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# Wildlife, fisheries agencies hold meet

By LARRY PARKER  
Breeding habits of the bobwhite quail and living habits of the prairie chicken were just two of the topics discussed at last week's meeting of wildlife specialists from around the country.

The 31st Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies met October 9-12 at the convention center in San Antonio, Texas. Approximately 1,000 association members attended meetings on topics of fisheries, wildlife, law enforcement, hunter safety, and information/education sessions.

"We are losing the war as far as conservation education of the people and more important politicians, who make laws that directly affect fish and wildlife," said A. Sydney Johnson, association president, in his opening address to the conference.

Non-hunters and the members of anti-gun faction are increasing in number, Johnson said, and they are able to influence government officials. He said that misinformed politicians have brought about some "poor legislation."

Another area of concern was the decline in wildlife habitat—the proper mixture of food, water and space to sustain wildlife.

"We must educate farm and ranch owners to the fact that wildlife can co-exist on these lands," said Johnson.

Dr. Nova J. Silvy, assistant professor in the Texas A&M Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Department, presented a paper on the relationship of animals marked to cost and accuracy of Lincoln estimates. The purpose of this paper was to compare the relationships between the number of individuals marked, marking costs, and the accuracy of the Lincoln Index (a formula used to estimate a wild population) on a population of known size. Silvy used his work with the Florida Key deer to illustrate his presentation.

Virginia F. Cogar, currently working toward her doctorate in wildlife and fisheries, presented her paper on the "Vegetation Type Preferences of Attwater's Prairie Chicken in Coastal Prairie." The purpose of this paper was to gain a better understanding of the habitat requirements of the Attwater's



Dr. Nova J. Silvy addresses the 31st Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. The conference took place in San Antonio, Oct. 9-12.

Prairie Chicken on an area that maintained a dense population. The prairie chicken is an endangered species.

Rob R. Reid, currently working on his master's degree in wildlife and fisheries, presented his paper on the "Breeding Habits of Bobwhite Quail in Texas."

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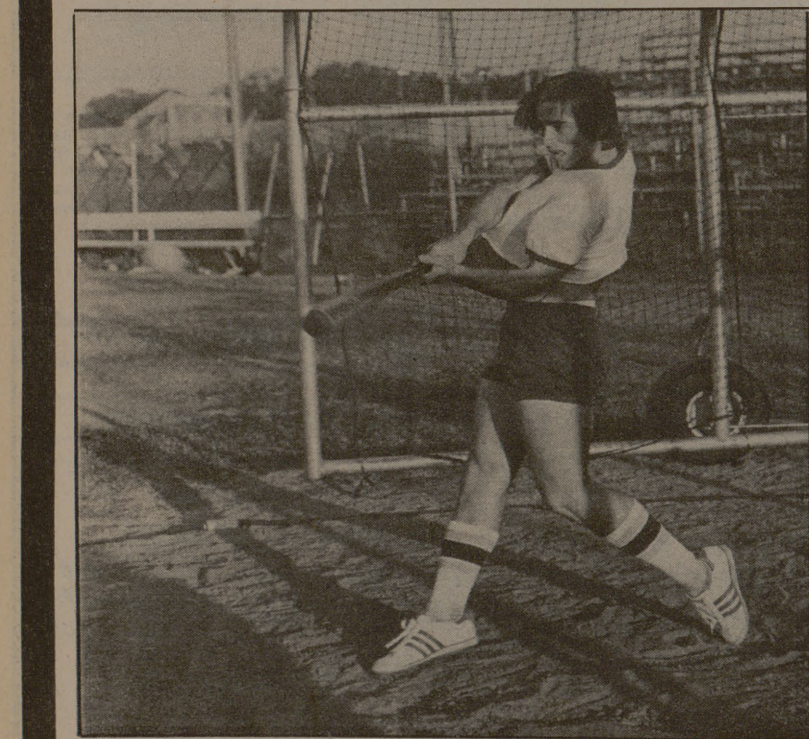
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## INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

DRIVE-THRU WINDOW

BREAKFAST EVERY MORNING



Bruce Klingler (Crocker Dorm) is shown here making the winning slam to establish himself as the All University Home Run Hitting Champion. He stacked up 19 points in his ten allotted hits.

## Home Run Hitting Contest

There was a slight breeze blowing from straight-away center field during the Home Run Hitting Competition that was held Thursday, October 6. Batters started belting the ball at 5:00 p.m. sharp and continued until it was too dark to see the ball. About ten batters did not get their turn at bat until Monday, October 10, due to darkness on October 6.

Color-coded markers were placed at 200, 250, and 300 feet points. Ten swings were allowed to each participant. If the ball hit past one of the markers, you scored accordingly. There was only one ball hit out of the park and Larry Maxwell was the man who did it. Bruce Klingler

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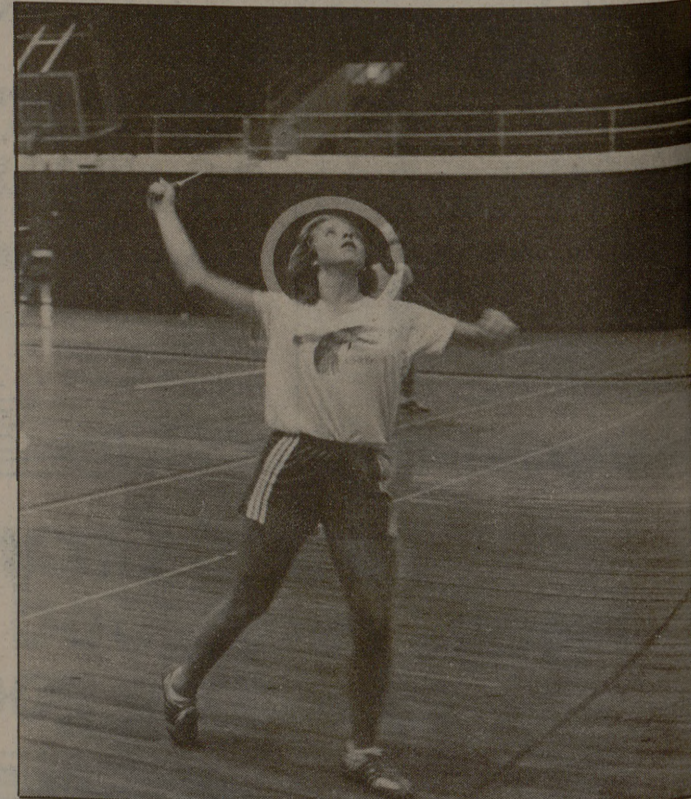
(Crocker Dorm) won the competition and Robert Stringer (Schuhmacher Dorm) placed second. Ron Mossbarger also (Crocker Dorm) took third place with Tony Grice (Independent) taking fourth place. There was a four-way tie for fifth place between Joe Bohlin (Independent),

Steve Jeske (Dunn), Mike Phister (Independent), and Tom Tullis (Squadron 2). Phyllis Stovall (Independent) was the only female participant out of the 70 entrants. The approximate 60 miles per hour speed of the ball didn't stop Phyllis from trying.

## Long Driving Competition

This does not involve cars. It does involve golf clubs of iron and wood. Entries for this contest will close October 18 at 5:00 p.m. Actual competition will begin at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, October 30. The location for the contest will be the Polo Field. The official ball for the contest will be the "club

special" exclusively. There is no restriction on club size or length. Each participant will attempt to drive five balls; the longest of the five will be recorded. All equipment must be furnished by the participants. The Awards will be All-University T-shirts.



"I SPY'S" PARTICIPANT OF THE WEEK  
Ceil Cottingham "zeroes in" on her target during the surprisingly fast-moving sport of badminton. She is participating in class AB competition of a single elimination tournament.

### Dates

Entries Closing

Billiards entries will close on October 18. The competition will begin the following week. The game will be eight ball, and the competition will be single elimination. Games will be played on the MSC billiards tables. Participants will be responsible for contacting opponents and paying for time on tables.

Soccer entries will close October 18. Play will begin October 24 for this single elimination play. No team will be allowed to have

**IM**  
SPORT SHORTS

Entries Opening

**Racquetball Doubles** entries will open October 17. Single elimination competition will begin October 31. Matches will consist of two 21 point games with an 11 point tie breaker, if needed.

**Archery** entries will open October 17. Archers must furnish their own equipment. No compound bows or bows that exceed 45 lbs. are allowed. Scopes, peep-sights, prisms, and field points are also illegal in this competition. Archers that have competed or are competing intercollegiately must participate in the open bracket.

## IM's Pick of the Week

- MEN'S CLASS A FOOTBALL
- |                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Olympia Gold (Ind.)   | 11. Gulf Coast AC (Ind.)    |
| 2. Ambrosia (Ind.)       | 12. Squadron 15 (Corps)     |
| 3. Walton #1 (Dorm)      | 13. Squadron 12 (Corps)     |
| 4. L-1 Team 1 (Corps)    | 14. High Chicago (Ind.)     |
| 5. Sebek Bunch (Ind.)    | 15. Eagles (Ind.)           |
| 6. Quick Silver (Ind.)   | 16. Moore Hall (Dorm)       |
| 7. A-1 Fish (Corps)      | 17. Odd Squad (Ind.)        |
| 8. Deep Threat (Ind.)    | 18. Davis-Gray IV (Dorm)    |
| 9. Davis-Gray III (Dorm) | 19. E-2 (Corps)             |
| 10. Squadron 2 (Corps)   | 20. Fish Squadron 9 (Corps) |
- Well, the IM Office went out on a limb and made some predictions according to present and past records. It's up to the teams to prove or disprove the picks. The flag football season is off to a very good start this year and competition is even better than last year. Some of the teams have posted impressive early season scores. There may be a dark horse or two in the running but only time will tell.

## Announcements

Anyone interested in officiating Soccer or any sport could contact James Welford in the IM Office or at 845-7826.

Mandatory Team Managers' Meeting will be held October 20 at 5:15 p.m. in room 601 of Rudder Tower.

**Note**  
Registration for all sports must be done at the IM Office.

"Bowlers have more spare time."  
— Al E. Turkey

**Refs Corner**  
Football Officials' Meeting will be held in room 267 G. Rudder White Coliseum at 8:00 p.m. October 20.

Volleyball Officials' Meeting will be held in room 267 G. Rudder White Coliseum at 9:00 p.m. October 20.