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Golf 'jock' is a Scotsman

"Jock" has another meaning now that Ian Stratton is with the Texas

A&M Golf Team. Stratton, 19, was born in Irvine, Scotland and has lived in South Af-

rica for the past 6 years.

"Jock's a Scotsman," he explained, speaking with a South African accent. And in Great Britain, that's what the word means.

Bob Ellis, the Texas A&M golf coach, first heard of Stratton when he met Phil Ritson, the South African golf coach, at the San Diego Junior World Tournament in July of this year.

Ellis picked Stratton because of the South African reputation in golf and because of Ritson's reputation.

"When he (Ritson) recommended someone to me, I listened," Ellis said. As a result, Stratton was awarded a golf scholarship in August and he arrived in College Station on Texas A&M golf course.

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three regional golf tournaments for his age division in Scotland.

His family then moved to Johannesburg, South Africa, where he improved his talent. After one year there, Stratton was playing for the South African Under-19 Side.

With that team he won the Slazinger Golf Trophy, which he described as the "second most important trophy in South Africa," and several regional (Transvaal) golf tournaments.

Stratton was also successful with the six-member Southern Transvaal

"I played 40 games (match play) for them and was never beaten once," he said. (Match play has an individual, hole by hole scoring, as opposed to stroke play, which is a tally of strokes per hole. Stroke play

Stratton practices daily on the

"It's quite an easy course, fairly short, but the wind blows a bit and it can get difficult," he said.

The Fall Conference at Texarkana (Sep. 11, 12 and 13) will be Stratton's first game for Texas A&M if he qualifies. He joins other newcomers Mark Taylor of Illinois, Jay Kent of Texas, and Richard Cromwell of Florida. Taylor has won the National Insurance Youth Classic.

Stratton will also join returning A&M golfers Tim Carlton of Louisiana, all-American Dave Ogrin of Illinois and Doug Ward of Arkan-

Last year Texas A&M ranked second in Southwest Conference golf and was 11th in the nation.

During the South African winter (summertime in America) the golf courses in the Transvaal province dry up and are hard to play on.

"I'd lost a bit of interest in the game," Stratton said. Then he was awarded the scholarship, which has covered most of his dorm expenses.

Stratton, a freshman majoring in

marketing, lives in Cain Hall.
"It is most definitely the best

dorm in the university, possibly the best dorm in the nation," he said. here. He has had no problems in settling in apart from "the way they speak in Texas," he said.

"America has a good golf program through college," Stratton said. "There's nothing like that in South Africa." He pointed out that the American program produces better

senior players.

But "South African juniors are stronger (at golf) than American juniors," he said, and called South Africa a good country for golf.

Stratton is not the only foreign athlete at Texas A&M, but he is the first to play golf. There is a possibil-good athletes here. ity that other foreign golfers may play for Texas A&M.

"There's some that we're keeping ur eyes on," Ellis said and he added that the greatest recruiting yes," Nelson said.

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Of the six sports in the A&M Athletic Department, the only other to have had for team members. Two Sou cans, Manfred Kohrs and Wheeler, are presently on the tean. Two athletes from Ghan the first and only other athletes

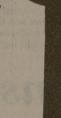
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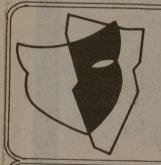
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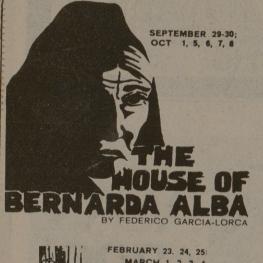
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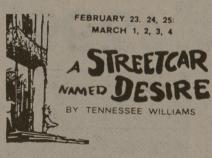
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