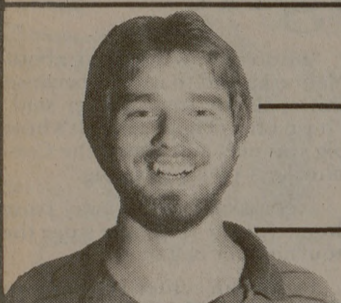


## You better believe in Phi Slama Jama



John Wagner

Now do you believe, Dick Vitale? Now do you understand? You can take Villanova, St. John's, North Carolina or Virginia anytime. It's OK.

You can say all you want about Eastern basketball. It's all right. And you can sit, perched atop your ivory tower on the ESPN set, preaching about Ralph, or Patrick, or whomever, because they simply don't care.

They, as in the Houston Cougars, are going to the Final Four. Villanova, St. John's, North Carolina and Virginia are not. Georgetown isn't either. Nor is Boston College. All the teams that Vitale, the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network's college basketball expert, raved about all year long are gone. And Houston, which Vitale said couldn't dodge the bullets, is still alive and jamming.

The Cougars go by many different names. *Houston Post* columnist Thomas Bonk coined two of the monikers, The University of Hurston, after UH's dangerously physical practices, and Phi Slama Jama, for the Cougars' main love — dunking the basketball.

But that's not all. Television announcers have a simpler nickname for Houston — they call them the Cavalry. UH Coach Guy Lewis has a bench so deep he could saddle up the second team and still win 20 games.

And that's been the key to the Cougars' success this season. They can hit you so many ways, with so many different people, that most teams never have a chance. Opponents may stay close, but not for long.

The emergence of Akeem Olujuwon as a dominant center has been a factor, but experts agree that without depth at guard, Phi Slama Jama would still be pledging. Freshman Alvin Franklin and junior Michael Young start for the Cougars, and, along with sixth man Reid Gettys, have given UH the solidity in the backcourt it needed to make a run at the national championship.

With the changes, the Cougars become a different team. Take Olujuwon out, and they become a smaller, guard-oriented team. Put Franklin in and they are quicker. Put Gettys in and they become smarter. Like a riddle with more than one answer, the Cougars work well no matter who's on the court.

Although ranked No. 1 in the final season-ending poll, UH has had to fight for respect. The Cougars are wild and undisciplined, critics say. Wrong. They can't play the slow-down game. Wrong again. They are weak in the backcourt. No way.

Last year, when the Cougars made it to the Final Four, Texas A&M basketball coach Shelby Metcalf said the rest of the country didn't really look down on Southwest Conference basketball — that the SWC was respected for its talent and caliber of play. The Cougars' success, Metcalf said, was just helping that reputation along.

And so it is this year. The Cougs may not win it all, but they sure have made people — even Dick Vitale — change their glances from East to South when they think of quality college basketball.

## USFL: Reaves leads Bandits past Stars

United Press International Philadelphia never looked better for John Reaves. And John Reaves never looked better in Philadelphia.

Returning to the stadium where he began his pro career, Reaves passed for 248 yards and one touchdown in the first half Sunday to spark the Tampa Bay Bandits to a 27-22 USFL victory over the Philadelphia Stars.

"It's great to win here," Reaves said. "I was 0-8 as a starter with the Eagles. Coming back to Philadelphia where my daughter was born and back to this stadium was a great feeling. I looked forward to it all week."

The Bandits, 4-0 and the USFL's only unbeaten club, scored on four of their first six possessions en route to a 27-13 halftime lead. The defense took over in the second half as the Stars lost for the first time in four games.

Reaves, who was a first-round draft choice by the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles out of Florida in 1972, hit 16-of-32 passes for

269 yards. He accounted for Tampa Bay's first touchdown on a 33-yard pass to Eric Truvillion just 2:38 into the game.

After David Trout kicked his first of three field goals — a 35-yarder — to bring the Stars within 14-10, Tampa Bay scored a touchdown and two field goals by Zenon Andrusyshyn on its next three possessions.

In other games Sunday, Boston beat New Jersey 31-21, Washington edged Michigan 22-16 in overtime and Chicago defeated Los Angeles 20-14.

Birmingham downed Arizona 16-7 Saturday night. Oakland is at Denver tonight.

At East Rutherford, N.J., three New Jersey fumbles in the final period set up touchdowns run by Richard Crump and Tony Davis and a 45-yard Tim Mazzetti field goal, helping the Breakers down the winless Generals.

At Washington, Kim McQuilken fired a 22-yard TD strike to Joey Walters on the first drive of overtime to win it for the Feder-

als. At Chicago, Greg Landry threw a 5-yard TD pass to Doug Cozen and Kevin Long scored on a 1-yard run to lead the Blitz. The Blitz and Express are 2-2.

At Birmingham, Ala., rookie Scott Norwood kicked three first-half field goals and Cornelius Quarles, in his first USFL game, scored on a 39-yard run as the Stallions beat the Wranglers Saturday night.



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Roll or Corn Bread & Butter  
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Coffee or Tea  
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## Track, tennis teams win weekend events

The Aggie men's track team and the Texas A&M tennis teams both tasted success in this weekend's action.

The track team brought home the gold from the Baylor Invitational after strong performances in the field events and the hurdles in Waco. And the tennis teams were also big winners as the women's squad defeated Southwestern Louisiana on Friday and Louisiana Tech on Saturday and the men's team won its only match this weekend by defeating Louisiana Tech 7-2 on Saturday.

Jimmy Howard won the high jump with a leap of 7-1 1/2. Greg Porter came in first and John Cole came in third in the discus and Juan de la Garza and Richard Lamb finished first and second in the javelin to score big points in the field events.

Craig Moody finished first and Chappelle Henderson finished second in the 110-meter high hurdles to give the Aggies more points in the overall standings while Andy Elliott turned in a strong performance in the 1,500-meter run with a winning time of 3:55.61. The Aggie mile relay team of Derrell Austin, Bill Shelton, Tony Grier and Henderson rounded out the scoring for Texas A&M.

The Aggie women's team finished second behind Rice by only two points, but it too had a good outing.

Suzanne Sheffield, 1,500 meters; Chandai Phillips, 100-meter hurdles; Sheffield, 800 meters; Deanie Palmer, 400 meters; and Esther Dedrick in the 500-meter run were all individual first-place winners for the Aggies.

## IM Game Plan



**GOLF DOUBLES:** Grab a partner and come enter the Intramural Golf Doubles Competition! Entries open today and will remain open through Tuesday, April 5. You may sign up for a tee time when you register. Available tee times are: 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 2 p.m. beginning Thursday, April 7 through Wednesday, April 13. Green fees are: \$3.50 for students and \$4.50 for faculty/staff.



**PENBERTHY:** Tomorrow is the last day to enter the Penberthy Celebration of Sports. There is a \$40.00 entry fee for this modified double elimination softball tournament. Men's, Women's and CoRec divisions are offered. Come by 159 East Kyle and sign up today!



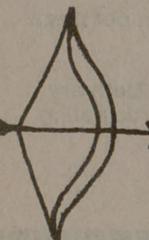
**SUPERSTARS:** Entries for this medley of sports will be accepted until the day of the event on Saturday, April 16. Come by the IM-REC Sports Office in 159 East Kyle before 9 a.m. on Saturday. The competition will be held on Saturday, April 16 and Sunday, April 17. There is no entry fee and Men's and Women's divisions are offered. Events include: softball throw, weightlifting, 100 M dash, 100 M swim, 1600 M run, free throw, golf, tennis serving, frisbee, volleyball, shuttle run, and an obstacle course.



**TRACK AND FIELD:** Dash on over to the IM-REC Sports Office and enter Intramural Track & Field. Entries will be accepted through Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m. Running events are scheduled as follows: Prelims - Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m.; Divisionals - Wednesday, April 6 at 7 p.m.; and All-University - Sunday, April 10 at 7 p.m. The field events will be held on Sunday, April 10. Enter today!



**HANDBALL DOUBLES:** Don't miss your chance to participate in Intramural Handball Doubles. Entries for this event close tomorrow at 7 p.m. Competitive options are: Classes A, B, C, and Recreational. Play begins Monday, April 4.



**ARCHERY SINGLES & DOUBLES:** Hey, TAMU archers! Entries are now being accepted for Intramural Archery in the IM-REC Sports Office in 159 East Kyle. Divisions offered are: Singles - Men's and Women's; Doubles - Men's, Women's, and CoRec. Individuals may enter as many as three divisions. Participants must provide their own equipment.



The 2%ERS take home the Women's Class A Basketball title and T-shirts!



Gag wins the All-University Corec Class A Basketball Title!



The Clydesdales claim the All-University Men's Class B Basketball Championship!

## All-University Basketball Championships

On Sunday, March 6, the All-University Basketball Championships were held. In the Women's A action, the ALL STARS ran into foul trouble which resulted in a loss to the 2%ers by a score of 36-27. High scorer in the 2%er's was Francey Beall. In Women's B Division, the Underwood Devils beat the McFadden Flames 35-29.

In the Men's Class A All-University Basketball Championship, the Iceaman walked away with the title by outscoring the Jim Bobbers 42-37. In the Men's Class B action the Clydesdales held off a second half rally by their opponents, Jamm to narrowly win the Championship by a score of 32-30.

The CoRec Class A Team GAG ran away from their opponents the Dumb Jocks. The final score of the CoRec A All-University Championship game was 62-48. And in Class B action the Bucs rallied from their half time deficit to outscore Showtime 38-35.

The following is a list of the winning teams and members:

Women's Class A 2%er's	Women's Class B Underwood Devils	Men's Class A Iceamen
Sue Lilly	Ronda Rychlik	Ben Langston
Kay Schwartz	Denise Pearce	Bob O'Brien
Stacie Frank	Gaye Denley	Kevin Cunningham
Debbie Drillette	Sherri Larimore	Ed Gillen
Beth Mamaliga	Rhoe Evans	Joe Jenkins
AnRae Gill	Sara Hlavinka	Dwight Arnold
Marla Wells	Mich Hlavinka	Jimmy Hall
Patty Dotson	Susan Cohen	
	Cindy Hamblen	
	Leigh Collins	
Men's Class B Clydesdales	CoRec Class A GAG	CoRec Class B Bucs
Sam Bell	James Waldrip	Ross Simmons
Tommy Sugg	Russell Webb	Joe Schultz
Randy Smith	Danny Thompson	Scott Abel
Kelly Raper	Terri Warren	Darla Kimbrough
David Beal	Becky Stecker	Allison Hensel
Gary Kubiak	Ronda Walker	Jeanie Pruitt
Jeff Farrar	Linda Roessler	Sharon Fontenot
Steve Reis	Jurnett Smith	David Bishop
Bob Bitters	Craig Gargotta	
Mike Whitwell	Joe Phillips	
	Chris Peterson	

Congratulations to the All-University Championship Teams!

## SPORTS CLUB NOTES

Caroline Henning  
3rd Women's Division B  
Also, at the tournament TAMU Handball Coach, Lance Lowy was named National Commissioner of the Intercollegiate Handball Association and will serve in that capacity for three years. Congratulations Ags!  
The TAMU Judo Club competed at the Texas State Collegiate Championship on Saturday, March 19 at Bee County College in Beeville, Texas. The following individuals placed for the TAMU Judokas:  
Steve Falconer 2nd 143 wgt division  
Bryan Grunewald  
3rd 172 wgt division  
Good going Judo Club!  
The TAMU Men's Rugby Club will be playing in the National Championship Playoff Tournament here at

Texas A&M April 23 and 24. E&M teams will be playing in this tournament that will decide the Western Division Rugby Collegiate Champions. The Western Division Winner will then compete in the National Finals in Athens, Georgia.

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