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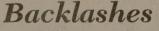
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Crappie fishing abounds nearly

By BRUCE L. SUBLETT

Out in West Texas, they're crap-pie. Around the Piney Woods they're white perch. In Louisiana they're sac-a-lait. Whatever they're called, they're abundant, easy to catch and dynamite on the dinner table

To be technically correct, they're crappie. Crappie come in two species, black and white. The two are so closely related that it's not worth worrying about. Around here, they're all white anyway.

HOUSTON — It's easy for Uni-

versity of Houston Athletic Director

Harry Fouke to look out from his

comfortable office over the multi-

million dollar athletic complex he

oversees and reminisces about his

1946 when he had to scrounge for uniforms to field the school's first

football team, to sweeping out the gym after basketball practice, to proudly accepting membership into

the Southwest Conference in 1971.

Houston's athletic program is 30

years old this year as the Cougars

complete their infiltration into the

SWC by competing in the basketball and football championship races.

master charge

Fouke's memories flow back to

30-year labor of love.

Starting right about now, crappie fishing will start to improve and will stay good until the weather gets hot. The best news of all is that Somerville is suddenly one of the best crappie lakes in the state. Good

strings are already being taken from the docks at Overlook and Big Creek Marinas. There are four kinds of crappie ac-tion to be had at Somerville. The first

is the most comfortable and often the most successful. Just pay a buck and a half and walk onto the marina docks, drop a small minnow on a light wire hook over the side and

They earlier entered SWC competi-

It gave Fouke, UH's first and only

"When Dave Williams took over

athletic director, an opportunity to

the golf program, we didn't have a

golf trophy to our name," laughed

Fouke, who was UH golf coach until he appointed Williams. "Dave went out and bought the biggest trophy he

his team so the golf team could have a

trophy in the trophy case too.

Houston's Fouke recalls

bygone days of Cougars

tion in other sports.

remember

start catching fish. Well, sometimes it's that easy. In any case, it's not a hard life. Lazy folks like myself use tiny yellow jigs in a double rig so we don't have to rebait.

The more ambitious brave the wind and cold to hunt the schooling fish around the creek channels and brushpiles. The technique isn't any different, but competition for fishing

space isn't as stiff. A place where space is at a pre-mium is below the Yegua Creek dam. If the Corps of Engineers is letting water out of the lake, this area is shoulder to shoulder with fisher-

tional Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tournament in

ball to our names and it was peeling," Fouke said. "We worked out in old

gray sweat suits but it wasn't the

sweat suits that counted, it was what

was in them. All those people we've

had over the years have made the difference at Houston.

Since joining the SWC, Houston's golf team has won three SWC fall

In 1971, the year Houston came into the SWC, the Cougar football

team completed a 9-3 season, includ-ing a 29-17 loss to Colorado in the

Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl. The bas-

But as 1976 begins, the Cougar

football team is coming off a 2-8 sea-

son, which equals its worst in his-

tory. Guy Lewis' basketball team is

struggling to stay in the first division

a SWC strongpoint, one SWC official

told a Houston official, "Well, we fi-

nally brought you down to our

Fouke thinks it's the opposite — the SWC basketball teams have

"Once the schools knew we were

coming into the conference they knew they'd have to improve and they have," Fouke said. "I think we've already helped the conference

because of the basketball improve-

come up to Houston's level.

Noting that basketball hasn't been

playoffs in seven years.

of the SWC race.

level

We started out with one basket-

Kansas City.

nel catfish. Some of the crappie down there are real barn doors, weighing up to two pounds. Occa-sionally a jig fisherman will tie into a big drum. That's excitement.

Before heading below the dam, it's wise to call the Corps of Engineers to find out if it's letting any water through. If it's not, don't go. It's usually not worth it.

The last way is my favorite, unless I'm specifically after freezer fodder. Despite the propaganda that crappie only hit small, slow baits; they can be caught on big, fast baits. They're usually big, fast crappie. I've taken crappie over three pounds on Hot Spots, Little Georges, Hellbenders and Spinnerbaits (artificial lures), all in shad or white color patterns.

Don't believe that crappie can't pull. Once I was sure that I had one of the famous Murvaul Monsters, a bass of over six pounds. Wrong rolled in cornneal, fried again, it was a three pound crappie that attacked the fast-moving Hot

Guides don't stay in one p enough to fish it out. Some following boat does better. last spring, my daddy ad fishing behind a guide. The party caught three small nabbed 33 big ones. Filleted, soaked in bin

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Russell started in their

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give Tech an 86-78 victor

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In other games, Methodist crushed Ric

Texas Christian upset Bat in Waco and Houston Houston Baptist 91-71

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85-69 triumph at home or 108

Coach Gerald Myers of Texas Rudy Liggins and Grady Tech has found a new formula for were struck down with victory. Get two of your starters sick with the flu and ambush your opponent with unexpected reserve strength.

Myers was in bed with the flu during Tech's Southwest Conference victory over Houston Saturday night and three days later starting forwards

Improving **Consol** girls face Brenham

By MARIE HOMEYER

ketball team was en route to its sixth appearance in the National Col-legiate Athletic Association (NCAA) After years of disappointment, the A&M Consolidated High School girls' basketball team has finally put together a winning season. A victory tonight over Brenham

would put the Tigers in second place behind Spring. Their season record would advance to 12-2, and their dis-trict record to 9-3. If they lose, it places them in a second place tie with Brenham and possibly Tomball.

This is only the second winning season in the history of the girls' team. The first was when the team went 11-8 in 1972.

"Even though we have lost, the games were very competitive," said Coach Arthur Bright. Only three of the losses were in excess of 10 points and none of them were in excess of

Bright attributes the success of the team to more experience and im-provement of guard play. There are six seniors on the nine-member team. The remaining three are juniors.

dogs, 57-22; Bearkats W Cock's No. 2, Craigs Cock Beforehand, the girls rarely made Vet III vs. Anir

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That first trophy is still there, somewhere among the 12 national championship trophies Williams and tournaments and won or tied three spring tournaments. The Cougar his Cougar golfers went on to win. tennis team won the 1974 team title and last year provided the singles and doubles champions, but did not Fouke takes pride in the modern facilities the Cougars now use but he win the team title. says his biggest rewards come from When the Cougars finally were ac-cepted into the SWC after years of the accomplishments of people like Williams. rejection, fans figured Houston's long tradition of winning basketball and football teams would dominate

out and bought the biggest trophy he could find and had a playoff among his team so the solf team could have

within

the league.

Fouke was hired in October, 1946 to install an athletic program at Houston. By December, the the Cougars were playing basketball in the Lone Star Conference, which they won and advanced to the Na-



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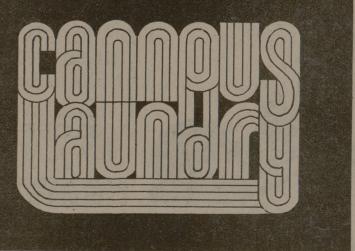
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it past their freshman year. They would lose to teams with more experience, become discouraged and quit, said Bright. With experience has come the

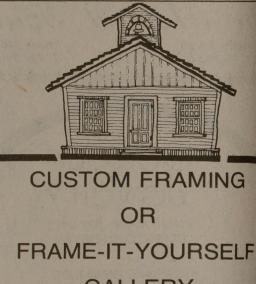
second reason for success. Last year the guards gave up an average of 57 points a game. This year the number has dropped to 43. This year's guards are seniors Debe McCandless, Susan Pope, and Julie Dieckert, plus

juniors Mary Whiteley, Martha Lambert and Peggy Kapchinski. While the guards have been curtailing opponent scores, the forwards have been averaging 47 points a game. Top scorer for the Tigers is junior Julia Crawford with 452 points, an average of 19.6 per game. Following her are seniors Sherri Wil-liams and Debby Quitta. Williams has an average of 16.9 and Quitta an average of 11.6.

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