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Sports grew and died during 70s

By MIKE RABUN
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Major league baseball had come to Texas in the 1960s and the initial entry—the Houston Colt 45's—set an impressive record for futility. But for true comic relief, it was hard to beat the Texas Rangers during the 1970's.

Bob Short moved his Washington Senators to Arlington in 1972 and the club lost 100 games in its first two seasons. Then, after plastic pipe magnate Brad Corbett of Fort Worth bought the club, zaniness set in.

Players came and went in droves and so did managers. Texas was used to challenge for the American League West title with some regularity during the decade, but always managed to come up with a long losing streak at just the right time to wipe out the hops of the fans.

The highlight came in 1977. Manager Frank Lucchesi was beaten into submission by second baseman Len

Randle during spring training and things went downhill from there. At midseason the Rangers went through four managers in as many days.

Finally, however, the Houston Astros came along to produce some exciting baseball and almost win the National League West pennant in 1979. And with the addition of fast ball throwing Nolan Ryan to an already talented pitching corps, the Astros have high hopes going into the next decade.

Not every sport managed to grow in Texas during the '70s, perhaps reflecting the trend toward doing.

Major league hockey started up in Houston in the form of the Aeros and during the middle portion of the decade the franchise drew attention because of the venerable Gordie Howe and his sons—all of whom played on the club. But the Howes grew disenchanted with the Houston management, left town and the Aeros folded

before the World Hockey League could merge with the National Hockey League.

Those anxious to have parimutuel wagering in the state also suffered through a frustrating decade and still have to go to Louisiana, Arkansas and New Mexico to bet on the horses.

Texas voters rejected parimutuel betting three times in the 70's—by 7 percent in 1972 and 2 percent in 1974. The proposition failed again in 1978 as a nonbinding referendum in both the Republican and Democratic primaries.

Professional soccer, unlike its amateur counterpart, also failed to make much of a splash in Texas. A team in San Antonio folded and the NASL franchises in Dallas or Houston have not been huge success stories.

The World Championship of Tennis, yet another sporting venture created by Dallas millionaire Lamar

Hunt, opened in the early part of the decade and caught the fancy of the tennis public because of a series of thrilling finals between Rod Laver and Ken Rosewall.

But as the decade advanced the WCT became muddled in a sea of tennis tournaments.

In track and field, the Texas-El Paso Miners became a dominant force. Using a quality group of foreign athletes, UTEP won six NCAA track and field titles—four outdoor and two indoor.

And in golf, Texas continued to supply the PGA tour with top players including Ben Crenshaw, Tom Kite, Bill Rogers and Keith Ferguson.

With an Olympic year coming up the state of Texas was set for a busy stretch in the world of sports.

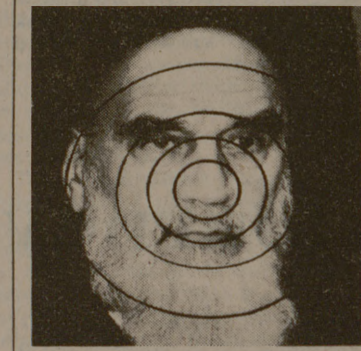
Olympic swimming trials are scheduled in Austin next spring as is the NCAA track and field championship.

SWC cage standings

	W	L	Pct.
Arkansas	5	0	1.000
SMU	5	0	1.000
Texas Tech	5	1	.833
Texas	4	1	.800
Texas A&M	5	4	.556
Houston	2	2	.500
Baylor	2	4	.333
TCU	1	2	.333
Rice	1	5	.167

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
MONDAY: Arkansas 68, Athletes in Action 67 (ot); Tulane 56, Rice 53; DePaul 66, Texas 60; Texas A&M 71, Sam Houston 47; Illinois 79, TCU 64; Texas Tech 58, Air Force 54.
TUESDAY: Baylor 83, McMurry 69; Houston 126, Texas Lutheran 78.
WEDNESDAY: Texas A&M 85, East Texas 42.
THURSDAY: Texas Tech 83, Lamar 68.
FRIDAY: LaSalle 72, Texas A&M 67.
SATURDAY: Arkansas 67, Mississippi 59; Baylor 102, Oklahoma City 92; SMU 77, Texas-Arlington 66; Texas 88, Biscayne 63; California-Santa Barbara 66, Texas A&M 61; Houston 83, New Mexico 80 (ot).

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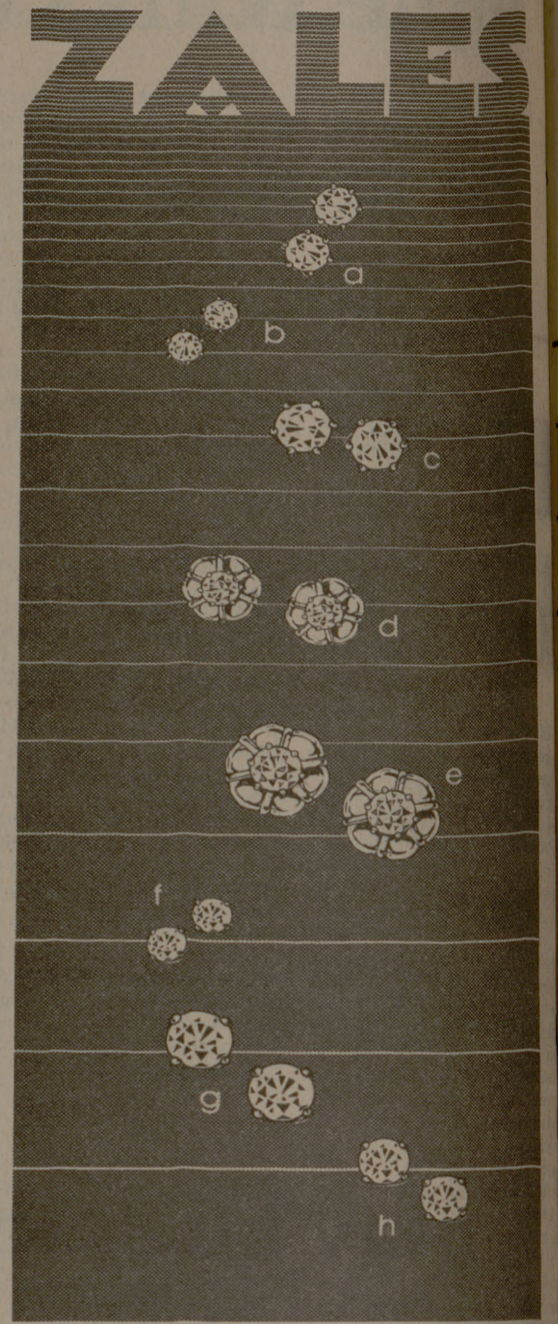
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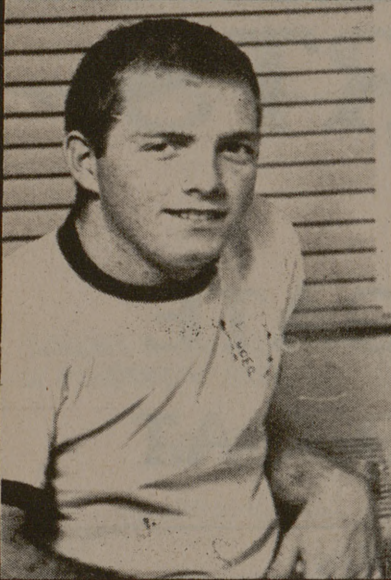


McDONALD'S INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

At University Drive



At Manor East Mall



CAUGHT IN THE ACTION this week is John Hardin, athletic corporal of Squadron 2. John is a 19-year old management major from Houston. John enjoys sports and meeting new people in Intramurals. John is also involved in SCONA, Class Council, and Student Y. John was a district swimmer in high school and specialized in the butterfly and freestyle. Besides IM swimming, John has also played flickerball, football, and volleyball this semester. Squadron 2 won the outstanding athletic flag last year and is well on its way this year by placing second in Corps division in flickerball and bowling. The Fish are also doing well, according to John, who manages and coaches all the outfit's teams, along with his athletic sergeant and senior.

In The Spotlight —

The Minimaxers outscore the Bag Rats 1,653 pins to 1,586 pins in Men's Class C Open Playoffs? Minimaxers included Carl Holliday, 393 pins, Marc Schneider, 449 pins, Bob Rowledge, 395 pins, and Wayne Nuenke, 416 pins. The Bag Rats had Buster Renfrow, 415 pins, Tim Burditt, 337 pins, Mike Raible, 374 pins, and Chris Matthews, 420 pins.

In volleyball the Ball Bangers overcame the Six Packs, 14-16, 16-14, and 15-12 in CoRec, Class B. Ball Bangers consisted of Jay Sellers, Mark Jurenk, Wayne Starr, Scott Kimball, Georgia Chiles, Theresa Cull, Dan Stevenson, Pam Johnston, and Sherrie Koueffel. Team members for the Six Packs were Kathy Pfeiffer, Clay Lane, Chris Smith, Danny McCutcheon, Dru Rogers, Greg Cooper, and Peter Huddleston.

The Swingers outvolleyed Lotsa Luck in CoRec Class C volleyball 15-13, 16-14. Lotsa Luck included Jackie Dodd, Kenny Munsell, Cindy Vaughn, Mark Andrews, Kelly Stewart, and Brad Furry. The Swingers teammates included Charles Bartlett, Camile Reed, Tony Zinsmeyer, Lynann Pinkham, Blake Hodges, Phyllis Tidwell, Tracy Roden, Christie Rothe, and Kenny Rothe.

In Corps Class Volleyball, F-2 overcame N-1 15-7, 10-15, and 15-12. John Wallace, John Sneed, Jay Stevens, Brian Rice, Doug Duffie, Glenn Otto, Sid Walker, Mark

Swanner, and B.J. Jordan played for F-2. N-1 included Art Cuellar, David Duncan, Kevin Udell, Jerry Fernandez, Mike Masterpool, Norbert Gonzalez, and T. J. Hill.

In Women's Independent Class A, SDS fell to the Wall-Eyed Spikes 15-7, 15-12. Wall-Eyed

Special Offer: Basketball Tourney

The Texas A&M Sports Official Association in conjunction with the Intramural Council will conduct a special basketball tournament January 13, 14, and 15. This is a great chance for your Intramural basketball team to try out the competition before the Intramural season starts and practice with the new intramural rules.

The tournament is open to all TAMU students faculty and staff with a \$20.00 entry fee. Entry blanks are available at the Intramural

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Spikes' members were Marianna McNamara, Theresa Clayton, Conna Carr, JoBeth Green, and Donna Carpenter. SDS included Andy Bolata, Janelle Overhouse, Pam Wigham, Suzanne Brown, Angela King, Bobbie Bolata, Fran Stanley, and Leslie Walter.

Office in DeWare Fieldhouse. The entry fee should be turned in with the entry form to the Intramural Office. Entries close December 18, 1979 at 5 p.m.

The basketball tournament will be double elimination with awards for 10 members of the first place teams in each Men's, Women's, and CoRec Divisions. NCAA rules will be used in coordination with the new Intramural rules. The Intramural rules will be available by December 19 in the IM Office.



The "I Spy" photographer this week selects Tanya Hrabal to be eligible for a Be Our Guest card for free food from McDonald's. Tanya is seen here bowling in the Intramural finals of team bowling.

In The Winner's Circle

Racquetball Winners

Class A
 Corps - Gus Fernandez & Jim Lawson (D-1); Fish - Mike Taylor & Jim Terrios (I-1); Mens Dorm - Bill Black & Billy Waddell; Men's Independent - Tony Grice & Tom Meinecke; Women's Dorm - Georgia Hughes & Becky Carpenter (Sq. 14); Women's Independent - Cindy Lomez & Terry King; CoRec - Tony Grice & Terry King*
Class B
 Corps - Rusty Powell & Doug McGowan (E-2); Fish - Kevin Burandt - Kurt Nielsen (Sq. 7); Men's Dorm - David Ragsdale & Al Neuman (Schuhmacher); Men's Independent - Scott Weens & Craig Brown; Women's Independent - Becky Darcé & Vicki Markowski; CoRec - Michael Bishop & Sue Oakleaf.
Class C
 Men's - Mike Nebrig & Bill Abbott; Women's - Rene Mott & Sam Mason; CoRec - Robin Parker & John Bradbury.

Table Tennis Winners

Class A
 Corps - Ron Bottoms and Dennis Webb (E-1); Fish - Michael Ogden and Walter Benadof (F-2); Men's Dorm - Reid Freeman and Jim Grubert (Cain); Men's Independent - Edward Chan and Churdkiat Cheowittrakul*; Women's Dorm - Sandy Grump and Kelly Conley (Krueger); Women's Independent - Donna Imy and Robin Parker*; CoRec - Ray Battenfield and Jill Hawley*
Class B
 Corps - Norris Hodgins and Steve Dalton (F-1); Fish - Lee Netterville and Kurt Nauck (B-2); Men's Dorm - Greg Freeman and Daryl Dauer (Aston); Men's Independent - Larry Earles and Charles Purdue*; Women's Dorm - Terry Moore and Amy Hollingsworth (Haas); CoRec - Patrick Ryan and John Dymke
Class C
 Men's Independent - Hal Halthorn and Bret McCants*; Women's Independent - Lynn Wampler and Cheryl Northam*
 *Indicates All-University Champions

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DeWare Fieldhouse:
 Dec. 22-Jan. 2: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (see exceptions)
 Exceptions: Dec. 24 & Dec. 31: 10-6 p.m.
 Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 closed
 Jan. 3-8: 4-10 p.m.
 Jan. 9: Resume Regular Hours

C. Rollie White:
 Jan. 22-Jan. 2: Closed
 Jan. 3-Jan. 8: 4-8 p.m.
 Jan. 9: Resume Regular Hours

Tennis Courts:
 Dec. 22-Feb. 29: Discontinue Reservation Service, Lights go out at 9 p.m. with use on a first come first serve basis.

Ref's Corner

OFFICIAL THANKS
 A sincere thank you goes to all those who officiated Intramural sports during the fall semester. Officiating is often a thankless job and we, the staff, want to show our appreciation for the outstanding performance of each and every official. Much of the success of our programs is due to the high quality of officiating and you all deserve a hearty thank you.

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