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By TONY GALLUCCI
Staff Sports Writer

The intramural budget will come before the Board of Directors in its April-May meetings, but first must pass through several offices.

Dennis Corrington, director of intramurals, is sure some cutting will be done on the budget but says, "The budget isn't padded."

parative figures when the programs differ. But if you're going to have a first rate school, then you ought to have first rate programs, including intramurals."

The budget must then pass through the office of the vice president for Business Affairs, Tom D. Cherry. Cherry was not available for comment.

From there it goes to President Dr. Jack K. Williams for any changes and on to the Board of Directors.

Corrington said that apparently the program has been behind other state supported schools all along. When he first arrived for the 72-73 year the intramural budget was about \$35,000 while it was around \$350,000 at the University of Texas.

A reason for such a large increase

so quick is "we're getting into program areas we hadn't gotten into before. As far as professional staff is concerned we'll still be behind but I don't feel we'll be understaffed," said Corrington.

Corrington said, "We're in real bad need of a vehicle. A utility vehicle with a trailer was the best idea. And our marking machine is falling apart. We need a lawn mower to do the trimming work."

"Most of the equipment we requested is replacement. We're trying to anticipate next year. A lot of this we may get more than a year's use out of, but we need them now."

"There is a lot of room for improvement with officials. Some of the other schools are paying highly for outside officials. But I feel we can train students as well as those

trained off-campus. We can pay two officials to do the job that one does at another school," said Corrington.

"Our biggest stepping stone right now is whether we go from \$19 to \$X in student service fees, and the ex-

tent to which the budgets and the fees jibe." They will either cut budgets or raise the student service fees. "Right now the students are getting a lot for their \$19," said Corrington.

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Sportfolio

Women cagers state champs?

By MIKE BRUTON
Sports Editor

If you approached an A&M student 10 years ago and said that 6,500 people would watch the Texas A&M women's basketball team play in G. Rollie White in a decade, they would have had you taken away in a strait jacket. But as time passes things change and 6,500 fans who came early for the Tech basketball game Tuesday night got a chance to see one of the best female roundball teams in the state.

The girls shoot well, play good defense, execute sure passes, even fast breaks and hustle with great enthusiasm.

They are 15-5 for the season averaging about 70 points a game and most surprising of all, only in their second year. The coach, Kay Don has done a tremendous job of selecting and coordinating a fundamentally sound team. She has coached the team from a 7-10 season last year to possible state or maybe, regional crown contenders for this season. "There has been a definite improvement," Don said of her team.

That's saying a lot, because women's basketball has in recent years grown more competitive with the coed programs at universities receiving better funding and quality athletes. "It's a very definite trend upward in women's basketball," Don said. The women's sports programs will even improve more when scholarships become available for female athletes.

When will scholarships become available? "Within a two-year period we should have a few," said Don of the A&M coed program. The way our women have represented us this year they deserve consideration in that area.

The A&M women's team is very balanced with four of the five starters averaging ten points or more. Karen Aulenbacher is the leading scorer averaging 15.0 points a game, followed by Cissy Auclair with a 14.0 point norm, Sally Morrisette with a 13.0 point average, Diane Quitta with a 10.0 point average and Laura Holmes hitting

eight points per contest. "I feel that we have a well-rounded team," Don added. "Everyone has contributed."

The women have a good chance to win the state championship with strong resistance coming from Baylor, who are 3-3 on the year with the Aggies, Stephen F. Austin and Wayland Baptist College both which are considered tops in the state.

If they continue to play well, they might even qualify for nationals by finishing first or second in the Southwest Regional Women's Basketball Tournament. The regional tourney will feature the following teams: Oklahoma St., Univ. of Oklahoma, Northwestern, SWTSU, Texas, Univ. of Arkansas at Montecello, Texas A&I, TWU, Lamar, NTSU, Wayland Baptist, Northeast Louisiana, Prairie View and SFA.

Coach Don and her players deserve more recognition and I hope that they get more in the future. They've convinced me that they can put a good game on the court. My hat's off to the five starters and Cindy Horton, Ruth Whiteley, Dana Callaway and Lucy Neiman.

I sincerely hope that the next time they are watched by 6,500 fans that it will be because the people came out to see them rather than being early for a men's game.

Golfers only three steps behind UH

Coach Bob Ellis' golf team made a superb showing in the first day of competition in the prestigious Border Olympics Golf tourney on Thursday. The Ags shot a torrid 292 in the first round to finish the day in second place three strokes behind Houston at 289.

Steve Whiteside led the Ags with a two under par 70 followed by Monte Schauer at 72, Bobby Baker at 74 and Ed Pennington at 76.

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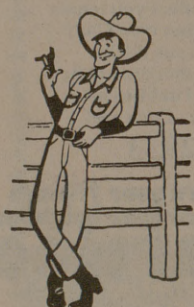
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