

**Backlashes**

# Caddo; the unique lake

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As new lakes are created, people tend to forget about the old ones. There's one that is so different that it shouldn't be forgotten — Caddo Lake on the Texas-Louisiana border.

On the Texas side, Caddo isn't a lake in the way that an open water impoundment is. It's a series of interconnected bayous and ponds. The whole area is covered with water, but lines of cypress trees divide the areas as well as dry banks would.

Fishing on Caddo is a world different from the man made lakes. All the regular species are there, plus a few that aren't so regular.

One of those odd species deserves more recognition than it gets. For my money, pickerel in Caddo rate better than bass, but most of the area natives call them trash fish.

Imagine two feet of black-clear water covering a weed bed near a cypress point. You can see your black spinnerbait from the time

it hits the water. Just as it buzzes over the weeds, something long and green comes straight up to it from below, inhales it, then dives back into the weeds. All this has happened in a fraction of a second. You just hooked a pickerel.

Pickerel fight like bass, but they jump more. Two feet of fish coming out of the water is a pretty impressive sight. Of course, a two foot pickerel only weighs a couple of pounds, but his show makes you think he's a five pounder.

The sight of a pickerel hitting a topwater bait is enough to stop your heart. Where a bass would just suck the bait under, a pickerel hits it from below and carries it a foot out of the water. Half

the time, you're too rattled to set the hook.

The fun really begins when you get a pickerel in the boat. Rule number one is not to land one by hooking his lower lip with your thumb. Pickerel have a wicked mouthful of teeth. After he's in the boat, a pickerel will do his best to thrash around and scatter everything. A firm grip behind his head will keep your fingers safe and the fish quiet.

Pickerel hit best at cooler water temperatures than bass. Late fall and early spring are the best time to fish for them.

Pickerel aren't choosy about what to hit. When I was at Caddo during spring break, I caught pickerel on spinner baits, crank baits and spoons.

Caddo is about 230 miles from College Station. It's a long drive, but a weekend on Caddo is worth it. Even if you don't catch pickerel, there's bass, crappie, white and yellow bass, catfish, redear, drum and bowfin to fish for. The scenery alone is worth the trip. The first time, however, a guide or an old Caddo hand is a big help in getting through the maze of channels.

The Aggie Bass Club will have its first tournament at Shiloh Marina on Lake Conroe April 12 and 13. Club dues are \$3.50 a semester. The tournament entry fee is also \$3.50. Prizes will be awarded to the top three strings, trophies to the next three.

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### 15 member squad

## Women tracksters host first annual A&M meet

By PAUL McGRATH  
Staff Sports Writer

Although almost unheard of, the Texas A&M women's track team is still alive and well and participating in a meet this weekend.

The team is in its third year of existence but yet only 15 women actively participate. "There seems to be a communications problem," said women's track coach, Connie Karcher. "A lot of women haven't heard about the track team."

The Aggies will host the first annual Texas A&M Women's Track and Field Invitational this Saturday with competition beginning at 9 a.m. Baylor, Sam Houston State, Tarleton State, West Texas State, TCU, the University of Texas at Arlington and the Aggies comprise the meet's members.

Karcher is employed in the microbiology lab at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine. She ran track for A&M as a junior, competing in the javelin. She alone handles the dozen or so women tracksters. "We have gotten real good cooperation from Coach (Charles) Thomas and Coach (Ted) Nelson," Karcher said about the men's team advisors. "The track men have also given us a lot of help." The male tracksters have aided the women with relay hand-offs and starts.

Thus far, the field events have overshadowed their running counterparts, says Karcher. "The last few weeks they (the field events) have been out point getters."

"We have a fairly young team with quite a few freshmen and sophomores," said Karcher. The team has only three seniors on the roster as hurdler Debbie Wooten, quartermiler Marsha Mitchell and javelinist Ruth Whiteley are seeing their last seasons.

The three seniors have been counted upon heavily for the women. Also figuring highly in the team's picture is Lucy Neiman in

the discus and Sandra Lyman in the shot put. Neiman has a 115-foot toss to her credit which is only five feet short from qualifying her for nationals competition. The women's relay squads also look good, said Karcher.

The women are funded from the \$40,000 granted women's athletics from the Athletic Department. Karcher said she "had no complaints" about the funding and that they "always had plenty of money for food and lodging" while on the road.

The women compete in 16 events and since there are only 15

Aggies, there is a lot of doubling up in events. Many of the women compete in four events.

The only differences between their meets and a men's meet is that the women run one more relay (the 880-yard medley) and have a two-mile run. The two hurdles events are measured off in meter lengths instead of yards.

The women participate in the zone meet held next week in Waco. From there, the two top finishers in each event advance to the state meet on May 3 in San Marcos. The national women's meet is in Oregon on May 16 and 17.

## Shrine Club presents night of fun, games

A hilarious evening of donkey basketball games, derby races, and special stunts is set for Friday, April 4, at the Bryan High School Viking gym, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

The state-wide famous women's basketball team of Texas A&M under their coach, Mrs. Kay Don, will play an exhibition game with four on a team and riding live donkeys wearing rubber shoes.

Two men's basketball games will be played on donkeys. One will feature the WTAW team consisting of Howard Price, Bob Steel, Hugh Lewis, Joe Walker, Hardy Weeden, Mike Gilhousen, and Ben D. Downs playing against the KBTX-TV team of Jerry Johnson, Todd Carroll, Dennis Wood, Ted Montgomery, Mike Fleming, and an unnamed lady star.

The second men's basketball game from the backs of live donkeys will be played by Radio Station KTAM players Roy Garcia, Dave Kelley, Larry Godfrey, Steve Knight, and Ray Sarno pitted against Bryan Eagle players Jerry Gray, Hank Wahrmond, Jim Schwind, Chuck McCullough, and Travis Koehn.

The Bryan High Viking cheer leaders, Kathy Operstany, Nan Houdek, Becky Combs, and Cindy Smith, will race on the live donkeys in a cracker sweepstakes. At the

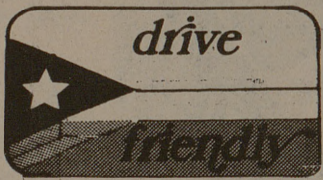
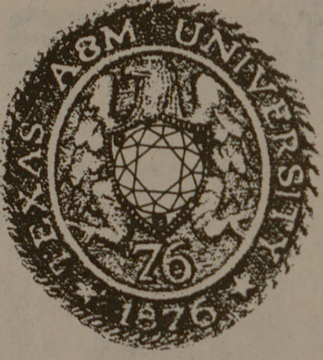
halfway point in the race they will feed the donkeys crackers, then mount up and ride back. The donkeys, however, do not attempt to finish the race until they have carefully eaten every little crumb.

In a hobby donkey derby political figures of the Brazos area will ride wooden donkeys developed and manufactured by Red Skelton.

In the first race of the derby Bill Cooley, Randy Sims, and Walter Wilcox will compete. In the second race Loyd Joyce, Johnny Lampo, and W. P. Scarmardo are rivals. The third race features three clowns, Billy (Candy) Beard, H. John (Stumpy) LeBlanc, and Charles (Pockets) Stilson. The winners of the three races will compete in a final race for the championship.

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