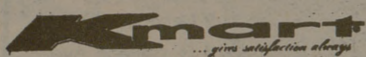


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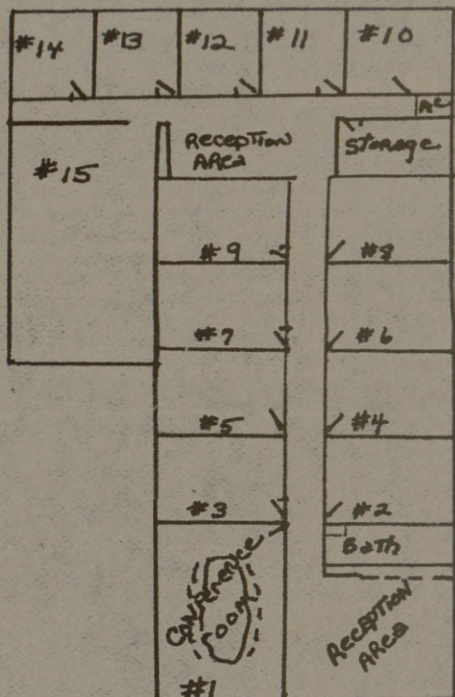
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Aggies hire Bender as fem cage coach

A notice of the continued expansion of women's collegiate sports was posted on Texas A&M recently as the school hired Wanda Bender to replace Kay Don as women's basketball coach.

The move was announced by Texas A&M Associate Athletic Director Marvin Tate.

The veteran Bender has 19 years coaching experience in Texas. She has coached previously at Potett, Jourdanton, Tomball, Victoria, Alpine and Snook high schools.

During that time, Bender has produced two all-America players, nine all-State cagers and 15 athletes who went on to receive college basketball scholarships.

Don will now devote all of her time to her duties as associate athletic director for women at Texas A&M.

Don has been basketball coach and in charge of women's athletics since 1974. She was instrumental in

the establishment of a women's athletic program in 1972.

Under her guidance, the A&M women's program shared the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Trophy awarded to the best all-around program in Texas.

Don now will take full charge of the 10 women's sports of the Texas Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. The school is also a member of the national branch of the organization.

While under Don's tenure, the budget for the women's program has grown from a few donations and allocations to more than \$40,000.

Participation in women's collegiate sports has risen from a mere handful to nearly 200 athletes, a substantial figure considering that Texas A&M did not become fully co-educational until 1966 and there was no on-campus housing for women until 1972.

Sports lectures start today

"Summer Sports Shorts", a series of lectures and demonstrations on sports is being sponsored this week by the Memorial Student Center. The lectures are sponsored by the Summer Lecture Committee, and precede the Aggie Olympics, a 20-event contest planned for July 16.

Texas A&M Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Emory Ballard spoke on the problems and priorities of sports today. Subsequent hour-long presentations will include experts speaking upon their various fields of platform div-

ing, scuba, table tennis, sailing, flying, karate, fencing and gymnastics. The program ends this Friday. Each of the presentations will be held in the MSC lounge from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Demonstrations and film strips are included amongst the lectures. Coinciding with the Tuesday and Wednesday presentations will be snow cone sales in the MSC mall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Aggie Olympics is a program of the MSC Summer Directorate's Recreation Committee and will run

from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. this day.

The Olympics will include all of the expected events such as shot put and javelin, but most events border on the hilarious. The emphasis on fun and competition, some of the other events include seed spitting, snuff can duck walk relay, outdoor watermelon relay, can stacking, three-man basketball with a ball.

For information concerning regulations, call 845-1515.

Illegal fishermen stealing millions of dollars in fish

Millions of dollars worth of catfish and other native Texas game fish are taken each year by outlaw commercial fishermen using illegal nets and traps, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement officials.

"Several hundred thousand pounds of fish are removed yearly from public streams and reservoirs by these outlaws," said Dexter Harris, P&WD law enforcement field operations director.

At the end of May, game wardens had filed 753 violations statewide. Most of the citations were for possessing fish over the allowed limit, or for using illegal methods to take fish.

During fiscal year 1975-76, wardens confiscated more than 47,000 pounds of aquatic products valued

in excess of \$63,000. The confiscated seafood included illegally taken shrimp as well as native fish species.

During one operation last spring at Lake Livingston, wardens working around the clock for three weeks confiscated more than 36 miles of illegally placed trotlines, 54 fish traps and 2,700 feet of illegal fish nets.

Wardens issued 204 citations during the crackdown, mostly for fishing without a license and for illegal trotlines.

"Every time these fish bandits make a haul," said Harris, "they rob every fisherman in the state. These illegal fishermen work as often as they can, even during the winter months when they know wardens are busy with the hunting seasons."

Harris said wholesale removal of

game fish can drastically alter all fish populations in a given

voir. "Remember these bandits after game fish, such as catfish, the so-called trash fish, such as and buffalo," he said.

And while there are many illegal operators, it is important to note that most commercial fishermen are not so unscrupulous.

"But these illegals are the who give commercial fishermen bad reputation. I have seen and fished fish traps containing more than one ton of catfish. There lake that can withstand this fishing pressure and still expected to provide recreation sport fisherman," Harris said.

A random check of nine lakes showed 19 arrests for harvest of fish, and 16 persons a total of \$17,300. Additional \$24,000 fine is pending against three individuals arrested at Tawakoni for a variety of violations. During May, game wardens sued nearly 3,000 fishing clubs for both sport and commercial law infractions. By far the common violation was for not having a fishing license or for using or setting illegal trotlines.

"The illegal fisherman should concern of all Texans. Only with public's help can we put them in business," Harris said.

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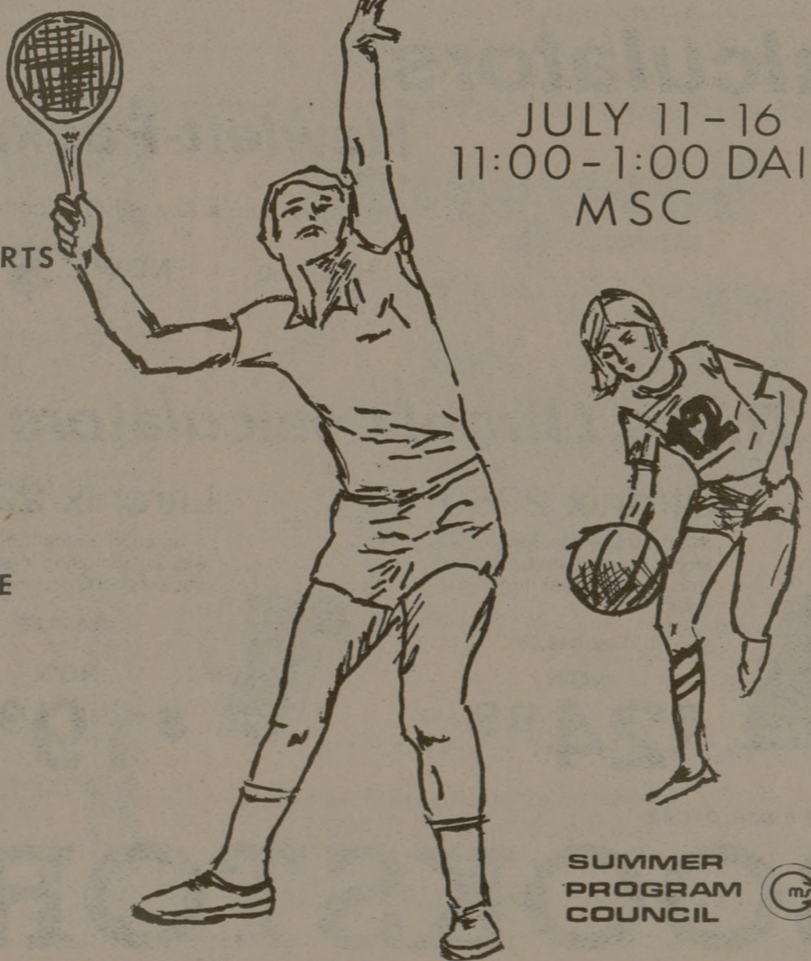
TUE - PLATFORM DIVING, SCUBA
Scuba Diving Lecture - 11:00 MSC Lounge
Platform Diving - 12:00 Outdoor Pool

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Sailing Club - 12:00 Rudder Fountain

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Skydiving Film & Talk - 12:00 MSC Lounge

FRI - FENCING, GYMNASTICS
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