



## Backlashes

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Within a 100 mile radius of College Station, there are 12 lakes. Why is everybody complaining because they can't find a fishing hole?

The closest is Somerville. It has some serious problems due to bad bass spawns in recent springs, a decline in the shad population and a tremendous rise in the white bass population. What that means is that there aren't many black bass, there are too many stunted white bass and there isn't enough food for either. It's still not a bad place to catch two or three really good bass.

Moving on down toward Houston, Lake Conroe is hot. Right now it's the best place around here to fill a stringer with bass. But there's a serious use problem. Aggie Bass Club sponsor Tommy Nuche told me that a couple of weekends ago it took three hours to launch or take out a boat from Shiloh's Marina. Heavy pressure like this just isn't a fun to fight and it will kill the lake in a hurry. Weekdays are the time to hit Conroe.

Lake Livingston is about an hour and a half east of Aggieland. It's steady fishing with a lot of different water to cover. Pressure is heavy, but not unbearable. Cove Marina, Bell and Ford Marina and the public ramp just north of Riverside are good places to put-in to fish the protected upper end of the lake. Galloway's Marina is busier, but it gives access to White Rock Creek, Caney Creek and the Jungle.

Past Conroe, is Lake Houston. Believe it or not, it doesn't get a lot of pressure, despite its proximity to the megalopolis. The upper end of the lake is studded with cypress and looks like a natural lake. Fishing there isn't red hot, but it's worth a try.

## Banquet honors Tom Landry

DALLAS — A \$10-a-plate banquet to honor Dallas Cowboy Coach Tom Landry has brought in more than \$10,000 in ticket sales, with the money earmarked for a private school in the suburban community of Addison.

Herschel Forester, banquet organizer and president of a Dallas insurance company, said most of the proceeds would go for a new football field and athletic complex at Trinity Christian Academy.

Other funds will be used to finance the academy's elementary school and provide scholarships for children whose parents cannot afford the tuition.

Forester said the Thursday night banquet "has a dual purpose in that we want to honor Tom Landry for the Christian gentleman he is, and of course to raise money for the school."

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## Transfer student organizes first women's rugby team

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Kathi Chappell, a petite, blonde-haired transfer student from Florida State University, organized Texas A&M University's first women's rugby team this semester.

Chappell played on the Florida State women's rugby team one semester and upon finding that Texas A&M did not have a team, decided to start one. She began by putting up signs to promote her idea and said she went up to anyone who looked athletic and asked them to join.

The result? A 20-member team, with no previous experience and four weeks of practice before its first game, which has won three of four games played so far.

"The girls here are really gung ho about playing. They work extra hard because they have to learn everything on their own," Chappell said. She is coach and captain of the team and works with team members on plays and strategy. Members of the men's team also work with the women, but the women had to pick up a feel for the game on their own, she said.

"Our main problem now is tackling," Chappell said. "Most girls are afraid to because they've never done it before, but they'll get over that in time," she said.

The image of huge women thundering down the field, knocking down everyone in their path would be shattered by the A&M team. The average height is about 5 feet 4 inches and weights range between 110-130 pounds.

Women's rugby is an extramural sport, therefore it receives some funding from the intramural office.

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"We get some money from the former students, but most of our expenses come out of our own pockets," Chappell said. The team has to buy its own equipment such as cleated shoes, socks and uniforms.

"We've been invited to the first women's national tournament in Colorado," Chappell said, "but it's

many of the girls because the sport is rough, Chappell said. The women fight to get possession of the ball, falling on each other and tackling each other without mercy, she said.

"That's what the exercises are for, to keep us in shape so we don't get injured," Chappell said. Texas A&M was the only team out of nine to re-

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going to cost us \$2,000 to go." The team is depending on sponsorship from former students, banks and donations.

The general consensus is that women like rugby. "Women have always been sheltered from contact sports, but I think it feels good to be aggressive," team member Adell Thomas said.

Bruises are not uncommon on

turn from the Mardi Gras Tournament without an injury.

Women's rugby is only four years old and A&M's team is the second to form in Texas.

"Some of the men from Canada's team were really surprised by our performance at the Mardi Gras Tournament," Chappell said. "They traded us their \$17 jerseys for our t-shirts that said: 'women's rugby'."

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