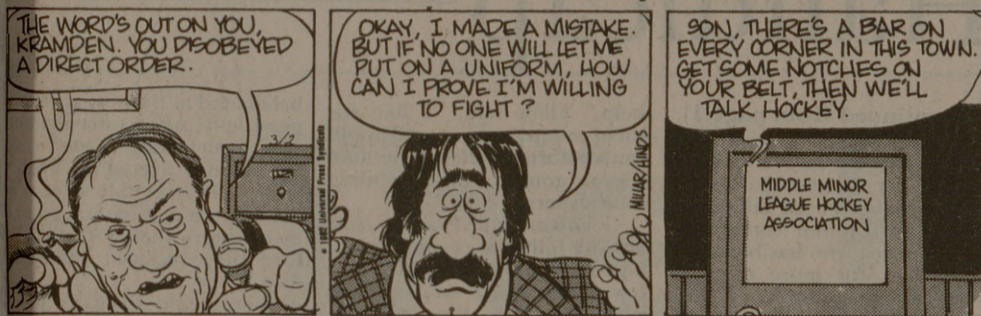


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Pistol team

Aggies place first in free event; total may qualify for nationals

The Texas A&M pistol squad's free pistol team placed first in an intercollegiate sectional meet at the University of Texas at Arlington this weekend.

Compiling 1,851 points of a possible 2,400, the free pistol team was led by Peter Schaller, who finished second in the overall competition. The standard

pistol team placed third, totalling 2,051 points, and Bill Little ended the meet second overall in the air pistol event.

Other teams in the meet included UT-A, Texas, Sam Houston State and Southwestern Oklahoma State.

Coach Curtis Burns said some of the scores may qualify for the national tournament, to be held

at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. The top seven teams in the nation in each event are invited to participate in the meet.

Texas A&M's standard pistol team placed sixth in the nation last year after qualifying with a total of 2,038 points, so Burns said there may be a chance for this year's team to qualify as well.

Texas Triathlon

Three-sport event set for April 10

Nearly 200 people have signed up for the first Texas Triathlon, a swimming, running and bicycling event slated for April 10.

The deadline for entering the Texas Triathlon, a scaled-down version of a similar competition in Hawaii, is April 3. Meet director Tom Weis of Texas A&M University says participation will be limited to the first 500 persons submitting entry forms and the \$12 registration fee.

The Texas Triathlon, jointly sponsored by the Texas A&M Extramural Sports Club Association, Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce and Schlitz Brewery, will include swimming one kilometer (20 lengths of a 50-meter pool), running 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) and cycling 30 kilometers (18 1/2 miles).

The triathlon will begin with the swim at Texas A&M's Wolford Cain Olympic Pool. Upon completion of this part of the competition, participants will run to the Brazos Center, a convention park area, where they

will bike along a route on the Highway 6 bypass on the east side of Bryan and College Station.

Activities begin at 8 a.m. Because of the logistics involved in the swimming, that event will have several starting times, with participants being assigned a starting time in accordance with their estimates for completion.

"Once they start, however, the clock keeps running until they complete all three events," Weis said. "In essence, participants are competing against the clock — and themselves —

rather than necessarily against other individuals."

Trophies will be offered to the top four finishers in 10 different age groups, with separate categories for men and women. T-shirts will be given to all participants and commemorative plaques or paper weights will be

awarded to participants who finish the event.

Weis said the each participant must be accompanied by a person to be available to count laps at the swimming pool and transport the person's bicycle to the start of the biking event.

Flying team wins one event, loses two in meet at Texas

Jon Word and Don Reed of the Texas A&M flying team took first place in the bomb drop event in a meet with the University of Texas in Austin.

In this event, a team of two (pilot and bomber) flying at an altitude of 200 feet drops sacks of flour on targets on the ground. Points are added for the sacks landing closer to the center of the targets.

Other finishes for the Aggies were Word, fourth in the power-off landing; Word, Reed, team captain Jim Wrayford and Javier Camba second in the team bomb drop; Peter Colman fifth in the power-off landing, and Bobby Benson third in the power-on landing.

The team, which defeated Texas last semester, lost two events and won the bomb drop. Texas A&M plans to host SMU and Texas later in the semester.

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