

NCAA, AIAW will cooperate

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Kay Don, women's athletic direc-

tor, returned from the annual delegates assembly of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics pleased

with the results and a new-found cooperation with the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

"Most of the work we accomplished had to do with rules and regulations," said Don, "mostly in the area of scholarships and recruiting."

"A resolution to have a letter of intent was passed, but certain others were turned down like deadlines for signing." That motion was put into a committee.

The resolution which came up at the annual NCAA meeting held during the same period was pretty setting for AIAW members to start with. However all turned out well.

An NCAA representative at the AIAW assembly was explaining the NCAA idea of introducing National women's tournaments this spring while that same resolution was being introduced to a general meeting at the NCAA gathering.

"Of course we thought this was infringing on our territory," said Don. "We replied with telegrams to our NCAA representatives and the newspapers. We had hoped they would work in a committee on the subject. They didn't pass the action. Dr. Samson, one of our representa-

tives, was pleased to know my reaction. He said they were quite surprised by the action when it was presented."

Don said that it appeared that the majority of AIAW reps had a good rapport with their NCAA counterparts. "It is very important for women athletes to have cooperation between the two organizations."

There will also be a restructuring of the association. This should allow for three representatives from each of the three major areas on the ex-

ecutive board. The major divisions are major college, small college and junior college. According to Don there is already divided competition on the JC and college levels. But major universities and colleges are competing together. Along that line reps from the NCAA, NIAA and NCJC were present to present viewpoints.

Don noted that, "Overall, I was pleased. It was a very successful meeting, and I feel we will have a very good organization."

Fems dominate swimming meet

By MIKE BRUTON
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The A&M women's swim team really made waves Tuesday as they teamed with the men to defeat Lamar and Midwestern.

The women's 400-yard freestyle relay, composed of Vicki Brown, Carol Hemphill, Beth McArthur, and Debbie Starr, posted a time of 3:53.17 to qualify for the nationals in that event.

"They may be better than we had hoped," was what Coach Dennis Fosdick had to say of the women tankers, who also had five firsts, five seconds, and three third place finishes in individual events. The female swimmers have individuals who may qualify for national competition although the women's athletic program is relatively new at Aggieland.

Hemphill is about three seconds from qualifying in the 200-yard freestyle and McArthur is only three-tenths from the standard in the 50-yard freestyle. But the biggest surprise this season was Susan Johnston, a diver last year, who has been swimming better every meet thus far. She took third in the 200-yard freestyle with a 2:14.25 time.

Fosdick credits the A&M Athletic Department as a factor in the rapid improvement of women's swim-

ming. "I think the department has been fair to the women athletics program."

The men won both the 400-yard medley relay (3:51.73) and the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:38.13). In the individual events they had five firsts, five seconds, and six third place finishes.

The men will have several individual performers vying for the nationals: Mike Reeser in the backstrokes, Bob Leland in the individual medley, Dave Donnell could be a darkhorse contender. The Ag tankers will be without the services of key swimmers Steve Moore, Larry Shueckler, Don Wederman and Nash Dowdle due to ineligibility. Moore, Shueckler and Wederman are expected to regain their eligibility before the season is over.

The women, who finished third last year in Texas, have an excellent chance to be tops in the state this year. The men aren't expected to do exceptionally well teamwise, because the competition is tougher and the loss of key performers leaves them crippled.

Both men and women's teams will take on the University of Texas at 7 p.m. Friday in P. L. Downs Natatorium. The men go to Houston the next day to face a strong Cougar team.

Backlashes

Wet...wet...wet...wet duck hunt in Piney Woods of E. Texas

By BRUCE L. SUBLETT

It was wet in East Texas during the Christmas holidays. Not just wet, but WET! It rained every day for two weeks.

All this water just naturally caused the Sabine River to rise and flood its bottomland. All that flooded bottomland attracted ducks and those ducks attracted duck hunters.

My old buddy Buck Birdsong called me from Longview and asked if I might stand a little duck shooting. I thought about it long and hard and about two seconds later I told him to be ready because I was going to be there.

That Saturday was clear, the first blue sky over the Piney Woods in two weeks. Not really good for duck hunting but fine to be out in.

Buck, Carl Brown, Joe Hudspeth and I got to the bottoms about four that afternoon and proceeded to put on our chest waders. They told me there were some deep holes where we were going to hunt, but they were easy to find. All you had to do was step in one.

We eased on down toward the hunting area, detouring a little to

check a pond that Joe said usually had some ducks on it. Sure enough, there were, so we crawled under a barb-wire fence to get to them. Everybody made it under without any problems, we thought.

About 70 gadwalls flushed off the pond, headed straight into the sun. They were out of range for my little 20 gauge, but Joe brought one down with his 12.

When we topped the hill that overlooked the flooded bottomland, wave after wave of mallard, gadwall, blackjack and teal came off the water. There were probably a thousand ducks on that five-acre area.

With Joe leading the way, we slipped through the dark water. It had been cold that morning and the water was like ice.

Right away, I hit a hole. Not much of a hole, just about waist deep. It was deep enough to let me know that I had a gaping hole in my waders, pocket high. Two or three gallons of freezing swamp water running down the leg would be enough to discourage the less dedicated sportsman, but I had to stick it out.

We took up shooting stations near

a levee, ready for duck. The ducks were there, but they were on the other side of the levee. The water was too deep to cross, so we had to settle for hearing hundreds of mallards quacking and gabbling and just generally having a good time.

Two hours and no shots later, we decided to give it up. I hadn't been really cold standing still, but when I got out of the water I felt like a king-size ice cube. I had to dump water out of the waders so I could walk. To learn the true meaning of frustration, try putting a pair of wet chest waders on over wet clothes after dark with fingers frozen into gun-stock shape. It's a real challenge, I guarantee.

Back at the car, I found out I wasn't the only wet one. Carl had punched a hole in his waders crossing the fence and had one wet leg. Joe had gotten hung up on an underwater limb and had shipped water over the top of his wader. Buck was the only dry soul among us. He didn't say much about our soaked condition, because we were all armed and dangerous.

Sometimes I wonder if I might be better off sticking to indoor sports.

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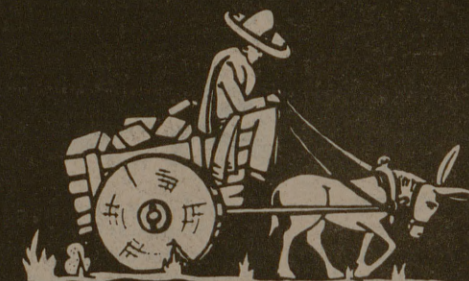
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