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Welcome to "GEM WISE". Over the years, it has been possible for me to learn many interesting things about precious gems and fine jewelry both from an historical standpoint and the technical or gemological side. There are also certain points that are helpful to anyone buying fine merchandise — basic guides to intelligent selection, as well as information on the etiquette and care of gems. In this column feature, I will try to bring you something of interest each month about our wonderful world of gems.

For example, did you know that ruby and sapphire are both the same gem mineral called corundum? Only when the sapphire attains a certain shade of red can it be called a ruby; otherwise it is pink sapphire. Other "sister" gems are emerald and aquamarine, both members of the Beryl family. Again, color is the only difference. A light emerald is aquamarine.

If you are interested in history, the story of Angles Sorel and Charles VII of France is a charming tale. She was the first woman to use diamonds as a means of attracting the King's attention. She also started the feminine vogue of wearing diamonds which previously was restricted to men.

In buying fine jewelry, one of the most important things to know is your jeweler. His knowledge and business ethics should be above reproach. Through "GEM WISE", I hope you will come to know me and our firm a little better. See you soon.

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Kirk Campbell hurls one from the mound.

(Photo by Jack Holm)

Ags deal Horns lone SWC loss

By DAVID H. WALKER
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Once told "You can't win them all," Texas baseball coach Cliff Gustafson replied, "You can if you are good enough," and he's been out to prove the theory ever since. — 1975 University of Texas baseball press guide.

Gustafson's team wasn't quite good enough this year as Tommy Hawthorne and Kirk Campbell almost singlehandedly handed the Longhorns their only loss of the season.

The Horns came oh so close to the 24-0 mark before Hawthorne's solo home run with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning in the last game of the season.

The Horns, who took the first two games of the series by wide margins of 15-4 and 11-1, looked like they were on their way of a sweep of the traditional season-ending series when Campbell and Hawthorne went to work.

Behind 3-0 after two innings of the Saturday nightcap things began looking bleak for the Aggies. They finally got a tying rally in their half of the third. Mike Frazier led off with his only hit of the day. Third baseman Robert Bonner followed with a single and then designated hitter Campbell knocked in his first run of the game with a fielder's choice. Then Jim Bratsen singled and was followed by Al Thurmond who singled in two runs to tie at 3-3.

The score stayed the same until Texas went ahead in their half of the fifth with five big runs and things started looking bad again.

Down 8-3 in their half of the fifth Kirk Campbell started the Aggies on the comeback trail.

He hit a solo shot over the left field wall in the fifth to cut the score in half at 8-4.

He came back in the next inning and after Hawthorne had doubled and Fred Russ had singled he hit a three run shot that tied the score.

After Clint Thomas, who stretched his season record to 8-3, had set down the Horns in the ninth Hawthorne ended the orange men's hopes with his shot over the right field wall.

Hawthorne was almost killed by his teammates who mobbed him shortly after he rounded second.

"It really shocked me that he didn't throw a curve," Hawthorne said. "He just laid it in there for me. I knew that I hit it good probably the best I've hit a ball all year."

"I really felt good when I hit it but I felt a whole lot better when I saw it go over the fence," Hawthorne said. Hawthorne's heroics ended the

regular season for the Aggies and begins the waiting season.

"We've just got to wait now and see if we get picked," Aggie assistant coach Jim Sampson said after the game. "We are going to take a couple of days off then we will start working out. If we are reasonably sure that we are going to get an invitation by next weekend we can schedule some games."

The Aggies finished their season almost two weeks earlier than other schools so the invitations won't come out until the second week in May.

The Aggies finished the year with a 31-8 season record. They were 14-7 in the SWC. The Longhorns finished the year with a 41-5 season record and a 23-1 SWC mark.

Batt drops 2 games in weekend athletics

By TONY GALLUCCI
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It was a sad weekend for Batt athletes as far as competition goes but the losers' parties may have made it worth it.

A weary bunch of Mickey Basketballers from the campus rag had just about taken all they could from the taller albatross semler fivesome from our beloved campus TV establishment, alias KAMU, when Rod Speer and Gene Sueltenfuss ignited the bumbling offense. The bumbling Battsters came from five points behind to tie the Trojans of the Tube in the final seconds 56-56 and force the World Cup of Media Basketball into overtime.

But Mike Kolar of the Channel 15'ers pumped in an amazing four points in the extra period to lead them to a slim two point vicery at 62-60.

Sports Editor and general nuisance Mike Bruton led scoring for the Battmen with 18 followed closely by Sueltenfusseseses and Flash Speer who each contributed a handy 12 points each.

For the child progenies of educational television, Kolar had 18 followed by Fred Bowers with 12.

It's probably just as well that the 'other team' won because Speer played for 10 minutes with five fouls and they never knew.

To sooth the loss, several hurtin' cagers and a disgruntled and totally unfair referee (yours truly) retired to numb the pain. Inebriation set in as well as a fond desire to lose a game or two of pool. By the time the eightballitis wore off it was twilight and with a softball game scheduled for 9 a.m. it would be painful to attempt sleep. At least one of us spent the morning watching the sun rise from the upper deck of Kyle field.

Softball time came and the pain was obvious. The Batt(ers) were obviously hurtin'. Those who showed

rather. We had to enlist the help of three dolls. An Aggie javelina (female javelin thrower that is) and a first base woman and third base woman from Lamar U. Without them we would have been Tuna Salad.

In the second game we jumped into the early lead 3-0 in the first inning only to be tied immediately. A while later TX jumped ahead 6-3. But some brilliant member of our illustrious bench mentioned that golden 10:30 a.m. word: BEER. Photo editor-ex Glen Johnson took off for the nearest U-chug-em for the goods. Meanwhile yours truly with the thought of suds splashing on the weak brain hit an inside the park home run bringing in James Basset and Shelley, First Base Woman, to tie the game up 6-all. TX jumped back ahead at 8-6 but a ball sent well out of the park by Mike Bruton followed by a run by Jim Crawley off the Bat of Basset tied her up again. Jerry Johnson knocked in the winner in the bottom of the last when outfielders T. L. (not T. C.) Gallucci and Jerry Geary argued over who should throw the ball into home. We decided Bruton should but the game was already over.

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