

Photo by Flavio Villacorta

Fly swatting

Members of the Texas A&M and San Antonio Lacrosse Club teams fight for the ball Saturday in a matchup on the drill field. The Aggies lost their first game of the season, 12-10, to the SALC, dropping their record to 3-1.

Texas baseball team is looking good

By GLENN KRAMPOTA
Battalion Staff
The Southwest Conference begins league play March 13, and the team that has dominated the scene since baseball began league play is the University of Texas.

This year should be no different. Since 1915 the Longhorns have won or shared the championship 52 times. To show the extent of their domination, Texas A&M is second with 11.

This year's model of the ongoing dynasty, conference champion by one-half game over the Aggies last year, enters the season much in the same situation as the Aggies did in 1980.

Six starters return, including three All-SWC performers, to give them a very experienced team out in the field. But the pitching, according to Coach Cliff Gustafson, is a big question mark.

"That's the big area of no com-

parison with last year's team," he said. Gustafson bemoaned the loss of Keith Creel, his number one pitcher for two years. Jim Acker, who developed enough to become a first round draft choice of the Atlanta Braves, will also be missed.

"We may have to do what A&M did last year," he said. "Hand the ball to three freshmen and say go get 'em."

Over the phone Gustafson made light of his own team's chances.

"Arkansas appears awesome, they look like they belong in another league," the coach said. "And A&M looks strong with their pitching. I would like to hope we could compete, but right now it looks like we're fighting for second place."

With any contribution from an unproven pitching staff, Texas, despite Gustafson's gloom, should be fighting for a slot one higher

than second. Three All-SWC regulars return in the field. Dean David is an all-star at second base, as are Chris Campbell and Mike Zatopek in the outfield.

Gustafson said he has another All-SWC possibility at shortstop in sophomore Spike Owens. Owens led the league in runs scored as a freshman.

The Longhorns also return hurler Dave Seiler who fired a no-hitter against SMU last season. Gustafson said Seiler has a lot of potential, but needs to prove he can pitch with consistency.

Right now Mike Winthrow and Doug Laufer loom as the Longhorn's other two starters, according to Gustafson.

The Longhorns have a flock of highly regarded freshmen pitchers who Gustafson said may be in a position of having to contribute immediately.

"It should be a very exciting

Vote defeats transfer rule

United Press International
AUSTIN — The University Interscholastic League announced member schools have voted overwhelmingly to abolish the league's one-year transfer rule, and making moot several years of litigation.

Dr. Bailey Marshall, the UIL director, said the schools voted 830-204 to abolish the controversial rule. The regulation required that any student who transferred to another school could not participate in football or basketball for one year unless the student was a senior.

Litigation has been pending in several cases around the state in the past few years where students barred from competition because of the transfer rule. Two weeks ago the Texas Supreme Court heard testimony on a case by a former Austin student who was barred from competition after he transferred to Texas from another state.

Marshall said the vote by the schools will make the legal cases moot.

Marshall said the new rule would require the parents of the transfer student to establish "a bona fide residence" before he or she is eligible to compete in interscholastic sports. The new rule, which the UIL director said would become effective during the 1981-82 school year, could be easily enforced.

TANK McNAMARA



by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds

Former UCLA ballplayer arrested on murder charge

United Press International
LOS ANGELES — Former UCLA football star Billy Don Jackson was charged with murder Friday in the death of a man police say was stabbed to death during an argument over a drug purchase.

Jackson, a 6-3, 230-pound defensive lineman from Sherman, Texas, surrendered to police Wednesday after hearing he was a suspect in the Oct. 27 stabbing death of Mark Bernolak, 28. Jackson was formally charged and arraigned Friday.

Detective Glen Varner said Bernolak apparently was killed as he struggled with two men over a small amount of marijuana. The struggle attracted the attention of residents in Bernolak's apartment house who saw two men flee. Descriptions led police to Jackson, Varner said, while the other man is still being sought.

Jackson was a freshman starter at UCLA in 1977 and became a three-year letterman. He was a two-time recipient of the N.N. Sugarman award, given to the player who exhibits the best spirit and scholarship by a vote of the UCLA players.

But things apparently began to

go sour for Jackson, and coach Terry Donohue suspended him for four games in his junior year because he missed four practice sessions. Instead of returning to UCLA, Jackson tried out for a team in the Canadian Football League but failed. In September 1980 Jackson enrolled at San Jose State on a football scholarship but quit two months later.

"The tragedy is that not only

was Billy Don a great athlete, he said a former coach, Donohue, "but that he had a great personality and great leadership and great passion."

"It might have been the lights and fast pace life in L.A. that did him in," said another coach at UCLA, Donn Swann. "It is easy to get caught up in glamour."

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IM Game Plan

ENTRIES OPEN: Today (Monday, Feb. 23) is the opening day for accepting entries in Horseshoe Doubles, Frisbee, and the Fast Pitch Softball Tournament. Rules and information on all of these competitions can be obtained in the IM Office.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Tomorrow (Tuesday, Feb. 24) will be your last chance to enter Tennis Doubles or Team Bowling. Bowling teams are reminded that all league games and the first round of playoffs must be paid for at the time of entry in the IM Office (\$11.20).

INTRAMURAL WRESTLING: Entries are still available for the IM Wrestling tournament and will be accepted at the weigh-ins next Monday (March 2) from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Matches will begin on Tuesday, March 3 at 8:00 p.m. Practice time is available this week (Feb. 23-27) from 8 - 10 p.m. in room 260 of G. Rollie White. No hard shoes are permitted on the mats.

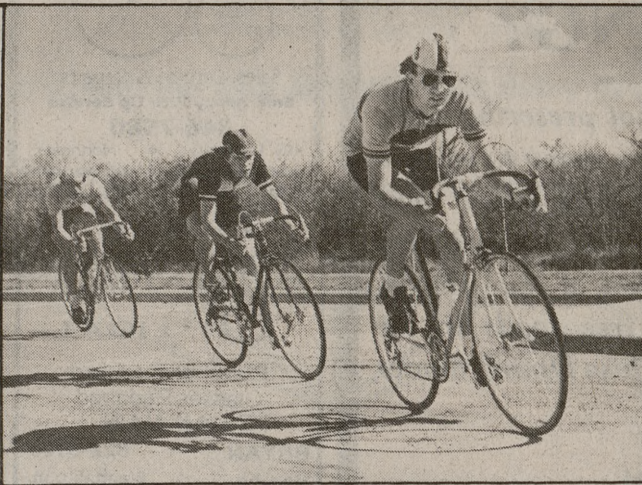
RACQUETBALL PARTICIPANTS: Those individuals entered in the Racquetball Singles Tournament are reminded to double-check what facility their match will be in (East Kyle or DeWare). If you are assigned D1 through D7, then your match is in DeWare and if you are assigned EK8 through EK14, then your match is in East Kyle. Don't be in the wrong place at the right time!

INNERTUBE WATER POLO OFFICIALS: Anyone interested in becoming an IM Official for Innetube Water Polo should attend the first meeting at 7 p.m. on March 2 in room 231 of G. Rollie White. For further information, contact Lynette Ginn at 845-7826 or stop by Room 159 East Kyle.

BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS: There will be team captain's meeting concerning playoffs on Thursday, March 5 at 5:15 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Playoffs will begin on Sunday, March 8.

Sports Clubs Are For You...

A&M cycling team members Gene Kraft, right, Rick Sandberg, center, and Scott Yarborough train at the Brazos Center.



Penberthy Countdown

The Second Annual Penberthy Celebration of Sports will be accepting entries starting on Monday, March 2. Entries will be limited in the respective divisions (men, women, co-rec), so enter as early as possible.

The Celebration will run from March 27 through March 29 at the Penberthy Intramural Complex. The highlight of the celebration will be the 48 hour continuous play softball tournament. Other special events (i.e. tobacco spitting competition) will be planned throughout the weekend.

Additional information may be obtained from the IM Office in room 159 East Kyle.

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Students, faculty, staff and their respective spouses should be aware there are still recreation lockers available for rent in East Kyle. These lockers rent for \$3.00 per semester or \$12.00 annually. Interested individuals should stop by the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office in room 159 East Kyle.

IM Fencers Foil

Tanna Rose and John Vastano emerged from last week's Intramural Fencing Tournament as the top foilists in the women's and men's divisions, respectively.

The three women foilists competed for three rounds after which a composite score was tallied with Rose claiming the title.

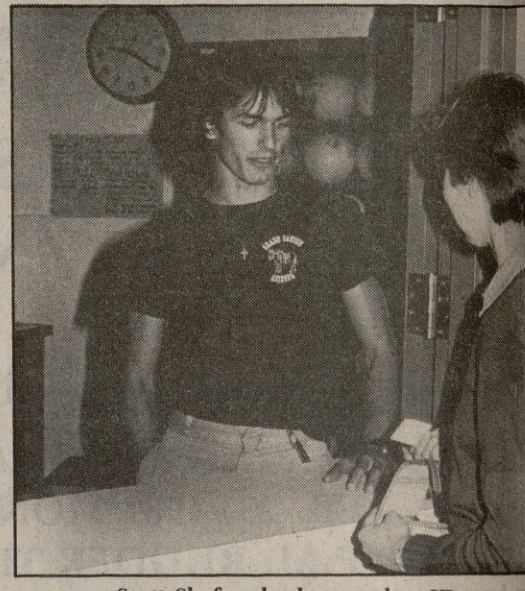
In the men's competitions, six foilists competed in the first round while five competed in the second round. The top three in each round then advanced to a

round-robin final with Vastano outlasting the other five challengers.

TAMU Fencing Club Tournament Chairman Kenneth Peck commented that all of the competitors showed good fencing form and that the tournament was a very good beginners' tournament.

The Intramural Department would like to express their sincere appreciation to Peck and the Fencing Club for their assistance and cooperation in sponsoring the competition.

Jim Magdelenski sets to shoot during a recent Association of Handicapped Athletes' basketball practice. Jim is our McDonald's® "Be Our Guest" winner this week and should stop by the Intramural Office for his B.O.G. card.



Scott Shafer checks a student ID.