

Sports



Women's soccer team places eighth in AIAW tournament

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Jim Butts has his sights on the future. The coach of the Texas A&M women's soccer team took his players to the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national tournament last Thursday through Sunday, where the Aggies finished eighth in a 12-team field. The Aggies, who entered the tourney as the number 10 seed, came in with a 12-0 record, but they found that the competition gets a little tougher outside of Texas.

Texas A&M won its first match of the tourney, but lost the next three to finish the season with a 13-3 record.

That's why Butts, the first-year coach of the team, has decided that his team must play stiffer opponents during the regular season in order to fare better when national tournament time rolls around. When he and Athletic Department officials meet Dec. 5 to coordinate the team's fall and spring schedules for 1982, Butts hopes to round up some better competition than what the Aggies faced this year.

St. Louis, 4-2 to number three Harvard University and 2-0 to number eight University of Massachusetts.

"In order to place higher than we did in the tournament, we've got to face better competition than Texas can offer us," Butts said. "We have never seen teams that played ball as well as they did."

Top-seeded, number one-ranked University of North Carolina won the tournament to finish the season with a 23-0 record. The Tar Heels defeated surprising 11th-seeded University of Central Florida 1-0 in the championship game. UCF entered the tournament with an 8-2 record, with its only regular-season two losses coming at the hands North Carolina.

Butts said several of his players performed well in the tournament, which was the first official AIAW national tourney. Team scoring leaders Carol Smith and Carol Gittinger, who finished the season with 13 goals apiece, led the Aggies by scoring two goals each during the tournament.

Smith also was chosen to the 12-player all-tournament team.

The Aggie coach cited 1980 All-American Adele Fairman and reserve Bonnie Zigmond for their play during the tourney.

Butts said the team's downfall came during the loss to Harvard,

when the Aggies led 2-0 at half-time, but gave up four goals in the second half to lose.

"It was really one of our only truly flat games. I think the girls played national caliber soccer. They're now aware of what they have to do next year."

Turkey Trot offers people chance to meet others

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There is a legal way to enjoy Thanksgiving turkey with all the trimmings and not feel guilty. The event is rising early Thursday morning and participating in the 12th Annual Aggie Turkey Trot.

The trot is a 3.2 mile non-competitive run/walk for participants of all ages. Rain or shine the event will begin at 8 a.m., just as has been since 1969.

The Turkey Trot course begins in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum and goes to Jersey Street, around the golf course and back to the coliseum.

The Health and P.E. Department along with the Intramural-Recreational Sports Department

is sponsoring the event and will make locker rooms available and T-shirt transfers will be on sale.

Dr. John Cheverette, health and physical education professor, created the program to promote physical fitness while allowing visitors for the Texas A&M-University of Texas football game, students, faculty and local citizens to meet each other and have a good time. The event began as part of the Bryan-College Station community's Thanksgiving activities.

"The Trot provides a common bond," said Cheverette. "Everyone enjoys talking to others and finding out where the other is from."

Cheverette emphasized that

the trot is not a race — goals are set individually. Some people race against each other and some just want to finish the course, he said.

When the event began, certificates were sent to everyone who participated. Now, there are so many people that they hand out certificates as competitors cross the finish line.

Dr. Larry Ringer, a statistics professor at Texas A&M, has a stack of certificates in his office. He participated in the first Turkey Trot 12 years ago and hasn't missed one yet.

"Thanksgiving morning is a chance to sleep late and it's hard to get up so early to run," Ringer said, "but I don't want to break my streak now."

Texas A&M faced teams like Southwest Texas State, Stephen F. Austin, Baylor, Trinity and Sam Houston State during the regular season. Butts said the University of Texas offered his team its only real competition within the state this season, and the Aggies defeated the Longhorns by scores of 4-0, 3-2 and 3-0 on the way to their perfect record.

Butts admitted that the Aggies' lack of competition this year may have contributed to the team's showing in the AIAW tourney. However, the scores indicate close matches, with Texas A&M defeating the University of Cincinnati 2-1 Thursday, then losing over the weekend 2-0 to number two seed University of Missouri-

Archery team wins regional tournament

The hosting Texas A&M Archery Club won the South Central Regional tournament Saturday and Sunday, easily outdistancing runner-up University of Texas by several hundred points.

UT placed second in the two-day tourney, while Louisiana State University placed third.

The Aggies won the overall trophy as well as the women's trophy and the co-rec trophy. The co-rec competition features the top two male and female archers from each competing team. UT won the men's trophy.

The Aggies have so far this season qualified four shooters for the national tournament, and Thomas hopes to have several others compete in the May tourney. The team members who have qualified are Perry Perez, club president Forrest Parker, Mark French and Cynthia



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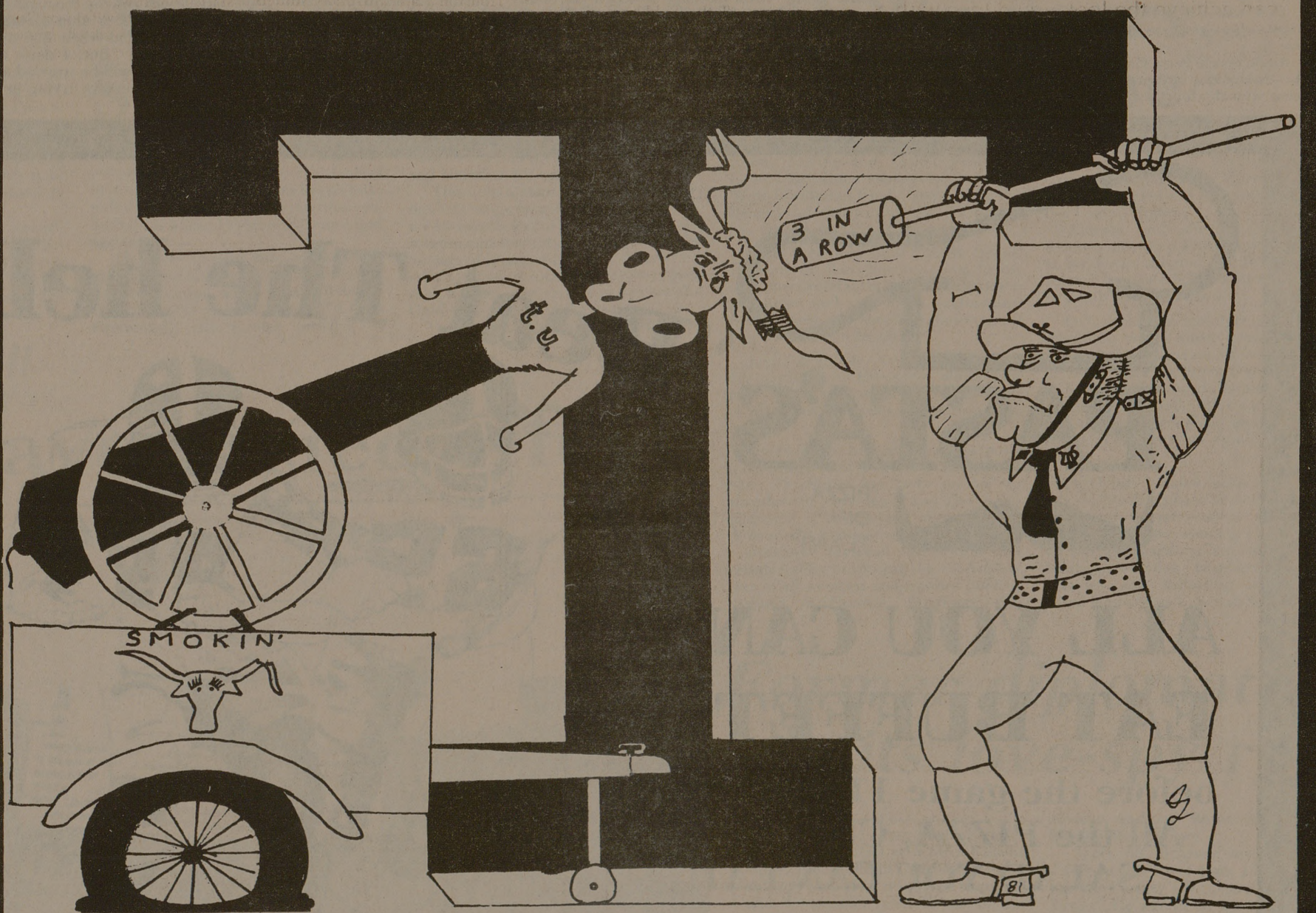
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