

SWC champs

Bears meet Miss

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Coach Grant Teaff's Baylor Bears, last year's Cinderella team, kick off the 1975 football season tomorrow night in Waco against next week's Aggie foe, Mississippi.

The Bears are coming off an 8-3 season in which they were Southwest Conference champions for the first time in 50 years. Ole Miss was 3-8.

The Bears will be trying to grant Teaff his wish for the second consecutive season but this time it will be with different faces.

"We had a lot of fine football players graduate, but we've got quite a few coming back," Teaff said. "We brought in as fine a group of freshmen as I have seen, and some of these youngsters are going to play. They're quality."

The Bears lost All-American center Aubrey Schulz and all-conference quarterback Neal Jeffrey, tailback Steve Beard, rover Tommy Turnipseed, wingback Philip

lip Kent and linebacker Derrel Luce.

Despite the loss of the six all-conference players, the Bears appear to be in good shape for the Rebels.

Mark Jackson will replace Jeffrey at quarterback. Jackson is really no stranger to the job as he engineered and passed the Bruins to winning performances over Arkansas and Texas Tech last year.

Replacing Beard will be 6-1, 208 pound Cleveland Franklin. "Cleveland has really come around and there is no doubt in my mind that if he stays healthy, we will be in good shape at tailback," Teaff said.

Alec Jackson will take over the wingback spot after starting at split end last year. Ron Burns will take over for Turnipseed at the rover after being named All-SWC tailback at cornerback as a freshman.

With the quality returning lettermen and the new freshmen the Bears expect to be in the thick of the race again.

Fullback Pat McNeil told last year's SWC press tour members that the Bears would win the SWC title and they did. He told them the same this year, and sited the offensive line as one reason.

The offensive line of the Bears averages 247 pounds per man. They are led by lettermen Sam Harper and Gary Gregory who has already given notice that he will fill the shoes of Schulz.

The defensive Bears won't be bad either.

The defense is led by last year's Cotton Bowl Most Valuable Player Ken Quesenberry at safety and linebacker Ron Burns.

"We could have a fine team, but once again we are facing a tough schedule," Teaff said.

After playing Ole Miss the Bears host Auburn in Waco and then hit the road for Michigan and South Carolina before beginning the awesome chore of trying to repeat as SWC champions.

Sportfolio

By PAUL McGRATH
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Intramurals Director Dennis Corrington has coined a phrase for his program in 1975. It reads: "The only loser in intramurals is the non-participant."

Heavy stuff, huh? But, one has to agree with Corrington. Each student has something to lose by not participating in intramurals. It has something to do with the old saying about 'all work and no play.'

Corrington has developed a fine program here at A&M despite the ridiculous facilities and bureaucratic cow excrement he has had to put up with. A&M's intramural program is now larger than the one at that school in Austin, although there are nearly 20,000 fewer students enrolled here.

Everyone who has participated in intramurals has some fond stories to tell. Whether it was shooting at a bent basketball rim or arguing with a female referee, there is something about it that becomes a part of us all.

Intramurals will always have a warm place in my heart. Going back into the not too distant past I can visualize my experiences with the intramural department.

The fish football team I was on had a perfect record. We never won a game. But, we must have set the intramural record for injuries caused and personal fouls. Flag football is supposedly a non-contact sport. Well, we lost two people to broken jaws in the first two non-contact games.

The flags used never seemed to come off very easily, at least not for the opposing team. Tackling became an instant, and sometimes enjoyable, substitute. Of course, there was always someone around to throw a flag in the way.

We almost won one game though. We were ahead 7-6, and we scored another six pointer that should have given us the game. But fate and the referees decided it was not to be. We scored the extra point on a pass, but a flag was thrown, and we were moved five yards in the wrong direction. We lined up again and scored again. Another flag. Five more yards. This time we didn't make it, and the other team later scored and made two points on a run to steal our glory.

Volleyball was a little better; at least we won some games. We beat the Band fish and took sadistic glee in watching them push off their failure.

Basketball was a lot of fun because we almost made the playoffs, but a female with a whistle in her mouth saw to it that we didn't. I was called for my first technical foul ever in one game for slamming the ball down. Well, where else can you slam it?

I also humilatingly recall scoring a bucket for the wrong side. How red can a sportswriter's face get? But for the most part, our run and gun offense made up for my mental deficiency.

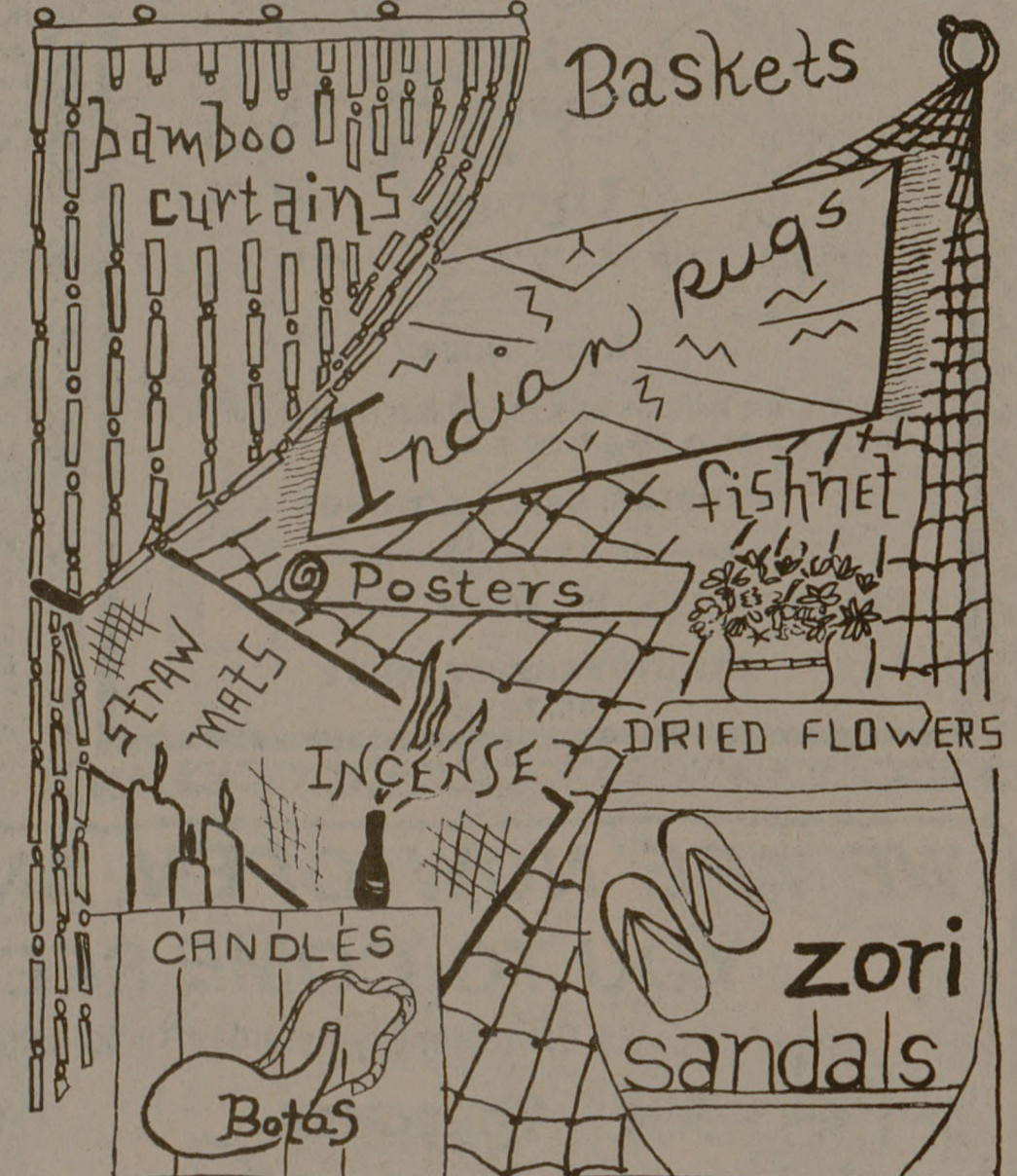
It seemed strange that nearly all aquatic contests were scheduled for right after chow. If cramps didn't take their toll, the water did. You never were really sure what you were swimming in. Who knows, Mr. Jaws may have been born in there.

But despite the fractured nose I received playing softball, I somehow maintain a favorable countenance when someone mentions intramurals. Tennis anyone?

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Associated Press
If Baylor's 1974 championship was a trend setter, Texas Christian can look forward to a great football season in 1975.

The Horned Frogs were a unanimous choice for last place in the 1975 Southwest Conference race by the 22 sportscasters and writers who Tuesday finished a 2,250-mile trek to the nine SWC schools, the same spot voted Baylor last season before the Bears won their first title in 50 years.

A poll apart was Texas A&M, which received 17 first-place votes to be an easy winner over Texas and Arkansas. Three of the media men voted for Texas to win and two others chose Arkansas. A&M was second on the five dissenting ballots.

Ags top poll

The point totals of the teams, based on eight points for a first-place vote, seven for a second, and so on:

1. Texas A&M, 171 points;
2. Texas, 145 points;
3. Arkansas, 137½ points;
4. Baylor, 116 points;
5. SMU, 78 points;
6. Texas Tech, 74 points;
7. Rice, 47½ points;
8. TCU, 23 points.

In the vote for individual honors, Texas fullback Earl Campbell, A&M linebacker Ed Simonini and Arkansas tailback Jerry Eckwood were runaway winners. Campbell was named on 17 ballots as the outstanding offensive player of the season. Simonini got 14 as the top defensive hand and Eckwood totaled 13 as newcomer of the year.

Arkansas' Ike Forte got three votes as outstanding offensive player and SMU's Ricky Wesson received one. A&M's Pat Thomas got three votes as top defensive player, followed by Tech's Ecomet Burley with two and Baylor's Ronald Burns and Tim Black with one each.

Houston Rockets sold by Kaplan

Associated Press
HOUSTON — Officials of the Houston Rockets of the National Basketball Association and a group of minority stockholders have reached a purchase agreement for the majority stock in the team.

Wayne B. Duddleston, chairman of the board of Texas Pro Sports Inc., owners of the Rockets, and Rocket general manager and president Ray Patterson, along with other stockholders, reached the purchase agreement with Irvin Kaplan, who holds 55 per cent of the Rockets' stock.

The agreement is subject to court approval. No price was announced. Kaplan obtained 55 per cent ownership of the Rockets in

January, 1974. At the time, he also owned majority stock in the Houston Aeros of the World Hockey League.

In June, Kaplan filed federal bankruptcy papers. He later sold his interest in the Aeros.

Duddleston, who heads his own Houston investment firm, took part in the purchase of the Rockets from San Diego in 1971. Patterson joined the Rockets in 1972 after four years as president and general manager of the Milwaukee Bucks.

Baseball standings

Associated Press
National League

	East			
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	77	59	.556	—
Philphia	73	65	.529	5
St. Louis	73	65	.529	5
New York	72	66	.522	6
Chicago	64	75	.460	14½
Montreal	60	76	.441	17
West				
Cincinnati	92	47	.662	—
Los Angeles	74	66	.529	18½
S. Francisco	70	69	.504	22
San Diego	63	77	.450	29½
Atlanta	61	79	.436	31½
Houston	53	88	.376	40

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