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Five Texas A&M women are on their way to the land of leis and luau to compete in the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national golf tournament.

Coach Kitty Holley and her squad will complete the tourney and their season this Saturday. Hawaii is the site of the tournament which brings women's teams from across the country to compete for the national title.

The A&M quintet will consist of Brenda Goldsmith, one of the top amateurs in the nation, Betty Ghio, Susan Smerek, Carol Berry and Rita Aquilar.

The Texas A&M Canoe Club will be putting their paddles to use again this weekend as they plan to enter a two-day race in San Angelo this weekend.

The course will cover nine miles — a relatively short distance for the men's team which completed a 410-mile journey two weeks ago. The men's team, consisting of John Bugge and Mike Schively, placed first in the aluminum class and finished fifth overall.

The A&M team, which currently leads Texas in the number of points required to earn a sponsorship to compete in the national race this August, will attempt to pad their lead July 23 in the 15-mile Aqua Fest race in Austin.

Texas bays and freshwater lakes were the recipients of almost one million fingerling striped bass last month from the state's Parks and Wildlife Department.

Saltwater locations — particularly San Antonio Bay, Sabine Lake and Sunset Lake near Corpus Christi — received stripers as part of a program to develop spawning populations in Texas streams.

Since bass go upstream in fresh water to spawn, there are several Texas water systems which offer good possibilities, especially the Guadalupe River.

Freshwater lakes obtaining fish were Amistad Reservoir, Lake Sam Rayburn, Lake Livingston and Falcon Reservoir.

Some 2.5 million striped bass were obtained as fry from South Carolina and then reared in the

Parks and Wildlife Marine Fishery Research Station at Palacios. Nearly 42 per cent of the fingerlings survived compared to the usual amount of 15 to 20 per cent reared in freshwater ponds.

The Parks and Wildlife Department has also been successful in hatching smallmouth bass. More than a million smallmouths have been placed in Texas lakes and reservoirs.

Receiving smallmouth fingerlings were Lake Travis, Lake Meredith, Mackenzie Reservoir, Blanco River, North Fork Reservoir, Boerne City Lake, Rio Grande, Medina Lake and Stillhouse Hollow Reservoir.

New York Mets pitcher Tom Seaver may be calling it quits with the club he almost single-handedly lifted from the National League cellar to title contention in the late '60s.

Although the 32-year old righthander admits he wants to stay with the Mets organization, he will go looking for another team if the Mets management continues to refuse to renegotiate his current three-year contract. Seaver's contract calls for \$225,000 a year.

If Seaver is traded, he will probably go to Cincinnati, which is offering three players in return for the Met pitching star.

Gene Bartow will end his coaching career at UCLA after two seasons to become athletic director and head basketball coach at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Bartow's acceptance was announced yesterday on the UAB campus. He will be called upon to build up the UAB intercollegiate athletic program with the emphasis placed on the women's program.

Bartow's record while at UCLA was 52 wins against nine losses. His teams won the Pac-8 title both years and competed well in the national playoffs.

Before going to UCLA, Barton who had built Memphis State into a national basketball power, was in the process of rebuilding the University of Illinois basketball program when he accepted the post at UCLA.

His career record is 310-153 over 16 seasons.

Carew ignores \$\$millions\$\$ to maintain peace of mind

United Press International
NEW YORK — Rod Carew could become a millionaire just like that. No trouble at all.

The way he handles a bat, the way he wins the American League batting title year after year, all he'd have to do is notify the Minnesota Twins he wants to be a free agent when his contract is up and the other clubs would fall all over themselves offering him big money.

Reggie Jackson, tooling around in a fancy Rolls-Royce, told Carew he should've become a free agent and made millions like he did. Rod Carew isn't interested in that. Not that he has any grudge against money. It's simply that he's satisfied with the money the Twins are paying him.

Carew gets something like \$170,000 a year from the Twins, which isn't anything like the \$400,000 Joe Morgan is drawing from the Reds or the \$333,000 Steve Garvey is making with the Dodgers, but he's not kicking at all even though he is practically lapping the field in a bid for his sixth American League batting crown.

"I thought about it all and looked at it from every possible aspect," he says, talking about his three-year contract with the Twins which has another year after this one to run.

"No one pressured me into signing or held a gun to my head. I feel I have to be a man of my word. Maybe I could've made a lot more money elsewhere, but I'm happy here and I'm satisfied. It's like a family and I honestly enjoy being with the Twins."

Some other ballplayers may think Rod Carew has rocks in his head, but he has what so many other players don't have, peace of mind. He isn't looking around all the time to see what others make and it's not eating him inside knowing he isn't the highest paid player. That isn't his overall aim.

He'd much rather be acknowledged the best hitter in the game and whether he's aware of it or not, he probably has achieved that goal already.

Take a look at where he is right now. His .388 batting average is the best in both leagues. By far. In his own league, his closest pursuer, Bob Bailor of the Toronto Blue Jays, is trailing him by 44 points. Carew wound up the Twin's latest road trip with a homer, triple and a single Sunday in a 6-1 victory over the Yankees.

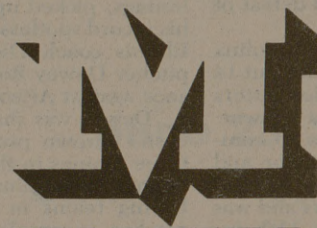
Carew's lifetime batting average of .328 is the best in the American League, best in both leagues, in fact. His highest average ever over a full year with the Twins was .364 three years ago. If anyone around now is capable of ever hitting .400,

it's Carew, but if you ask him about the possibility, he says, "I don't think about it. Under the right circumstances, someone can do it."

A second baseman for most of his 10 years with the Twins, Carew now is doing a good job defensively at first base for them.

"Gene Mauch is the only one who

has ever given me credit for my defensive ability," says Carew, appreciatively. "He gives me confidence when he lets me know he feels I can do the job with my glove. No one has ever done that with me before. He doesn't pull me out of there or DH me if I'm ever in a hitting slump."



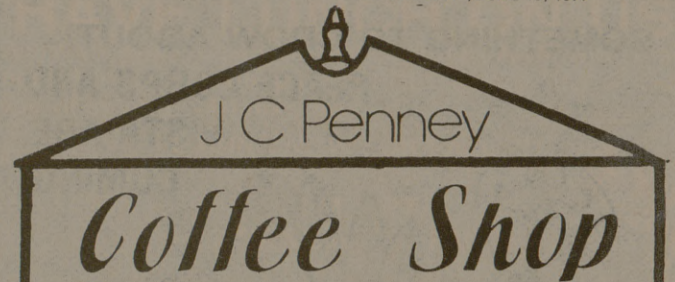
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NCAA, ABC sign contract

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NEW YORK — The National Collegiate Athletic Association and ABC sports have signed a 4-year contract for the network's exclusive coverage of college football from 1978 through 1981, ABC announced Saturday.

The pact, worth a reported \$118 million, commits the NCAA to a television contract longer than two years for the 25 years college football has been televised, the announcement said.

The current 2-year contract, which pays the NCAA \$18 million a year, expires at the end of the upcoming season. The new agreement extends the association's NCAA television rights to 16 years.

In addition to college football, ABC again will televise five NCAA national championship events each year. Those events have not yet been determined.

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