

Chandler happy

Aggie coach honored; signs top prospect

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Tom Chandler has two reasons to smile these days.

One, he was just named to the American Association of College Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

And two, he recently signed Perry Swanson, the most outstanding player in Nevada, to an Aggie scholarship.

Induction ceremonies will be held at the annual AACBC convention next January in Atlanta, Ga.

Chandler has been in charge of Texas A&M baseball teams for 19 seasons, winning 421 games and four Southwest Conference titles, including this year's crown. He was named the conference and District VI Coach of the Year. Chandler is also a past president of the AACBC.

"I am deeply honored to be elected," Chandler said. "I am particularly pleased on behalf of Texas A&M whose administration and athletic council have provided the resources and support for us to have a

nationally prominent baseball program.

"The future of college baseball is very bright with increased attendance and closer cooperation with professional baseball. More than half of the players drafted in the recent major league draft chose to play college baseball instead of signing with a pro team.

"It is becoming more evident to the fans that the calibre of player in college baseball is improving every year. I am very proud to be associated with college baseball and to be honored by my colleagues."

Concerning the acquisition of Swanson, Chandler said, "We are very excited to get a player of Swanson's calibre. He has the ability to step right in and battle for job in the starting rotation."

Swanson is a right hander out of Rancho High School in Las Vegas. He posted a 7-1 record last season while maintaining an earned run average of 0.54. He was seventh round pick of the Chicago White Sox in last June's free agent draft.

But as if an example of Chandler's statement about players choosing college baseball instead of joining the pros, Swanson decided to sign with the Aggies after turning down such collegiate baseball powerhouses as Arizona, Arizona State and Southern California.

Texas A&M also signed six other athletes to letters of intent. Mark Wariner, a third baseman from Houston Milby, was a second team all-American selection at San Jacinto Junior College and will play for the Aggies next spring.

Wayne Meason, a first baseman from Eules Trinity and Paris Junior College; John Seale, an outfielder from Brazoswood and Panola Junior College; Ruben Coronado from Dallas Sunset and Paris JC; Gary Bryant from Panola JC; and Randall McDonald from Fort Worth Eastern Hills also signed with A&M.

"We feel we got exactly what we needed—help in the infield and outfield and some strong left-handed hitters," Chandler said.

Women not so far behind

male athletes says doctor

In 1976, American woman Miki Norman ran a marathon in two hours, 39 minutes and 11 seconds—fast enough to have won the men's Olympic gold medal in 1906, 1900, 1908 or 1924.

Fifty years ago, a woman became the first person ever to swim the English Channel, and today the fastest times for the channel crossing—in both directions—are still held by women.

And in shorter events female swimmers from East Germany, the U.S. and Australia regularly turn in faster times than male swimmers from many other countries.

All of which adds up to a convincing rebuttal to the old "self-evident" truth that biological reasons alone prevent women from equalling men in sports.

Women may never hit a baseball as far as Mickey Mantle or serve a tennis ball as hard as Jimmy Connors. But in other sporting events they may be biologically superior to men.

Long-distance running and swimming provide a case in point. Dr. Joan Ulyot, a doctor of sports medicine and herself a runner, says women have more body fat than men, so even after men have used up their source of energy (carbohydrates) women can keep going on their body fat.

This allows women to run or swim

farther, if not necessarily faster, than men, she says—and it may explain the female dominance of English Channel swimming.

In shorter races as well as the long-distance events women's times are progressively catching up with men's. The women's 100-meter world record was first recognized in 1934 at 11.7 seconds. For the same year the men's record was 10.3 seconds, a superiority of 13.6 percent.

By 1954 the difference in the two records had declined to 11.8 percent, and in 1974 to 9.1 percent. Recently, the women's record dropped below 11 seconds for the first time. Between 1934 and 1974 the difference between men's and women's 800-meter records also dropped steadily—from 24.6 percent to 11.4 percent.

In swimming women's performances are on the average closer to those of men than in running. And the women's rate of improvement in times has been greater than the men's.

The average difference between the 15 recognized male and female world records in 1976 stood at 9.2 percent. For seven of these events in which both male and female records were recognized in 1956 the average difference stood at 12.2 percent.

Predicting the future is always a risky business, but all the figures

available indicate that average performance in speed and endurance events for women could eventually equal that of men.

While women may be improving their performance, compared with men, they've been sadly neglected in the U.S., according to WOMENSPORTS magazine, which reports that American universities spend little more than two percent of their total athletic budget on women's sports.

"Money is a big part of making a program go, and men's sports have tremendous control over it," says women's coach Kathy Scott.

Enthusiasm is fine, she says, but you can't really do a good job without money.

American women who are competitive and successful are taunted about their loss of "femininity," says Dr. Thomas Boslooper and Marcia Naves in their book "The Femininity Game." Worrying about their femininity, they lose the will to win adds one coach. "If you don't believe in yourself, you won't beat anybody." Ultimately, women's success in sports will depend on their own heads, says Dr. Boslooper. If they can break out of their traditional role of passivity and non-competitiveness, he says, they can begin to fulfill their potential in sports.

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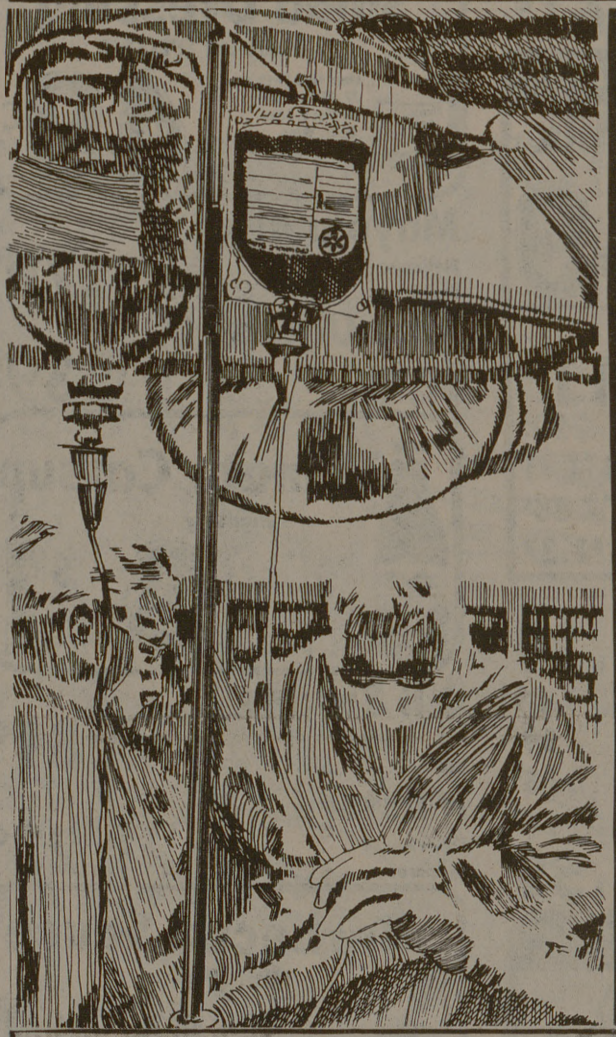
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