

recruiting violations named

# Texas A&M punished by SWC

Associated Press  
LILAS — Texas A&M, which of its basketball starters suspended by the Southwest Conference was punished by the school for alleged recruiting violations, but the school will appeal the conference officials' decision and school officials said Thursday to confirm or deny reports that A&M had been reprimanded and told to discontinue three specific alumni members in the Houston area.

Texas A&M faculty representative Dr. Charles H. Samson Jr. said Thursday the Aggie appeal would include all phases of the charges against the players and the school. Explaining why no announcement had been made of any punishment against A&M, Dr. Samson said it

was conference policy not to announce punishments until the school involved had lost on its appeal.

He said the suspension of the players was announced before the appeal because "there would have to be some explanation as to why the

players were not in competition. The circumstances were a bit unusual."

At the hearing Thursday U.S. District Court Judge Patrick Higginbotham asked why the players would be punished and the school ignored. SWC attorney Charles Wilson then

admitted that the investigation was continuing and that some sanctions had been placed on the school. Hugh Smith, attorney for the two players, said: "It is my understanding all they (Texas A&M) have to do is not allow three men to recruit in the future."

## Owners delay draft to consider expansion

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WASHINGTON — The National Football League's 26 club owners have purposely delayed the college and expansion drafts to give them more time to reconsider adding two more teams, Birmingham and Memphis, a lawyer for the NFL Players Association said Thursday.

Ed Glennon, the attorney, said the owners have filed suit against the association in federal court in Miami in an attempt to delay the drafts until after their March meeting when they will reconsider the applications of Memphis and Birmingham for membership.

"It shows a consistency that is sometimes lacking in the NFL," Glennon said. "It is my judgment that Memphis and Birmingham are

going to be admitted to the NFL no later than next year, and that the NFL people already have decided that."

"They're going to have to deal with the Memphis and Birmingham problems because they've got the threat of both antitrust litigation and congressional action if they don't."

U.S. District Judge Joseph Eaton will hear oral arguments in the lawsuit which seeks to establish the legality of the NFL's draft. Arguments will be confirmed to a players' motion for dismissal of the suit and another motion to add the 26 established teams as plaintiffs.

of the possible action against school was disclosed in testimony Tuesday during a hearing in a federal judge ordered the school not to declare the two ineligible until they were another hearing.

Two players, freshmen Jarvis and Karl Godine, had been named by the conference for the season and next season. There was no official announcement of the reason for the suspension although it was reported they had received bonuses for playing with the school.

During the hearing it was disclosed that it was Texas basketball coach Leon Black who lodged complaint concerning the two

players. All the conference had to do was force them to take lie detector tests. The conference, hungry for publicity anyway, did just that. Mervin switched the wires on the polygraph so that lies read as truth and vice versa. Both players failed with flying colors.

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Speegle testified Wednesday that Black had lodged the complaint in a letter to the SWC office Sept. 29, 1975.

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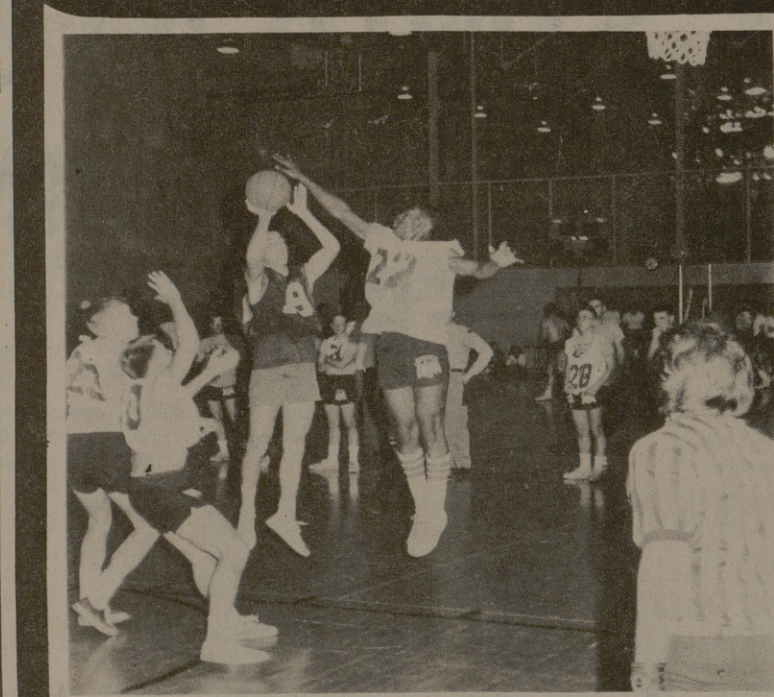
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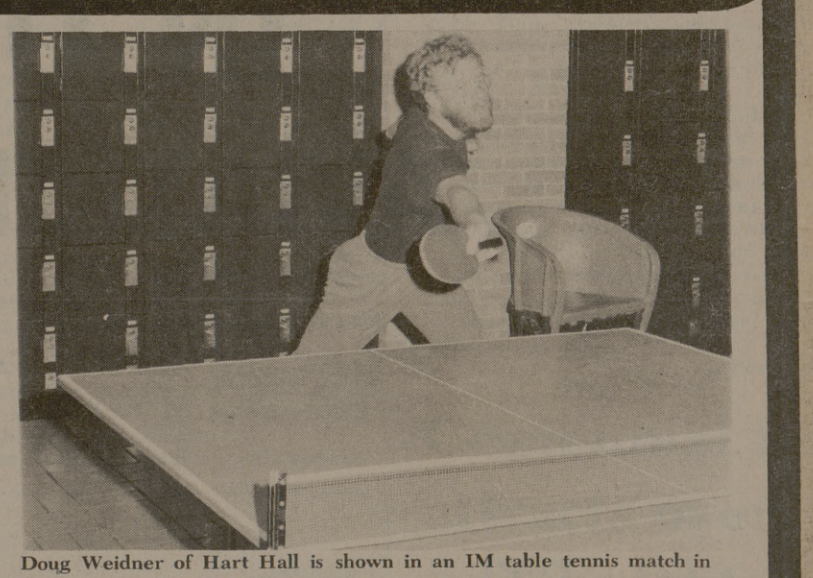
Above — Walter Meeks of S-2 blocks a shot attempted by Donald Tedrow of Sq. 15. S-2 won the game 33-26.  
Below — Wayne Neumann (ind.) shows his winning form at handball as Steve Cox of Puryear looks on.

## Wrestling Tourney To Start In March

Entries for the IM wrestling competition will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24 at the IM office. Entrants should use an individual entry form and those wishing to compete for All-University Championship should enter in the Championship division. All players who wrestled in High School or at a Junior or other College must enter this division. Any Wrestling Club member may participate only if he has not wrestled in a Varsity A&M meet. There will be a Novice division for inexperienced wrestlers.

The tournament will begin March 1 in the wrestling room, G. Rollie White Coliseum. It will be single elimination competition with bouts consisting of 2-one minute periods and 1-two minute period. The All-University finals will consist of 1-two minute period and 2-three minute period, with NCAA rules being used in all competitions. Match times will be posted in the IM office and you must be in the wrestling room ready to wrestle by your appointed time, as being 10 minutes late constitutes a forfeit.

Weight classes in the competition are 118, 126, 134, 150, 158, 167, 177, 190, and heavyweight. Weigh-ins will be held on Wednesday, February 25 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the men's dressing room, G. Rollie White. This is to be the only weigh-in, however, if you are challenged on weight by your opponent you will be required to re-weigh-in and you must be within your class.



Doug Weidner of Hart Hall is shown in an IM table tennis match in the basement of the MSC.

## Watch and Enter Softball

Fast Pitch Softball entries will close on Tuesday, February 24 at the IM office. The competition will be during a day-long open tournament with single elimination to be held on an upcoming Saturday to be announced later. All teams entering must have a team manager or captain at a meeting on Thursday, February 26 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 267, G. Rollie White. Any questions regarding this event should be directed at the IM Office, DeWare Fieldhouse, at 845-2624.

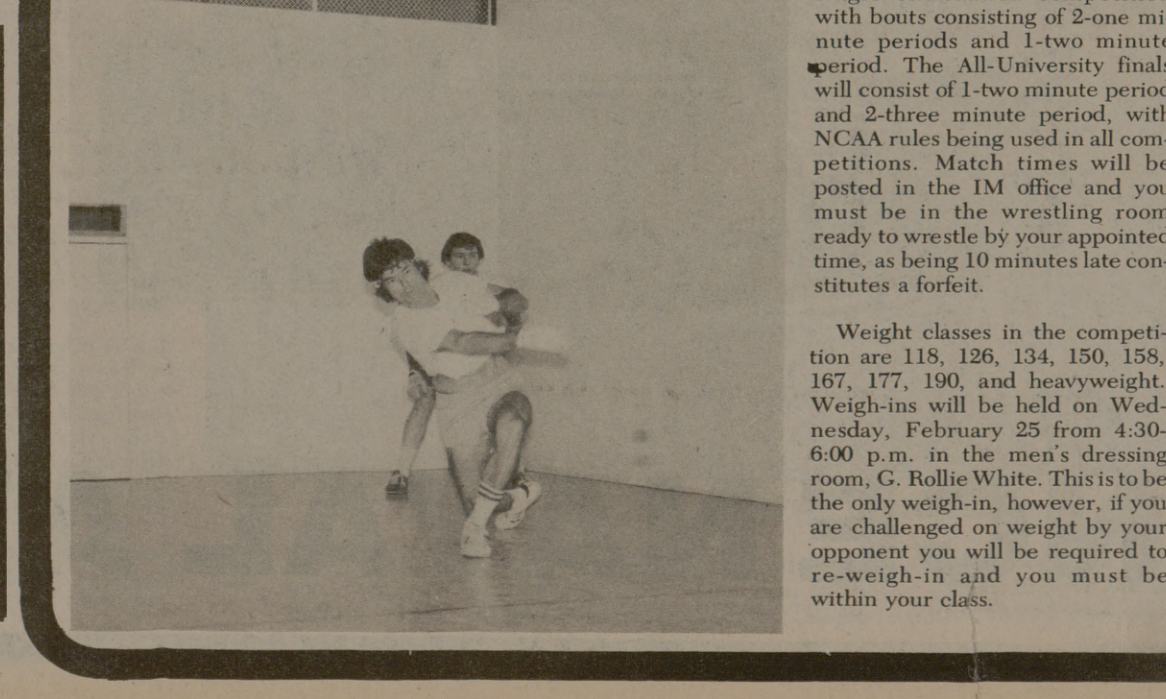
pointed time slot or participation points will not be awarded. Times for arrival are: Fish- 7:30-9:00 a.m.; Military- 9:00-11:30 a.m.; and Civilian, Women, and Independent- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. A \$2.00 green fee will be assessed and each player must supply their own clubs and balls.

## Frisbee

Don't forget the Frisbee tournament to be held on Kyle Field, Saturday, February 28. Entries for this event close on Friday, February 27 at 5:00 p.m.

## Golf

Finally, the IM doubles Golf tournament will be held this Sunday on the A&M Golf Course. Each entrant must arrive during his ap-



## Referee's Corner

Slow-Pitch Softball officials are to meet in room 267 of G. Rollie White at either 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26. Captains or team managers of fast pitch softball must meet in the same place at 5:00 p.m. on the same day.

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