



Youth soccer coach sought

The South Texas Youth Soccer Association is seeking an associate state coach for the Brazos Valley area. State association officials have contacted Howard Shertzer, president of the Brazos Valley Youth Soccer, in their search for an area person to assume the position.

Shertzer explained that the associate state coach's main activity would be preparing and presenting soccer clinics for coaches and parents in the Brazos Valley. At the present time he would primarily be servicing the Brazos Valley Youth Soccer Association in Bryan-College Station, but his territory would also include Grimes and Burleson counties at such time as they form soccer clubs.

For further details, contact Shertzer at 693-7886.

Spring is in the air

The Texas A&M football team went through a tough first day of spring drills Tuesday at Kyle Field (not at Viking Stadium as *The Battalion* erroneously reported yesterday). Coach Tom Wilson was pleased with the attitude and aggressiveness of the players. The only negative aspects of the afternoon were the losses of receiver Mike Whitwell, who broke his wrist, and tight end Chuck Carr, who injured his ribs.

Battalion photo by Bill Wilson

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Astros open lockerroom

United Press International
HOUSTON — The Houston Astros locker room in the Astrodome will be open to all news media following games.

That decision, issued by the club, marked a change in policy of a concession to women sports reporters who have sought access to that afforded men reporters.

In the past women covering the game were restricted from the locker room but were provided an adjoining room for interviews. Reporters were brought to the interview room under the arrangement.

Astros' management had considered a number of alternatives after the National League office earlier this month suggested that the teams open up locker rooms to women reporters. Manager Bill Virdon was opposed to allowing women in the locker room.

The club also announced that for the first time the Astros locker room will be closed to all reporters before games.

Burkholder leaves Rice

United Press International
HOUSTON — Brett Burkholder, a 6-10 starter on Rice's basketball team, has left school and intends to enroll at DePaul, Rice coach Mike Thuler said Tuesday.

Burkholder was the prize of Thuler's 1978 recruiting crop, but had an undistinguished freshman season, averaging 7.2 points and 5.2 rebounds. The young Owls team finished 7-20.

"The only reason he gave me was personal problems at home," Thuler said.

DePaul is located in Chicago, Burkholder's home town.

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