

Women tankers capture second

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With the Aggie track team and baseball suffering through a disap-

pointing weekend, Texas A&M found one bright spot in the women's swimming team. The women tankers traveled to

Pan American to compete in the State Collegiate meet and came away with a second place finish out of 20 teams. Taking first place was — who else — the University of Texas.

The women finished ahead of SMU and set three state records in relay events. The marks for the 400-yard medley relay, the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 200-yard freestyle relay went down before the A&M women.

"We did great. Everybody swam well," said a jubilant Carol Hemphill. Hemphill qualified for nationals in her third individual event, the 100-yard individual medley. This goes along with her 50 and 100-yard breaststroke qualifying events.

Also qualifying for nationals amongst the women were Debbie Starr in the 100-yard freestyle and Kathy Singletary in the 50-yard butterfly. Three relay teams made the qualifying mark also. The 400-yard freestyle relay (Hemphill, Starr, Beth McArthur and Vicki Brown),

the 400-yard relay (Hemphill, Starr, Brown and Singletary) and the 200-yard freestyle relay team (McArthur, Brown, Singletary and Starr) all made the grade.

The women broke ten A&M school records and nearly everyone of them had their best personal times in their particular events.

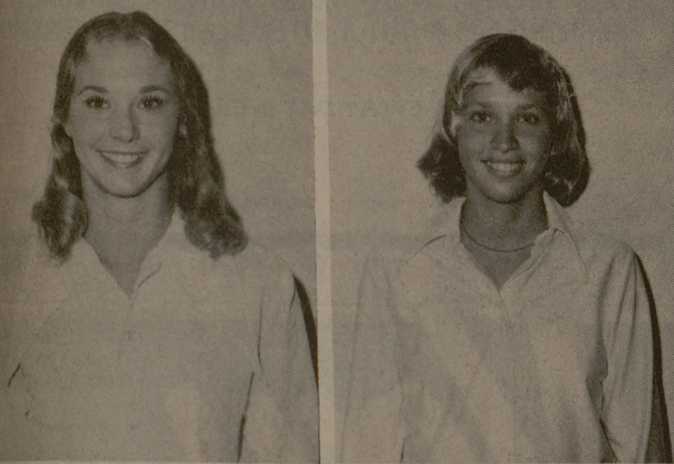
A&M had to overcome the ineptitude of several timers and starters. On several occasions, women from other schools were allowed to jump the gun or A&M women were clocked at differing times.

There were moments of good fortune to counteract the bad. Diver Hollee Singleton had not been on the board in over eight months, yet was able to come up with a fifth place finish at the meet.

Coach Dennis Fosdick had plenty of praise for the effort put forth by his young women's swim team. Only three of the fifteen member team have reached the classification of junior.

The women travel to Arizona

State on March 13 to participate in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Championships. Only those women who have qualified for nationals will compete. The A&M men's team competes in the Southwest Conference swim meet this upcoming weekend held at the University of Houston.



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A&M karate club kicks with style

By DIANNE COX
Contributor

Utilization of many kicking techniques and emphasis of style are the objectives of Tae Kwon Do, a Korean style of karate.

"We use a lot of kicking techniques in Tae Kwon Do stressing mostly leg techniques because they are strong and more powerful. The style is hard, which means it stresses much power," Steve Powell, a '74 graduate of A&M and chief instructor of Tae Kwon Do at A&M, said.

The Texas A&M Tae Kwon Do Karate Club, started by David Jordan in fall '70, is open to any interested students. It is hosting a tournament of open and collegiate fighting and form competition April 12 in C. Rollie White Coliseum. The club dues are used to promote tournaments and participation in competition.

Tae Kwon Do originated as a means of self-defense in Korea, where the Koreans "utilized every part of their body as a weapon," Powell said. Jhoon Rhee introduced it to the United States.

The style has changed three times at A&M, and the system now emphasizes more practical applications, eliminating much kata (stylized motions in a set sequence of techniques). It abolishes many old aspects concerning form. "This way the student learns faster. I feel we've gone to a better style," Powell said.

People take karate for various reasons; as a means of physical fitness, for the fun and challenge of competition and to learn self-defense, Powell said. The rising crime rate has greatly affected private enrollment, especially women.

Determination is the main ability required to take karate. Jim Shiner, senior civil engineering major and karate instructor, said it gave him a release from studying. "It's made me a calmer person. The discipline is a lot of fun."

Charlie Senning, graduate pre-veterinary student and karate instructor, said the body motions and art of the oriental style interested him. "It increases your awareness of your environment and situations that happen around you. It's an accumulative type thing. You have to be serious about it in order to get anything out of it," he said.

"Karate helps your balance, coordination, agility, power and helps you focus your techniques,"

Powell said. It also helps develop your confidence and sense of pride.

Mary Wesolick, freshman marine biology major, said, "The main reason I took karate was to be more limber and get in shape. I realize more and more that it can really benefit me a lot. It gives me a feeling of accomplishment."

The Tae Kwon Do style of karate is usually accepted by people as more representative of karate because it utilizes a lot of kicks and punches, Powell said.

Tomlin's no-hitter rips TLC

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — Freshman Reuben Tomlin hurled the fifth no-hitter in Texas Christian baseball history Tuesday as the Horned Frogs beat Texas Lutheran 8-0 in the second game of a doubleheader. TCU also won the opener 14-4.

Tomlin, a quarterback in football at TCU, picked up his first victory by striking out eight batters in the seven-inning second game.

Catcher Les Hemby was the batting star for the Horned Frogs, collecting five hits in the two games, including a three-run homer, and six runs batted in.

TCU is now 10-1 for the year and TLC dropped to 1-6.

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