

Aggie swim team back indoors after cold holiday

By GLEN JOHNSON
The Texas A&M swim team, who was temporarily forced to practice outdoors over the cold holidays, recently moved indoors.
Near the end of last semester, the indoor pool in P. L. Downs Natatorium on the Texas A&M University campus was closed and drained so the Physical Plant could perform maintenance tasks on the pool filtering system.
This meant that no one could use the pool.
The old filtering system, which has been replaced, was part of the original equipment when the pool was built in 1933.
The filters were in bad need of repair, Head Swimming Coach Dennis Fosdick said. "I've been requesting the repairs for years."
"The water used to get so cloudy that you could not even see the bottom of the pool. I was afraid that one morning we would come to workouts to find that the pool had fallen through something," Fosdick said.
Changing the filtering system cost about \$45,000, said Gayle L. Rooft, the planning and estimating supervisor of the Physical Plant. The new equipment that was installed includes two rapid-rate sand filters, and a 25-horsepower motor-pump. The pump will allow circulation of the water in the pool every three hours, as compared to 36 hours with the old 15-horsepower

motor. A direct heating system was also added which replaced the old heat-exchanger type heaters. The money for the repairs came out of funds allocated to the Physical Plant.
"We are installing an automatic water sampling and -treating device which should be in, in about 30 days," Rooft said. "It will sample the water, print out the data and treat the water, then backwash itself," he said.
The new equipment should last about 30 years, Rooft said.
The pool being closed for repair created a hardship for the Texas A&M swim team since they had to work out in the cold weather. During the time the pool was inoperable, the swimmers practiced six hours daily in two workouts in the outside pool. This did not seem to hurt the teams performance in the recent University of Texas swim meet, Fosdick said, except the change to UT's indoor pool with its warm moist atmosphere gave some of the swimmers colds.
Another problem is that the length of the A&M indoor pool is measured in yards to comply with collegiate standards, and the outdoor pool is in meters. "We need to get used to the length of the indoor pool again," Fosdick said.
The biggest disadvantage was imposed on the team's divers, who were unable to practice at all due to the weather, and consequently

were out of shape for the UT meet, Thomas Faulkenberry, the diving coach, said.
"We had no place for our divers to work out," Fosdick said. "It was definitely too cold outside; in fact, there was ice on the boards."
The two divers affected by lack of practice at the UT meet were Valerie Ryan and Bill Sammons. Sammons pulled a muscle in his back early in the meet while diving.
"Their muscles weren't toned-up due to the lack of workout time," Faulkenberry said. "If they had had time to practice they would have been much looser. It really cut their scores quite a bit."
"The divers went to the meet cold turkey," he added.
Not being able to use the indoor pool hurt the diving team mentally and physically, Sammons said. The team was out of practice for a month and knew that the swimmers could practice, but the divers could not. Sammons said he thought it showed a lack of support from the school.
"We tried to practice outside and we wanted to dive, but we could only stand the elements for about 20 minutes, then we had to come down off the boards," he said.
"I think that if we had been in better shape we would have done much better in the meet, and I probably would not have pulled the muscle," Sammons said. "I'm sorry that it had to be that way."

The Aquatic Department once hoped that the maintenance on the pool would be completed by Dec. 24, because of a verbal agreement with the Physical Plant, Fosdick said. But this deadline was not made.
According to Rooft, the maintenance was completed on Jan. 17, as scheduled, and the pool is ready to be used.
However, the work has not been formally accepted as complete by the Department of Health and P. E. pending installment of the chlorinator and other finishing touches.
All the swimmers now practice

indoors every morning. The sprinters and medium-distance swimmers, as well as the divers, use the pool in the afternoons.
Sixteen sections of aquatics classes will be able to use the pool with no problem, said Prof. Emil Mamaliga, associate professor of Health and P. E.

Fosdick will hold his classes doors, "unless someone goes outside. You take what you get."
A time schedule for use of a pool is in the making and should be published early next week.

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Wrestlers ready for Red Raiders

By STEVE MARTAINDALE
Wrestling is on a definite upswing in Texas, according to Texas A&M University's Coach Jim Giunta and he and his Aggies may be taking to competition one of the best combination of wrestlers in the state.
"When I first competed in the state tournament in 1973," Giunta said, "there were 11 teams there. The year before, there were only four."
The high school growth has also been great, he added.
Sporting a 6-1 season record, the Aggies will enter a Texas Tech invitational tournament this weekend. Sixteen teams have been invited to Lubbock for the tourney and Giunta plans to show with wrestlers in nine of the 10 classes. Four of those are undefeated in season action.
The one mar on Texas A&M's record came during the North Texas State tourney last weekend at the hands of the host by a narrow 26-25 margin.

Rick Vigue will enter the 118 pound class with a 7-0 record. Bob Hines will represent the Aggies in the 126 with a 6-1 personal record and Bob Benevento will also show up with an undefeated 7-0 in the 134 division. Mel Mehrrens will wrestle in the 142 class.
Jim Collett (1-1) will enter the 150 but Giunta said the Aggies would have to forfeit the 158. Blair Monhollon, two times defending state champ, will enter the 167 competition with a 5-2 mark.
Pat LaStrapes will carry a 1-4 record into the 177. Larry Stewart will take a 3-0 record to Lubbock in the 190 division and Richard Lynn will also enter undefeated, 5-0, in the unlimited or heavyweight division.
Wrestling is still a club sport at Texas A&M with little chance of that changing, according to Giunta.
"I've been trying to get recognition ever since I've been here," he said. "Our best chance came last semester when the water polo team was recognized. But, most of them were already members of the

swimming team and it made legal work they have to do a lot of.

"Being recognized doesn't do that much for us. It gets us recognized by the NCAA and means we can qualify a wrestler for the national tournament."
"We have a couple of guys who could probably make the national team," he added. "They wouldn't do good but just getting there would be a lot for them and the school."
One thing that recognition of the school would mean is more support.
"We're under the intramural program," Giunta said. "We get more money from them and we can referee wrestling matches during the intramural competition. Ex-wrestlers are real good about giving us money."
Texas A&M is not alone in need for money though. LeTourneau College has wrest as a varsity sport. North Texas has it next on the list, according to Giunta.

Aggie swim team eases past TCU

The men's swim team won its third dual meet in less than a week by defeating the TCU Horned Frogs yesterday 75-39.
The Ags won the first event, the 400-yard relay, in a time of 3:47.46. The team consisted of Greg Meek, Jim Yates, Chuck Burr and Mark Lenox. They defeated TCU by more than five seconds.
Bruce Hoak won the 1,000-yard free style by a 15 second margin. Freshman Chuck Patten stroked to a 5:08.82 win in the 500-yard free.

Patten, who is a walk-on from Kingsville, has been improving steadily all season.
Dual meets give the team an opportunity to find its strengths and weaknesses and to test untried members of yesterday's 400-yard free relay. Dick Kuetsman, Patten and Mark are all rookies in the A&M program. Hoak joined them in event as they out distanced with a time of 3:29.60.

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