

SMU drowns conference in meet

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With one more event left in the WC swimming championships and cheer began at one end of the University of Texas' new pool. "SMU Mustangs. Conference champions 1957, 1958, 1959..." and it ended, in succession with 1975. For the 22nd straight year SMU out-swam the conference and won the first night of the championships on it was just a matter of deciding the order of the bottom seven teams (Baylor does not have a swim team that swims on the conference level).

The Mustangs won 15 of the 18 swimming events, setting 13 conference records in the process and led the meet with 683 points. Mustangs, finishing a distant second, compiled 366.5 points in the three-day event. Houston finished with 184.5 while A&M swam into fourth with a 182 total.

Even in defeat, there were some high points for the teams trying to compete with SMU.

The hosting Longhorns proved that the Mustangs are human in at least one event. Tony Scott, a Longhorn diver, won the one-meter diving event, an event that SMU won for the past five years. The Longhorns swept fourth through sixth place in the same event.

As for the Aggies, the meet was held solely as a stepping stone for the NCAA championships in Long Beach and the AAU championships later this spring.

Bob Leland, the junior out of Austin, led the Aggies in qualifying the nationals with outstanding performances in the three events. Leland finished third in the 200-yard breaststroke and second in the

100-yard breaststroke. Leland also swam the second leg of the 400-yard medley relay team in which the Aggies finished third, but qualified for both NCAA and AAU championships. Included on the relay team are Shawn O'Gorman, Chuck Burr and Greg Meek.

"We had a seven-second drop off our best time this year on that medley relay," said swimming coach Dennis Fosdick on the performance of the relay team. "That was just an astounding performance. And I think we can get even faster for the nationals."

It became a battle for the Aggies to hold on to fourth place which they gained on the first day of competition. Tech, finishing with 154 points for the meet, was within striking distance of the Aggies throughout and it took some record-breaking performances for A&M to hold off the Red Raiders.

On Thursday, Roger Lein, swimming in the 500-yard freestyle event for A&M, finished eighth in the field, but turned in an A&M school record with his performance. Lein returned to the water Friday to swim in the 200-yard freestyle. Though he finished in the eighth position he again broke a school record with his time of 1:45.45.

But in his best performance of the meet Lein swam the 1650-yard freestyle event and finished a strong third, breaking his third school record of the meet.

In the same event, Simon Gray of Houston won turning in the fastest time in the nation, swimming the 1650-yards in 15:16.36.

In three other record-breaking performances, Chuck Barr finished fifth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 50.56 qualifying him for the AAU championship, Ed Kahil also qualified for the AAU's. Shawn

O'Gorman placed fourth in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:54.70, breaking the oldest school record that dated back to 1974, and Hugo Cuenca turned in a time of 1:53.62 finishing seventh in the 200-yard butterfly.

But the story of the Aggies revolved around Leland and his performance in the meet. Leland broke four school records and has a chance to be the first swimmer from A&M to earn points in the NCAA championships since 1957.

"I just want to make it into the finals out in Long Beach, said Leland after his record-breaking performance. "I'll just be satisfied to be

swimming with the best people in the nation."

Coach Fosdick was pleased with the outcome of the meet.

"This (meet) is what we've been training for all year," said Fosdick. "We can come here to do our best, but we can also see where we need help in our recruiting."

"If we don't get lucky with our recruiting we'll be fighting for third place forever. The way Texas and SMU are swimming it will take new recruits and some walk-on help if we hope to ever compete with those two."

"And it looks like SMU will add '79 and '80 to their list."

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There it was in the back of the room surrounded by other pieces of worn-out furniture. The three-drawer chest had chips in the finish from the wear and abuse that comes with life. The chest appeared to be much older than it actually was because of the accumulation of layers of dust. One day despite its outward appearance, someone bought it knowing that it had potential. The first step on the way to renewing it was to strip off the old finish, the build-up of wax from attempts to cover up the wear. This was a time-consuming step since the wax adhered so well to the wood. Second, a type of oil was applied to add color and life to the whitened, bare wood. This oil was gently rubbed into the wood itself. Last, an impenetrable top coat was applied to seal the job from further wear and abuse. With shiny brass handles the chest is now admired by all who would have scorned at it before. No one except the owner would have spent the time or money to refinish the piece because of its outward hopeless condition. Yet with the owner's love it is now a most attractive piece. It is too late to buy this piece of furniture, for it now has an owner who will take care of it and polish it daily.
Such was my case. I, like the chest, appeared to be a hope-

less case. I was worn out from the daily wear of living. At a young age I felt that I had gone through all the abuse the world could give. I had applied too many coats of wax to cover up the despair I felt about my future. My future should have been bright. I had friends, good times and made the Dean's Honor Roll often. Yet I felt lost and alone even in the midst of my best friends. Why couldn't I be happy? Why wasn't I satisfied?
One day I remembered how happy I had been after I was saved. I had called on the name of the Lord Jesus and asked him to come into me to dwell and be my life. (Romans 10:13 — *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*) The Lord filled me with a happiness and satisfaction that could never be found in the world. After many years I had tried to find that kind of happiness and fulfillment from the world. It was all in vain. Finally I knew absolutely that nothing the world could ever offer me could replace the Lord Jesus' living inside of me. (II Corinthians 13:5 — *Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you.* . . .) At this point I knew what I wanted — the Lord Jesus Christ!
Though I appeared to be hopeless to others and not worthy of repair, God was faith-

ful to repair me. He stripped off the thick coats of wax exposing me thoroughly. He patched up the chips of emptiness left in me. Then with care he restored life to me by anointing me with his oil, the Holy Spirit, and rubbing it into my being. Finally he sealed me with his image to protect me from the world's abuse. (Romans 8:29a — *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son.* . . .) I do not appear to be the same today as I was one year ago, nor has the Lord sold me to someone else to place in that person's home. I am the Lord's property and I happily live in his house today. Daily he polishes me with his special oil. Best of all I continually improve because of the daily anointing. Now with shiny new handles I glow with happiness. I've been reborn of the Spirit not the flesh. (John 3:6 — *That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.* . . .) I am finally satisfied because I am filled within my being. (Ephesians 5:18b — *but be filled with the Spirit;* . . .) My future is the best because it is with the Lord Jesus for eternity.
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