

Ultimate team places second in tournament

by Kellie Kurtin
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The Texas A&M Ultimate team placed second last weekend in the first state-wide Ultimate tournament held on campus this year.

Ultimate, played with Frisbee discs, is a fast-paced game with two teams of seven players on a 120-yard field, which has two 30-yard-deep end zones. The objective is to move the disc to the opposite end zone by throwing it to teammates, Tim Houseal, co-captain of the tournament, said.

A Houston team — the Houston Aerodynamics — won the tournament when they defeated the Aggies 15 to 10 in the finals on Sunday.

Other teams attending included the Austin Ultimate team, the Ether Bunnies from Austin, the Sam Houston State University team, the North Texas State University men's team and the North Texas State University women's team.

The Texas A&M team consists of approximately 25 people and usually competes in eight or 10 tournaments an academic year, Houseal said. On April 17 and April 18 the team will attend another tournament in Dallas.

The team, previously associated with the Disc Association of A&M, is awaiting a decision on their bid for extramural status, which may occur next fall.

"We're getting more competitive, so we want extramural status," Houseal said, "if we get it, we may receive some funding from the university to help us host our own tournaments and cover various expenses."

The Aggies practice three times a week either at the polo field or the jogging track, and Houseal said anyone can join in the game.

In the game, a player cannot

run with the disc and if the disc touches the ground, it constitutes an automatic turnover.

"If I were on team A and threw a bad pass which hit the ground, team B could pick up the disc and move it immediately," Houseal said.

The game involves almost continuous running, good disc skills such as throwing and catching, and good disc sense.

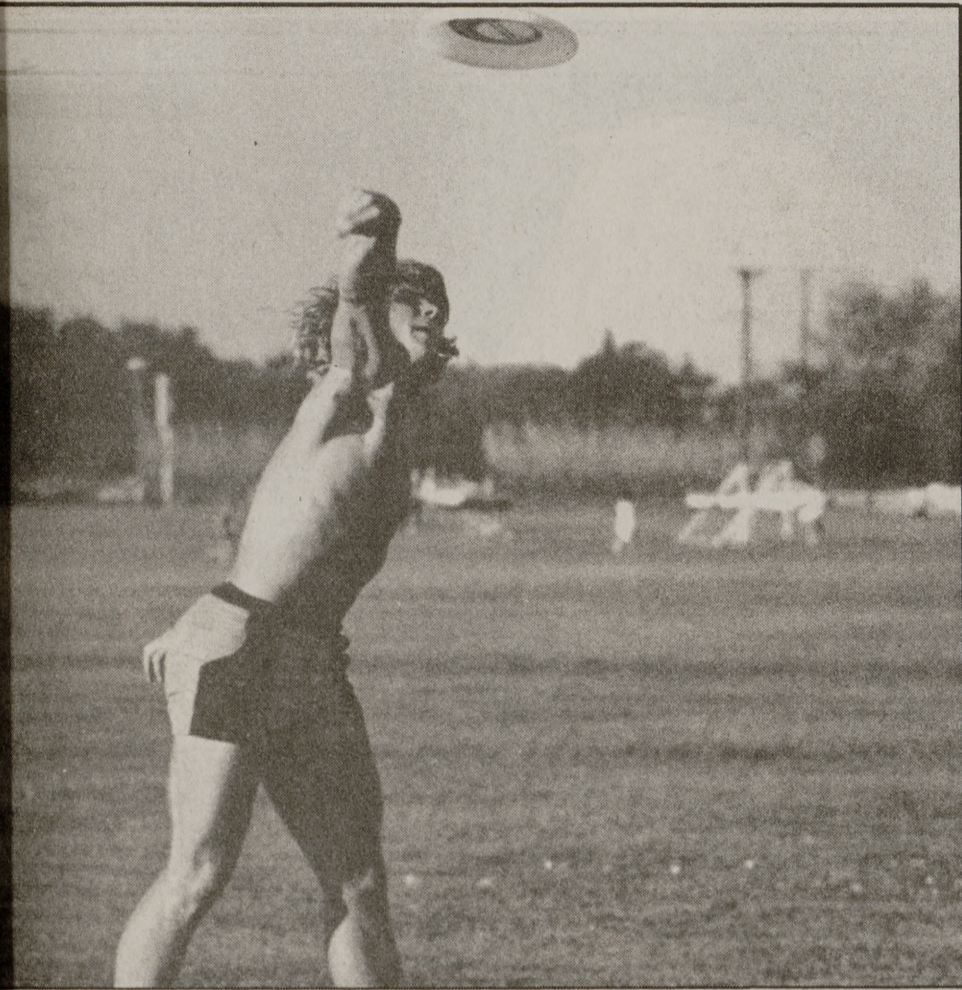
"It's similar to soccer in the amount of running," Houseal said, "There is continuous running until a point is scored."

Each time a team moves the disc into the end zone one point is added to its score.

No officials watch Ultimate games on any level, including the nationals and regionals.

"The game is played on the honor system and the people with disputes settle them themselves," Houseal said.

A few women are interested in the start of a women's Ultimate team at Texas A&M, Houseal said, but more women are needed.



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Ultimate thrill

Tim Hackney, a sophomore during the practice of the Texas recreation and parks major from A&M Ultimate team on the polo Flower Bluff, catches a throw field.

'Parents' identities a mystery for now

by Debbie Schard
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All Aggies have a new set of parents, but they'll have to wait until Parents' Weekend April 16 through April 18 to find out who the folks are. The name of the couple selected as Aggie Parents of the Year will be revealed on that Sunday at the Parents' Day awards program at 9 a.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

The Parents' Day Committee will say only that the new Aggie "Dad," class of '47, and his wife are actively involved in Texas A&M University, community activities, and their children's careers at Texas A&M. The committee chose the winners after reviewing 19 nominees. Any Aggie could nominate his or her parents for the honor.

The winners will receive a plaque at the ceremony, and

they will be honored during a football game in the fall. The new Parents will also receive complimentary football tickets to all home games for the 1982 football season.

"The winners are invited to all University events on behalf of all Aggies," said Joe Meyer, chairman of the Parents' Day Committee. "They are parents of all of us now."

Parents' Weekend originated in the early 1900s when mothers came up to visit their sons. In 1925, the Aggie Mother of the Year was recognized, and in 1974 the award was changed to Aggie Parents of the Year.

Former Aggie Mothers and Parents of the Year since 1960 have been invited to the ceremony Sunday so that they may be presented with a special re-

membrance.

The schedule of events for the weekend includes a Who's Who reception, a variety show, and the Residence Hall Association's Casino on April 16. On April 17, family pictures will be taken in the lounge of the Memorial Student Center, and the Rudder Complex, the Student Programs Office and the MSC will hold open house. The Off-Campus Aggies also will sponsor a barbeque in the MSC at 4 p.m.

The Colleges of Architecture, Business, Engineering and Liberal Arts are also holding open houses Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Maps and schedules of events for the weekend will be available in a Lambda Sigma information booth by the Rudder fountain.

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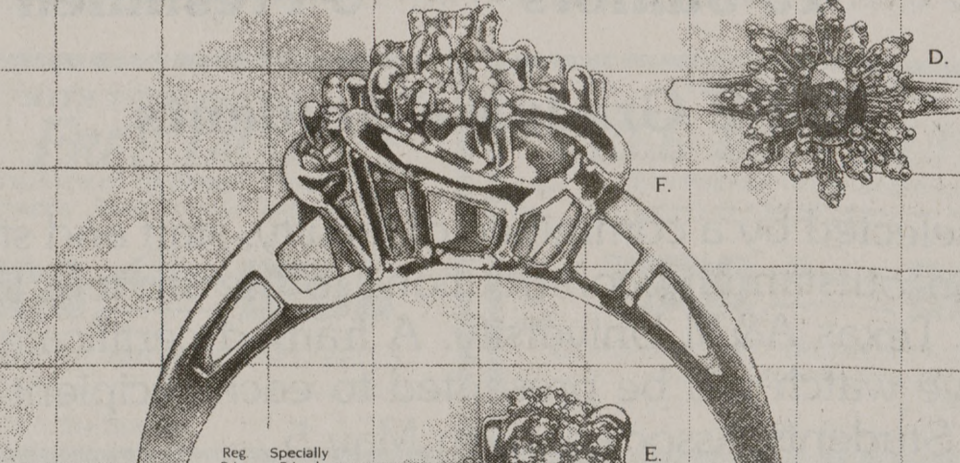
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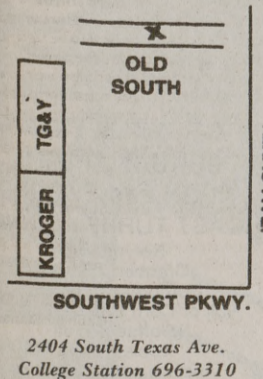
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