

**Intramural troubles**

# Crowding creates congestion

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"I'd like to reserve a handball court for tomorrow evening."

"Sorry, but they're all filled." This is a familiar scene in the intramural office as facilities are vastly overcrowded, Dennis Corrington, director of intramurals and recreational sports, said.

Intramural courts may be reserved one day in advance. The intramural office opens at 8 a.m., but all the courts for the following day are filled by 9:30 a.m.

Intramural facilities are located in DeWare Fieldhouse, G. Rollie White Coliseum, the swimming pool and tennis courts. These house recreational, intramural, extramural and club sports activities such as handball, badminton, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, fencing and other sports.

All students, faculty and staff members may use these facilities which are open from 8 a.m. to midnight if they present appropriate IDs.

However, there is one big problem, Corrington said. "The programmed activities (intramurals, club sports, and P.E. classes) have priority and take up the majority of the time leaving very little free time for those who wish to use the facilities

for recreational purposes," Corrington said.

"We definitely need more facilities," Corrington said. "The seven activity areas we have are full every night."

Approximately one-third of the student-faculty population uses these facilities for recreation alone, Corrington said.

"The ideal situation would be for an individual to come over and play whenever he wishes," Corrington pointed out. "I should be able to schedule part of the facilities for programmed activities and leave some areas in the facility free for anyone who wishes to play, but intramurals and club sports have doubled in size since last year so I can't."

"So many times an individual might come to play basketball, and go from court to court finding each full," Corrington said. "He gives up and goes home and our purpose is defeated."

"You just can't take care of everybody through programmed activities because they only meet a few times a week and most people like to come more than that," Corrington said.

Texas A&M University has seven football fields adjacent to Jersey Street which are in use constantly by practicing intramural teams, Cor-

rington said. However, after the Aggie bonfire in November, the four central fields are not usable until February.

"The bonfire takes its toll on the turf, cutting down drastically our available space," Corrington said.

Those practicing for intramural activities use every green space on campus that is available as well as several city parks.

"I've often seen people trying to play football in the valley by the president's house," Corrington said.

Besides the shortage of space, the condition of the present facilities is not good, Corrington pointed out. DeWare houses 14 handball courts. While most handball courts are made of plaster, these are not.

"The old basketball field house on the second floor was remodeled to make the handball courts. Some of them aren't even the regulation size," Corrington said.

Texas A&M has five basketball courts, one in DeWare and four in G. Rollie White.

"Four of the courts are high school regulation size," Corrington said. "We recently purchased a used scoreboard so there would be a time clock in one of the four courts, but all of the courts need them."

Also, the lighting on the third floor of G. Rollie White is inadequate. "We either need a new system of lights or an increase in wattage," Corrington said.

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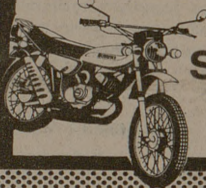
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## Gil Steinke hawks TSWA coach award

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Texas Sports Writers Association presented its annual awards Wednesday night at the annual All Sports Banquet with Gil Steinke of Texas A&I becoming the first small college coach to be named Senior College Coach of the Year.

Steinke led the Javelinas to their second consecutive small college national title last season.

Dick Peebles of the Houston Chronicle, vice president of the TSWA, also presented awards to:

— Jim Gideon, ace of the national champion Texas Longhorn pitching staff as Amateur Athlete of the Year.

— Bum Phillips of the Houston Oilers, pro coach of the year.

— Abe Lemons of Pan American, winter sports coach of the year.

— Cliff Gustafson, Texas baseball coach, senior spring coach of the year.

— Mike Mitchell of Western Texas, junior college coach of the year.

Dallas Cowboy quarterback Roger Staubach and professional golfer Don January received individual awards. Staubach was honored with

the Field Scovell Award and January took the Big D Award for sports contributions bringing honor to the city of Dallas.

Special achievement awards were also presented to rodeo star Don Gay and Dallas Tornado goal keeper Ken Cooper.

## SWC standings

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas Tech	10	2	.833	—
Texas A&M	9	2	.818	1/2
SMU	10	3	.761	1/2
Houston	6	5	.545	2 1/2
Baylor	6	6	.500	4
Arkansas	5	6	.455	4 1/2
TCU	5	7	.415	5
Texas	2	10	.166	8
Rice	0	12	.000	10

Tuesday's Results  
SMU 69, Texas A&M 65, Houston 10, TCU 95, Texas Tech 71, Texas 60.

Saturday's Games  
Texas Tech at Texas A&M TV 1 p.m., Arkansas at TCU 7:30 p.m., SMU at Baylor 7:30 p.m., Houston at Texas 7:30 p.m.

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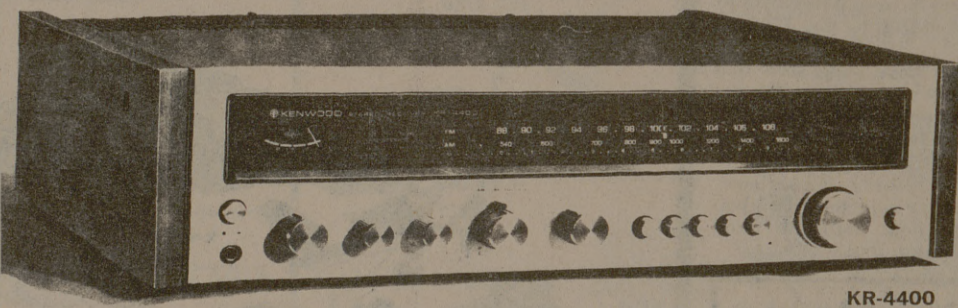
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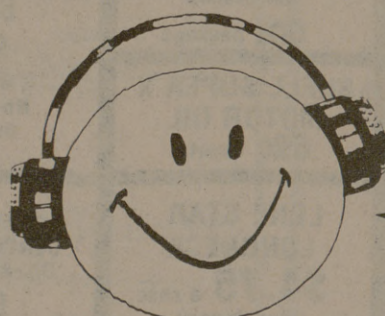
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