have All-America personnel every year, but as a team they blow it. It's not a new thing and many people are getting used to the idea of the Aggies always being a runnerup.

But I'm getting tired of hearing "Wait till next year."

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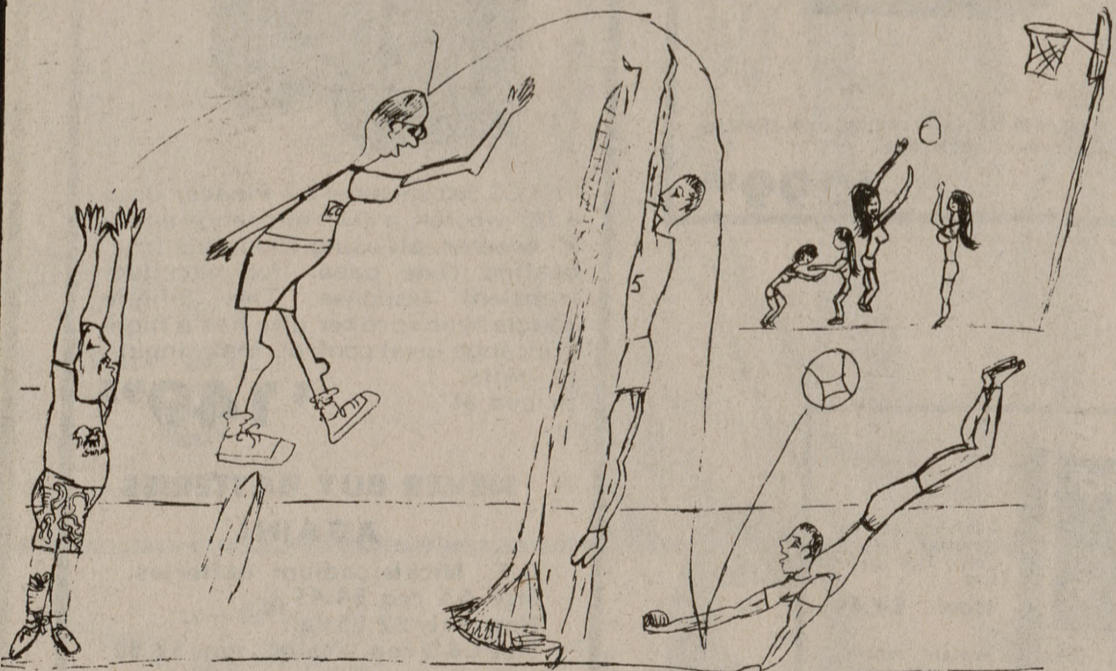
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All-U volleyball championship won by experience



For once, being a Dirty Old Man paid off! This group of faculty, graduate students and staff proved that age sometimes is an advantage. The DOMs took the All-University title out of the hands of Sq5 upperclassmen.

The Dirty Old Men snatched from the young dirty men on campus the All-U championship in volleyball. Clearly it was a case of experience and organization over jungle ball handling that characterized COM's play.

Challenging the Walton Warriors, Karl Kuchnow led his crew of staff, faculty and graduate students in for a romp. They took the young men in two games. It was the DOM's torturous three-hit returns that overcame the "get-it-over-the-net" philosophy of the Warriors.

This win of 15-11 and 15-4, pitted the DOM's against Sq5 upperclassmen.

The Filthy Fifth thought they had the Old Men by the tail when they set early unreturned spikes. But on rotation, Jack Anderson, Wayne Price and Dennis Fosdick landed in the front, the Fifth got dumped.

These three took advantage of the old bring from the back to the front philosophy and totally blew the cadet's cool.

Although Sq5 set a better pace, with Ronni Maddox, Wil Check, Keith Wilcox, Russel Hamely, David Howell and Dan Kaapke, than most Corps units, the gang couldn't make those important saves.

There was good serving, but little cover for team mates on the Sq5 side of the net. The DOM's played a medium range game staying in mid-court and close to the net.

The back-up men on the DOMs, Larry McKinney, Art Lemmann, Dennis Corrington and Jim Jeeter, made the ball drop suicidal play.

The Filthy Fifth came to the All-U playoffs after taking the Fish for a punishing ride.

The fish didn't have the return capability that the other teams employed.

The Dogs threw away serves that should have been made. The fish also had little moral support from the rest of their company when the Fifth had their whole group out.

In Corps competition it was again the story of organization and inexperience. The Dogs looked good on their attempts, especially from the Jennings twins, but their tries just weren't often enough. The Fifth was a little more regular.

Table Tennis Tops Told

Walton Hall players, Jose Saavedra and William Rodgers, finished tops in the All-University Table Tennis competition.

These two paddled Jimmy Zumwalt and Jerry Harris Corps Champs, in a closely contested match of fast play.

To reach the finals match, the Walton Warriors took on Pit Minh and Waiming Leung of IEEE. The finest firsts' reps matched talent with the Mfish Joe Bonnot and J. Miller.

Racketball Results Given

Racketball blue-ribbon winner was Clessen Martin from the Recreation Division. Don Nicholas from Sq4 took a second to Martin's fast reaction play.

Ted Libson from Dunn Hall lost out on the over-all civilian crown just as Fish Charlie Knarr, also from Phantom 4, did in the Corps competition. E2 placed five in quarter-finals giving it the honor of top racketball team entry.

Entries for racketball increased from last year 956 per cent. Contestants numbered 459.

Christmas Schedule

DeWare Field House will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. It will be open Dec. 21-31. It will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

G. Rollie White Annex will be closed Dec. 20-Jan. 2.

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Co-Rec Winners

In Co-Rec competition, Bev's Bunch took the Spiker's on. It was a real battle with close scores, but Bev Goesch's group made it to a 15 point mark in the decisive third game a little sooner than Bibeau's group did.

D. Deere and Nancy Victorian were spotted as the top players in the game.

Women's Winners Told

Scandia, couldn't handle Sq10's women as they moved the around the court in the "bring it up" philosophy.

Sq10, looking like they'd played together for some time put the ball in the right places at the right time.

The proper ball placement made all the difference in the game.

Billiards Bests Battle

Billiards championships will not be decided until Thursday, but semi-finalists have been determined.

Marvin Harris will play Tom Rogers for the chance to play Randy Elum for the cue crown. Quarter-finalists in the single-elimination play were David Buskamper, Philip Schraub and Carlos Pineda.

Play started with 165 contestants playing 332 games. This was a 100 per cent increase over last year's participation.

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