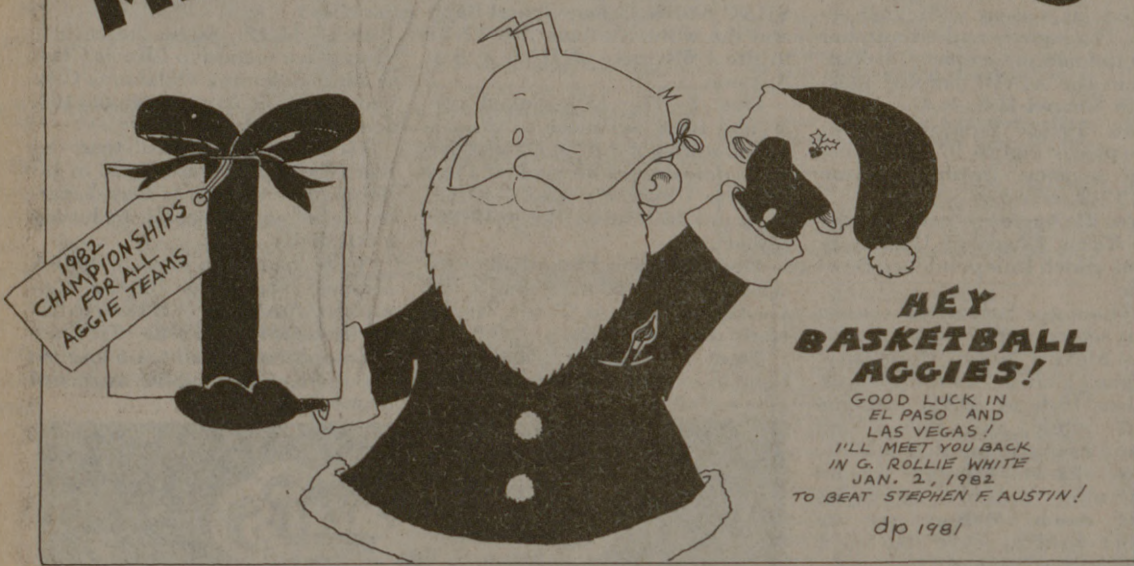


# Sports

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



## Busy holiday

### Aggie basketball team to travel to tournaments

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The Texas A&M men's basketball team will participate in two tournaments over the holidays, traveling Friday to the Sun Carnival Classic in El Paso and Dec. 28-29 to the Christmas Classic in Las Vegas, Nev.

The Aggies' first-round opponent in this weekend's tourney will be Oklahoma State, which finished with a 14-15 record in 1980-81. The other opening game pits Georgia Tech against hosting University of Texas at El Paso.

Texas A&M, 4-1 for the season, will be led by forward Claude Riley, guard Tyren Naulls and center Rudy Woods, the top three individual scorers. The Aggies

placed second last weekend in the Illinois Classic, defeating Oklahoma City University 89-77 and losing to the hosting Illinois Fighting Illini 77-63 in the championship game.

Coach Shelby Metcalf said the Aggies will face a quick Cowboy

squad in Friday's game.

"They play a 90-foot game — on both ends of the court and in the middle," Metcalf said. "They like to press and run a lot."

"I don't know whether there'll be a team at the tournament as tough as Illinois, but our first-

round game will be most difficult. The tournament probably be one of those you just pick 'em."

Leading the way for Oklahoma State will be 6-5 center Combs, 6-5 forward Ricky and 6-3 guard Matt Clark.

## Malone, Rockets send Suns into shade 99-95

United Press International  
HOUSTON — Phoenix had a dazzling first five minutes and a strong third quarter, the rest of the time the Houston Rockets closed ranks, hit what they were aiming at, and pulled out a 99-95 win.

Defensively, the Rockets had 16 first-half rebounds.

Offensively, mainstay Moses Malone was the game's top scorer with 34 points, and another 26 points came from players on the bench, seeing action since Robert Reid took leave last week to attend to personal business.

One of the standouts was second-year man Calvin Garrett, who hit four key jump shots early in the fourth quarter, when Houston scored 10 straight points.

Rocket coach Del Harris said: "This was a good team victory tonight, with our bench contributing 26 points, including key bas-

kets in the fourth quarter. Our offensive execution was about the same as usual tonight, but the shots went in for a change."

In the first five minutes of the game, the Suns outscored the Rockets 14-2. But the first quarter ended with Houston owning a 10-point lead at 31-21, and a 12-point

lead, 59-47, at the half.

Phoenix surged through the third quarter, spearheaded by Alvan Adams' 11 points, to pull even at 74-74.

Truck Robinson led Phoenix with 21 points, while Dennis Johnson added 20 and Kyle Macy had 17.

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### Spring Schedule

Now that the fall semester is drawing to a close, it's time to start looking forward to the events of the spring. There are over 20 different Intramural Sports activities being offered for early 1982. Listed below are the entry dates for each.

SPORT	OPEN	CLOSE
Basketball	11/30	12/8
Free Throw	1/25	2/2
Team Bowling	1/25	2/2
Racquetball Singles	2/1	2/9
Slow Pitch Softball	2/1	2/9
Table Tennis Singles	2/8	2/16
Tennis Doubles	2/15	2/23
Wrestling	2/15	2/23
Horseshoe Doubles	2/22	3/2
Frisbee	2/22	3/2
Slam Dunk	3/1	3/9
Innertube Water Polo	3/1	3/9
Water Polo	3/1	3/9
Penberthy Celebration of Sports	3/1	3/9
Volleyball Triples	3/8	3/23
Track and Field	3/22	3/30
Handball Doubles	3/22	3/30
Golf Doubles	3/22	3/30
Archery (Singles and Doubles)	3/29	4/6
Superstars	3/29	4/6
Canoe Race	4/5	4/13
Steak Fry	5/6	

### Flickerball Finale

It was an even match-up in the Class A Men's All-University flickerball finals, but the "Bucs" finally edged the "Schu D.W.E.'s" 35 to 32.

The Class A semifinals were all independent teams, while all the semifinalists in Class B All-University playoffs were dorm teams. In the Class B tournament, "Dunn Godzilla" tackled "DG Gimmeabeer" and won 28 to 22.

There were 71 men's flickerball teams this year. 31 of those teams were independents, 32 were dorms, and eight were from the corps.

In Dorm divisional playoffs, the "Puryear Athletics" slipped past the "Dunn Lops" 20-19, while the "Crocker Flickoffs" put away the "DG Mudballers" in the Class A semifinals. It was the "Puryear Athletics" over the "Crocker Flickoffs" in the finals.

The Class B match-ups were tough, but "Dunn

Godzilla" defeated another team from Dunn, the "Dunn Silent Q's." At the same time "DG Gimmeabeer" was putting the "Crocker B.C.'s" in their place. In the finals "Dunn Godzilla" was victorious.

There were 18 CoRec teams. In the Class A All-University semifinals, "D.W.E.'s" defeated "Doesn't Matter" and "Hot Shots" dinged "R, W, and B" 16 to 13. The "D.W.E.'s" outscored "Hot Shots" 25 to 15 in the finals. In Class B semifinal action, "Zip and the Zippets" went against the "Stones" while "WCAFF" met the "2%ers". It was "WCAFF" and "Zip and the Zippets" in the finals. It was close, but "WCAFF" won it 16 to 15.

Congratulations to all the winners and to all the other teams who played and made the 1981 season a success.

Seasons Greetings!

and Happy Holidays from the Intramural-Recreational Sports Staff!



CHIN UP... Finals are almost over!

### Racquetball Results

After five weeks of play and 406 matches, racquetball has ended last week. There were over 340 teams involved in seven divisions. The 1981 winners were:

- MEN'S CLASS A**  
All-University: John Breckerdite and Tom Meineke  
Corps: Doug McGown and Lance Gillian (F-2)  
Independent: John Breckerdite and Tom Meineke
- WOMEN'S CLASS A**  
All-University: Cindy Gough and Shirley Hill  
Dorm: Kathy Koprnikan and Becky Ethridge  
Independent: Cindy Gough and Shirley Hill
- MEN'S CLASS B**  
All-University: Mike Clements and Troy Strake  
Corps: Richard Harrison and Keith Nelson (K-1)  
Fish: Jeff Wagnon and Jay Rector (Sq. 5)  
Dorm: Mark Smith and Sandy Cunningham (Davis-Gary)
- Independent: Mike Clements and Troy Strake**
- WOMEN'S CLASS B**  
All-University: Jami Hall and Maria Abad  
Dorm: Carol Rush and Kathy Bartholemew (McFadden)
- Independent: Jami Hall and Maria Abad**
- CO REC CLASS A**  
Mark Bewley and Sue Oakleaf

### COREC CLASS B

Cameron Walker and Kathy Turner  
Congratulations to all of you! Don't forget racquetball in the spring.



Corps and Fish units will have to pull together this spring to win the Intramural All-Year Award.

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