

Compete in 10 sports

Women step up program

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Contributor

With girls on campus, in the Corps, running for yell leader, a chauvinistic Ag may wonder what they'll invade next. If he hasn't heard, he soon will—the girls at A&M are really into their new sports program.

Maggies are now offered a chance to compete in 10 intercollegiate sports—quite a step up from three short years ago when there was no women's athletic program whatsoever at A&M.

The thirty-year old Kay Don is the Women's Athletic Director, and she's the epitome of enthusiasm. With her girlish freckles and big smile, Ms. Don said that although they've experienced the problems any young organization faces, they have no gripes about their position on this basically male-oriented campus.

The support the girls have received from the student body has grown significantly this past year, Ms. Don said, and they expect it will continue as their program improves.

She's especially pleased with the new financial backing they've gotten, which has come largely out of the Athletic Department's pocket. From a measly two hundred dollars a year (from the MSC) along with various donations, the program has gone from rags to riches with their new \$40,000 annual budget.

"The money is being used to build the program into one that can compete with the other schools," Ms. Don explained. For that reason, they are holding back on giving scholarships to the girls

until they have the quality program worthy of recruiting athletes.

That day will soon be here, Ms. Don said she believes, and expects to be awarding the female athletes financial aid within the next year or two.

As for Ms. Don's own financial status, she is paid by the University only for the P.E. classes she instructs, giving the hours she spends working with the program voluntarily, as do the rest of the staff. But even on this score, Ms. Don says she accepts it as one of the drawbacks involved with a young organization.

Ms. Don is in no way a wo-

men's libber, dreaming of the day girls will take over Cain Hall or any drastic equalization of the sexes in the sports program here. Instead, she expressed high regard for the men's athletic program. "They've had sports for a long time already and they had to begin like we are and gradually work up, too," Ms. Don said.

A&M is a member of the Texas Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (TIAIW) and also the national association. These groups are in charge of championship competition on the state and national level.

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Bartow unafraid of Bruin record

LOS ANGELES (AP) — New basketball coach Gene Bartow said Thursday he was at "complete peace of mind in replacing John Wooden who has accomplished miracles" at UCLA.

The 44-year-old Bartow, heading west from Illinois where he was head coach just one year, said, "The UCLA record doesn't worry me because John is such a tremendous person. I hope we can win and it will be recognizable very quickly if we don't."

Teams coached by the 64-year-old Wooden, who announced his retirement, have won the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship 10 of the last 12 years.

Athletic Director J.D. Morgan who personally was responsible for choosing Bartow, told a news conference, "This is a joyous and sad occasion for me personally. It is sad to see John Wooden leave but joyous to have Gene Bartow as the new head basketball coach."

Wooden did not attend the conference and Morgan said it was the retiring coach's own decision.

Bartow thus had the full attention of the audience at Pauley Pavilion where UCLA plays its home games.

"No one replaces John Wooden as John Wooden," Bartow said. "His 10 national championships was a miracle in itself. I hope to keep the high quality basketball program going at UCLA."

"John said he didn't want to retire without leaving the next man some pretty good players and he did just that."

Returning to the UCLA varsity are three starters from the NCAA championship club-Rich Washington who was voted the tournament's most valuable player, Andre McCarter and Marques Johnson.

Returning also is Ralph Drolinger, the 7-foot-1 No. 1 reserve who was instrumental in the title tournament victories over Louisville and Kentucky when UCLA first won 75-74 in overtime and then beat the Wildcats 92-85 for the championship.

Bartow said that had he left Illinois, where four years remained on his contract, to go anywhere but UCLA that Athletic Director Cecil Coleman might have had second thoughts.

"But UCLA is UCLA in basketball just as Notre Dame is Notre Dame in football," Bartow said. "I think most people feel the same

way. Cecil could understand. He is a friend of mine."

Neither Morgan nor Bartow would discuss terms of the contract which no doubt was a multiyear pact.

Netmen destroy BU, 7-2

By NICK VOINIS
Staff Sports Writer

"One of the best matches we've played this season," was Coach Richard Barker's remark as his Texas Aggie tennis team defeated the Baylor Bears yesterday in Waco, 7-2.

"I feel better now," Barker said. "We lost to Houston last week 8-1, but the boys came back and played very well to beat Baylor."

The netters won five of the six singles and two of the three doubles matches in its Southwest Conference rout.

In the No. 1 singles match, Bill Wright of A&M lost to Dan Dobbs of Baylor 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. In the No. 2 match, Bill Hoover of A&M beat Skipper Parker of Baylor in a well played match 6-0, 6-1.

The No. 3 match in singles showed Charles Emley of A&M defeating Bruce Walther of Baylor 6-2, 6-0. Tom Courson of A&M beat Baylor's Lydell Tackett in the No. 4 match 7-6, 6-7, 6-2.

The Aggies' Mark Silberman defeated Chuck Dorrity of Baylor in the No. 5 match 6-2, 6-0. In the final singles match John Kirwan of A&M beat Warren Woo of Baylor 6-4, 6-0.

In the doubles events, Hoover and Emley of A&M defeated Parker and Walther of Baylor in the No. 1 match 6-3, 6-3.

Baylor's team of Dobbs and Tackett beat Wright and Silberman of A&M 7-6, 6-2, in the No. 2 match. In the No. 3 doubles match A&M's Courson and Kirwan defeated Woo and Dorrity of Baylor 6-1, 6-4.

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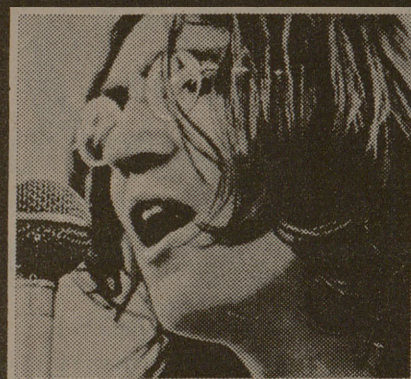

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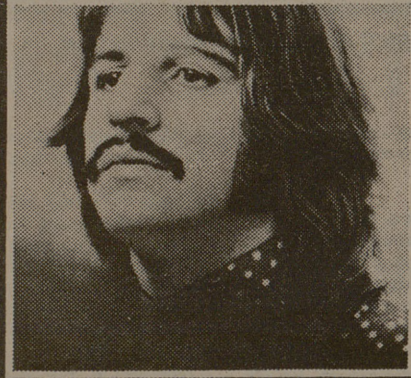

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