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'Twelfth Woman' aids archery team

Senior takes place of ill team member at contest

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In true Twelfth Man fashion, a senior electrical engineering major came to the aid of the Texas A&M archery team.

When one archer was ill and unable to attend the Nov. 6 Longhorn 1200 Tournament in Austin, Coach Frank Thomas asked Ruth Grove to be the fifth member of TAMU's women's team. Grove was at the Austin tournament to watch her husband Randy compete on the men's team.

Texas A&M won the Longhorn 1200 by 31 points.

"I didn't feel like a hero or anything," Grove said. "It never really hit me what I was doing."

"I think we should always be ready if somebody needs us. It's nice to be able to help."

To qualify for tournament competition, five male archers and five female archers must be present to shoot. Their scores are totaled to

determine the winning team.

Ten minutes before the tournament began, Thomas asked Ruth to shoot.

"I knew Ruth had taken beginning archery last semester, so I took along an extra bow," he said.

"Just before we were to shoot, I suggested that she should shoot for us."

Ruth complied.

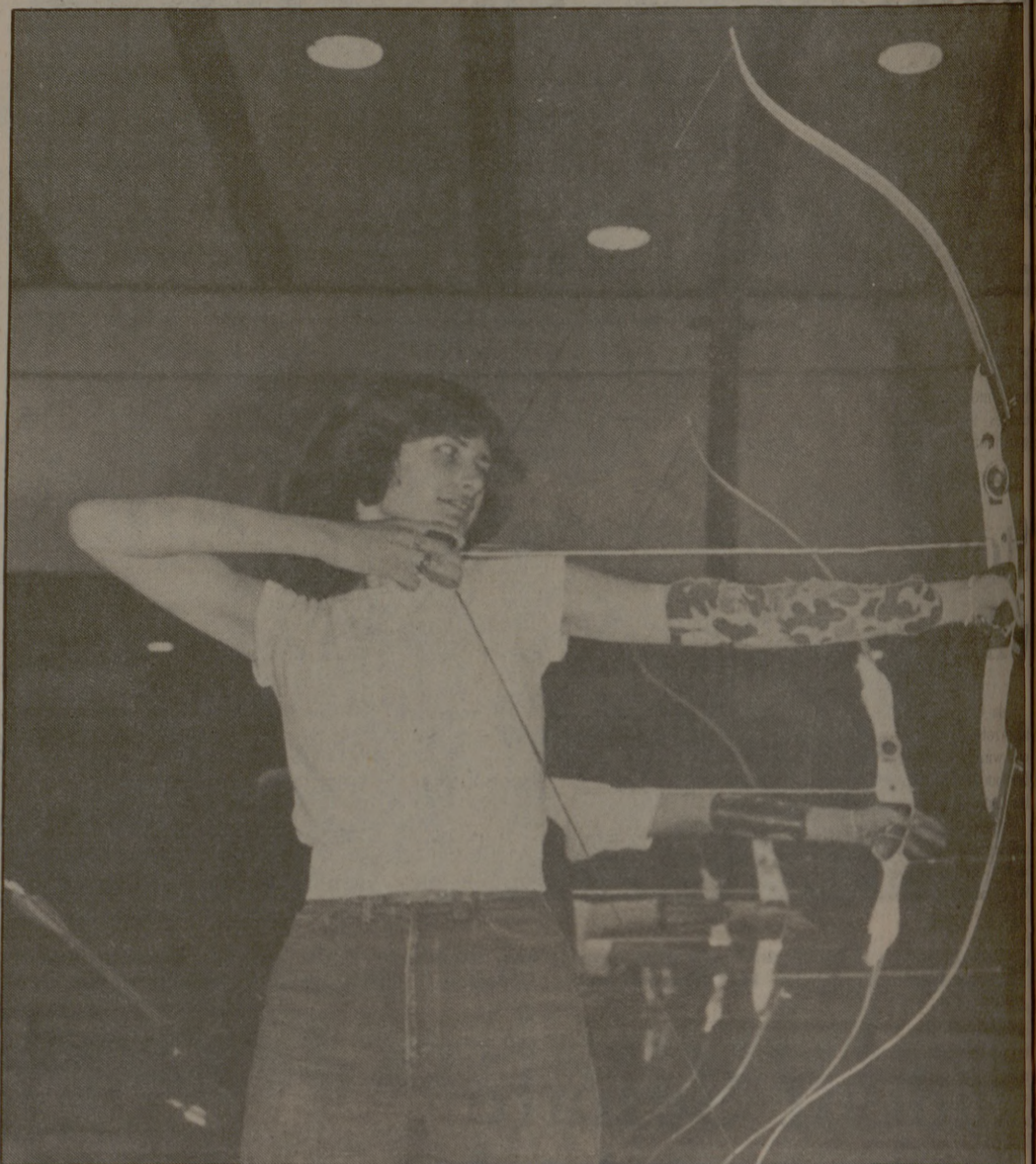
"They only had four girls, and they needed five," she said.

"Without five, they couldn't qualify, but they didn't tell me that until after I shot."

"Everything was new. In beginning archery, I shot a 20-pound bow, and 30 arrows was the most I'd ever shot."

In the Longhorn 1200, archers shoot a total of 120 arrows over a two-day period with a 25-pound bow.

"Without Ruth, we couldn't have won the overall or the women's trophy," Thomas said.



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Ruth Grove practices her archery skills.

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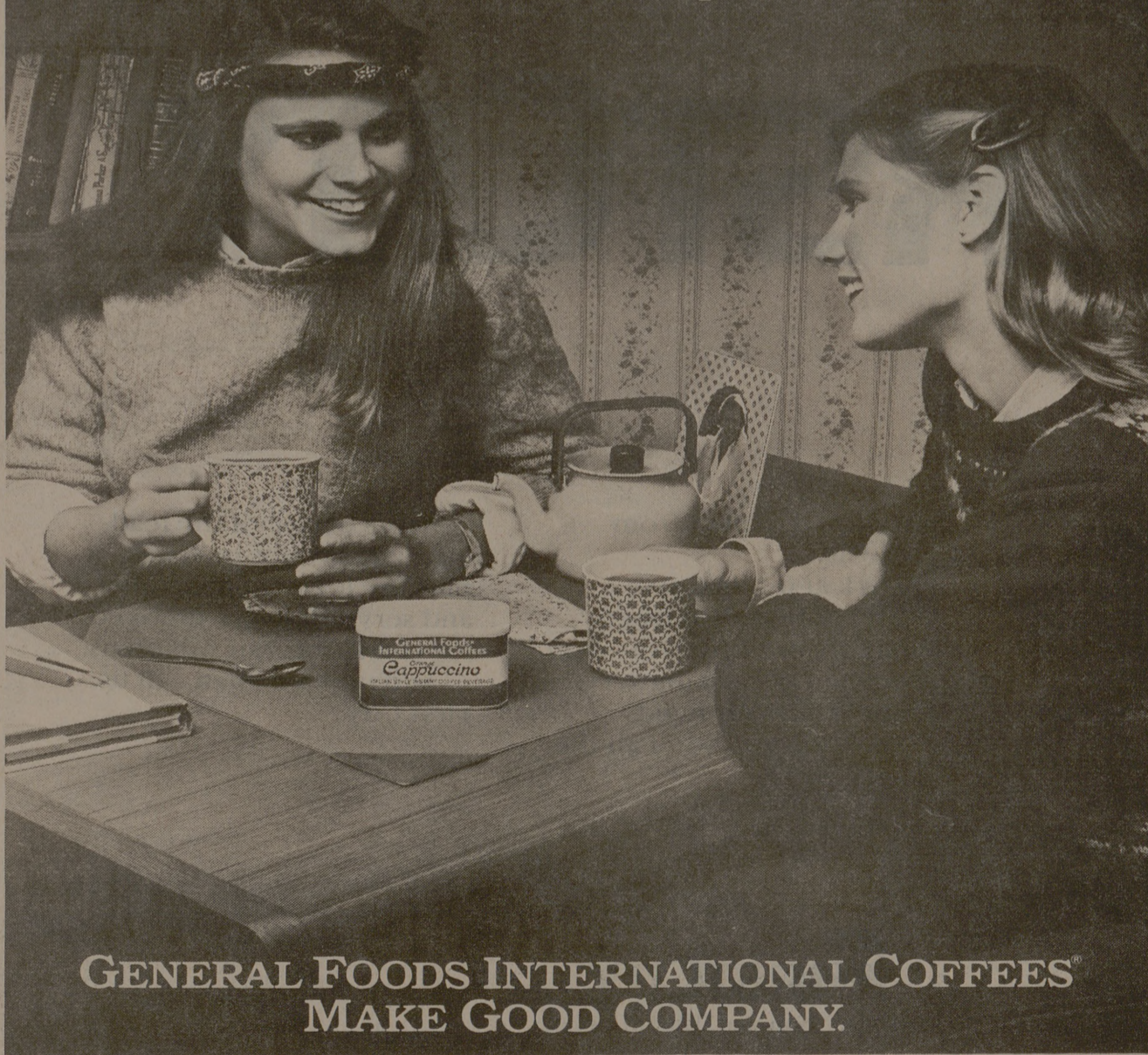
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Principal temporarily suspended

United Press International RICHARDSON — A high school principal has been suspended for 35 school days for authorizing student funds to be used to redecorate a staff office.

Lake Highlands High School Principal Jimmie Fountain says he will appeal the suspension, which would cost him about \$12,000, because he says the punishment is excessive, and he was not accorded due process.

In a letter to trustees of the Richardson Independent School District, Superintendent John F. Roberts wrote that Fountain was being suspended without pay from Jan. 4 to March 20.

Roberts said Fountain, in 1979, authorized \$600 worth of commissions from a class ring company to be used for redecorating the teacher's lounge.

In a written statement accompanying Roberts' letter, Fountain admitted authorizing use of the funds, but said investigations by the Dallas County district attorney's office and an internal auditor found nothing wrong with the expenditure other than with procedure.

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