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## Records fall as swimmers stroke past Texas Tech

By SANFORD RUSSO  
Battalion Contributing Editor

Records fell and personal best times dominated the scene as the men's swimming team beat Texas Tech, 80 to 33.

Coach Dennis Fosdick is still in a state of shock over what the swimmers managed to pull off. "I was expecting an extremely close meet, but the guys started swimming out of their minds."

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meant Svante Rasmuson bettering a 1973 school record for the 200 yard freestyle by .75 of a second. Another example was Bob Leland's 2:11.07 200 yard breaststroke event. This was a drop of a second from his old record.

Another swimmer making remarkable strides was freshman walk-on Bruce Hoak who shattered the old school record for the 1,000 yard freestyle event. He started swimming as a high school sophomore and has impressed Fosdick enough to make the cut for the 18-man traveling squad, limited by SWC rulings.

"The image of team unity is growing stronger all the time," said senior breaststroker Steve Moore. Moore has weathered the four-year storm that has seen A&M slide from third in conference, hot on the heels of SMU and UT, to sixth last year due to ineligibility.

Moore says the team spirit will prove to be the determining factor in upcoming meets. Those meets include Arlington, Friday; the SMU Invitational, Saturday and Sunday; and the Tulane Invitational the following weekend.

Another freshman, Bill Yates, took a personal best in the 500 yard freestyle, bettering his old time by a second.

"I've gotten to the point where I'm in good enough shape to swim a good meet. We were psyched-up for the last meet and that made a lot of

difference. You've got to be swimming better times than you were before to make yourself feel right," said Yates.

The rest of the team backed Yates up with a performance that only the number of first place wins can illustrate. Out of 13 events, the Ags took 10.

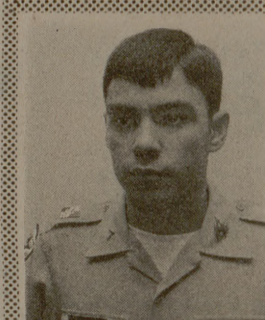
Even diving is well staffed, although only one man is diving for A&M. He is sophomore Ronald Faulkenbury and is turning out to be as good a diver as the Ags have seen in a while.

Fosdick keeps saying things like the team has got potential, and his assistant coaches, Larry Schuecker and Skip Cox are the best he's ever had.

The Ags are expected to do no better than fourth in the Conference meet. Fosdick says, "It's nice to see the team starting time-slashing so early in the year."

The women also made a good showing, beating Lamar 75-19. Jeannie Buckles qualified for women's nationals in her Friday performance. She swam a :29.34 in the 50-yard back event. Debbie Starr also qualified for nationals with a :25.04 50-yard freestyle.

"I got the beat and a rolling, didn't breathe on the turn and took a second off my time. I expect to qualify at the TCU Invitational this weekend in the 100-yard freestyle," said Starr.



## Sportfoli

By PAUL McGRATH  
Battalion Sports Editor

The 13th day of February just happens to fall on a Friday. That is also the same day the Texas A&M track team departs for Oklahoma City to take part in the United States Track and Field Federation meet.

An omen perhaps? It's a little late though, because ill winds have already blown Coach Charlie Thomas' way.

Thomas has his top half-miler out with an injured achilles tendon, his best hurdler is just reovering from knee problems, the team's most promising distance man flunked out of school and a needed polevaulter is suffering with a sore leg. These are in addition to a few malingerers who forgot what their scholarships were for.

All this with the conference meet only 10 days away. Seen any black cats lately, coach?

Meanwhile, the United States is on its way to making its best showing ever in the winter portion of that international extravaganza known as the Olympics.

With eight medals gathered thus far, the Yanks are just four short of their previous high meet in 1932.

It was surprising, but nice, to learn that the Olympic Committee was unafraid to take action against a Soviet athlete who had taken a prohibited drug.

This is quite an achievement for the politically conscious IOC, but the Russian national hockey team (comprised mainly of the same players that manhandled five NHL teams) skates on unmolested.

## Dining hall caters to athletic appetites

By OWEN RACHAL  
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Texas A&M's All-American linebacker Ed Simonini demands his steak to be burned until it's black. Running back Skip Walker can't seem to get his fill of banana pudding, and no one has yet discovered how many pancakes it takes to fill up 6-7 basketball player Steve Jones.

Mrs. Anita Davidson has been running the Cain Hall dining hall since last Sept., but feels she already knows quite well the 190 men who use the dining hall daily.

"Many of the hallplayers call me 'Mom,'" she said. "I feel pretty close to them and if I see them doing something wrong I tell them."

She said that some of the players are very vocal about their food preferences. Grady Wilkerson, 225 pound linebacker, vehemently objects to fried liver. "O-o-h, not liver again!"

Mrs. Davidson replies with, "You won't grow up to be big and strong, Grady, if you don't eat your liver."

Listening to those comments has

It is well known the two medal-grabbers, Russia and Germany, subsidize their athletes with government funds. The athletes still carry the burden of amateur.

"Nice guys finish last," Durocher in a bygone era Europeans seemed to have way to disprove that theory. A Canadian hockey team a Soviet team in a tournament to the festivities at Innsbruck. Canadians were favorite to tourney by beating the Czechs the following day.

That night, Czech officials a group of hookers—er, agents the Canadians' hotel to entertain guests.

The Canadians must have well-occupied because they soundly whipped in the title.

Another zany affair occurred Rice gym about a week ago several former Owl basketball players challenged the present to a game.

They were quickly ushered court by the Rice coaching. They should have let them play. Owls, who can hardly be called rug, could have used the practice.

Feb. 3 was signing day in land and many old Ags were to see the amount of prize money heading this way.

As one former student noted the list of signees, he said, "pretty good group. Now, can we how many of these are white?"

What's the matter? Can't serve watermelon in Cain Hall?

changed a few things around seat dining hall.

Salads used to be prepared in small bowls. Now a salad bar. Chicken fried lunch was replaced in part cuts. But the most exciting the ice cream bar where they prepare their own banana pudding.

Mrs. Davidson said the players seem to be a little persnickety about their food. She said the football players, she said, like pork at all and won't eat foods. She said, "Some football players eat a good deal of football players."

Not everyone gets to feast before games. For football it's usually the Saturday breakfast. They get an eight rib-eye steak and scrambled eggs. Basketball players get the same but with a baked potato and beans. Meals are served before the contest.

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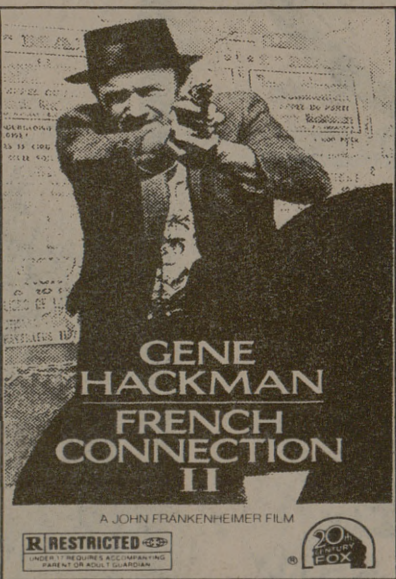
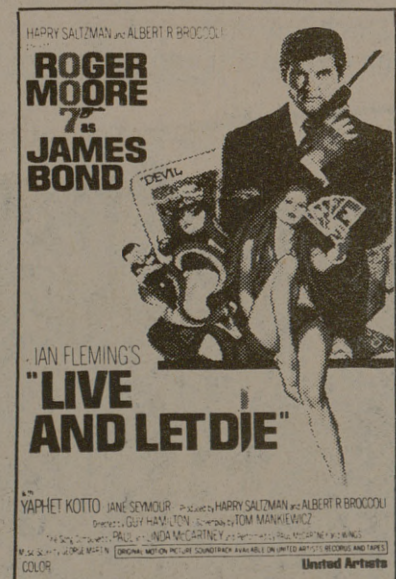
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