

Not all blame is on Biles

Oiler fans like resignation

United Press International HOUSTON — Houston Oilers fans initially cheered the news Monday that head coach Ed Biles had resigned...

there's no leadership out there.

"Enthusiasm lacks. We wanted to see enthusiasm out there. If they try hard and lose, that's one thing. But lack of enthusiasm is another. Even the rookies did not have the enthusiasm of a rookie. They should be fired up."

But 7-year season ticket holder Doug Murray called the resignation "the greatest thing

that's happened to the Oilers in two years."

"Since the Bum (Biles' predecessor, O.A. "Bum" Phillips) got fired, the organization has been in a state of turmoil," Murray said.

"It can't be totally blamed on Eddie. He inherited a lot of old players who were in the twilight of their careers. A little new blood now would not be bad."

Biles, 52, announced Monday that he had chosen to quit because he felt he had become a public "punching bag" and felt like he had enough. He had been considering quitting for several weeks and said his resignation was immediate.

Biles' record since taking over the head coach job when Phillips was fired in December 1980 has been 7-9 in 1981, 1-8 in 1982

and 0-6 so far this season. The last game the team won was a 23-21 win over Seattle Sept. 19, 1982.

Phillips is now the head coach of the New Orleans Saints.

Some of the players arriving at the regularly scheduled team meeting Monday were angered by the news. Others seemed surprised.

"What the hell's going on here?" asked linebacker Greg Bingham, who was a strong supporter of Biles.

Rookie guard Bruce Matthews said, "Eddie definitely got the raw end here."

Wide receiver Mike Renfro said, "He definitely got (abuse) but he's the boss and he's supposed to get it."

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Rice coach Ray Alborn to retire, cites lack of school commitment

United Press International HOUSTON — Ray Alborn, a former Rice football captain who married a cheerleader and returned to lead his college to their best record in years, Monday resigned under an avalanche of losses and an apparent non-commitment by administrators to big-time football.

Red-eyed and on the verge of tears, Alborn said he would remain at the 3,200-student private school through this football season.

"I plan to work like the devil to win the next five games," he said as he stood outside the office which he has occupied for six years.

"When you don't win, someone's got to take the rap. And the first person is the head coach," he said.

Alborn, with five games remaining, has a 13-48 record at Rice — a school that has not fielded a winning football team since 1963 in the competitive Southwest Conference.

Alborn's 1980 team had a 5-6 mark, encouraging alumni and fans that Rice might turn things around. But last season the Owls were 0-11, and this year a 22-21 win over Southwestern Louisiana is their only victory.

Rice administrators recently held meetings to discuss the future of Rice football, and out of that President Norman Hackerman said the school was committed to maintain a SWC team.

But he stopped short of saying the football program would be beefed up.

This season, Alborn was told he would have to play a "home" game against Arkansas at Little Rock, Ark., to make more money, a move Alborn blasted publicly as forsaking a chance at a victory for the school could pay for "women's volleyball."

Alborn did not comment on his resignation letter about that commitment, which he has openly criticized in the past.

"In light of the events of the past few days, it appears that I do not figure in the plans for the future," Alborn said in his letter.

Alborn becomes the fifth Rice coach since Jess Neely, who coached for the San Francisco 49ers and the Cincinnati Bengals in the pros. In college, he coached at Massachusetts and Cincinnati.

Oiler aides Dalton, Studley favored to take Biles' place

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HOUSTON — Defensive coordinator Chuck Studley and offensive coordinator Kay Dalton appeared to have the inside track Monday to replace resigned Houston Oilers head coach Ed Biles.

Oilers officials said no announcement was expected until today because their attention was directed to possible player trades before the 3 p.m. Tuesday interleague trading deadline.

Oilers General Manager and Executive Vice President Ladd Herzog, who was to select the new head coach, declined comment.

Biles' departure in the middle of the season left little time to seek a replacement from outside the organization. Team spokes-

man Bob Hyde said an announcement might be made as early as today, an off-day for the players.

Studley and Dalton conducted team meetings and workouts as usual Monday.

Biles, in announcing he was leaving, said he would make no suggestion of a successor but that he hoped Studley and Dalton would be considered.

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Both are in their first years with the Oilers. Both were hired by Biles after several coaching

departures after the 1982 season in which Biles was criticized for failing to delegate responsibility.

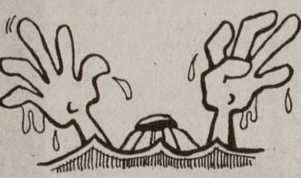
Studley, 54, is a native Maywood, Ill., who played college ball at Illinois. He previously coached for the San Francisco 49ers and the Cincinnati Bengals in the pros. In college, he coached at Massachusetts and Cincinnati.

Dalton, 51, has had coaching experience in the Canadian Football League with the Montreal Alouettes and British Columbia Lions. He is an assistant with the Denver Broncos, Buffalo Bills and Kansas City Chiefs.

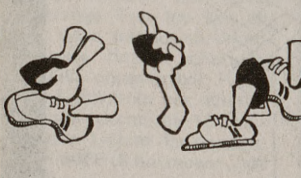
He is a Moab, Utah, native who played for Colorado State. Before going to Canada, he coached for Trinidad State, Western State and Colorado.

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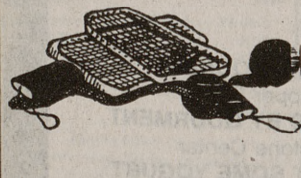
IM GAMEPLAN ENTRIES OPEN



SWIMMING: Get ready to take the plunge because Intramural Swimming entries open Monday, October 10. Swimmers will compete in the preliminaries on Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. The top eight competitors in each event will advance to the divisionals which will be held on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. Then, on Thursday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m., the top eight male and female times will compete regardless of divisions in the All-University Swim Meet. Divisions include: Fish, Corps, Men's and Women's Dorm, Men's and Women's Independent, CoRec and Masters (25 years and older). Sign up today in 159 East Kyle!



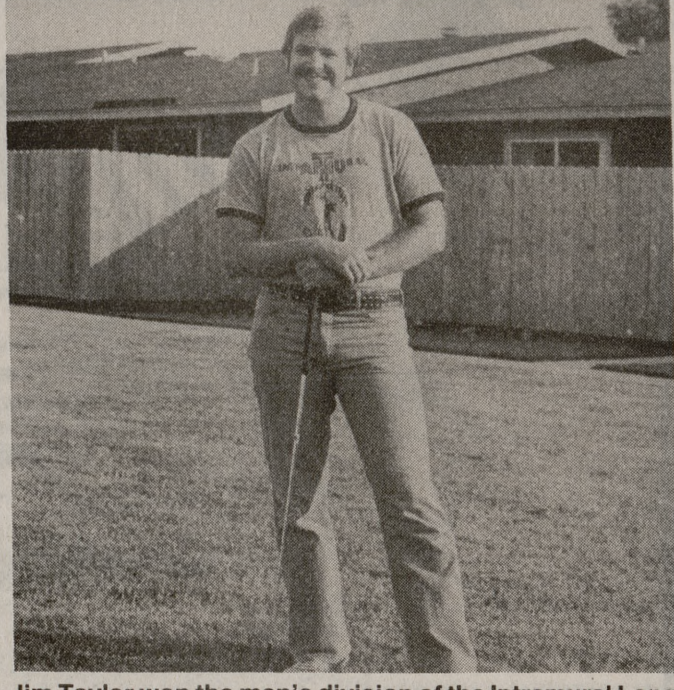
PUNT, PASS & KICK: Come try your hand at the IM Punt, Pass & Kick Contest. The Contest entries open Monday, October 10 and close at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19 at the event site. The event will be held at the Penberth Intramural Complex, and footballs will be provided by the Intramural Office. Please supply your own tees. There's no entry fee so rush on over to 159 East Kyle and add your name to the line-up.



RACQUETBALL DOUBLES: Double your pleasure with Intramural Racquetball Doubles. Sign ups begin today, October 24 with A, B, C and Recreation levels of competition available. Check the bulletin boards outside the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office after 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 20 for your play schedules.



INDOOR SOCCER: What has 7 players, is played indoors, and keeps you on the run? Indoor Soccer!! On Monday, October 10, entries open with a \$15.00 entry fee per team. Round robin league play will be scheduled in Classes A, B, C and Recreation. The schedules may be picked up at the team captains meeting Thursday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. in 164 East Kyle.



Jim Taylor won the men's division of the Intramural Long Driving Contest with a drive of 275 yards using the "Cooper Whip." Jim is also this week's winner of our McDonald's "Be Our Guest" Award. He can pick up his B.O.G. card, good for a free McDonald's meal, in the IM-REC Sports Office, 159 East Kyle.

LONG DRIVING CONTEST WINNERS

The Intramural Long Driving Contest was where the action was at on Wednesday, September 28. Forty-three contestants turned out to determine who had the longest drive. Each participant received 3 attempts to drive down the 230 foot wide range. The ball had to land within the width of the range to be accepted as a qualifying drive.

In the men's competition, the winning drive of 275 yards was swung by Jim Taylor. The women's champion, Kim McClean, drove the ball a distance of 171 yards. A big thanks goes to the student workers who helped run the contest and to all the swinging golfers who competed!

WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAY

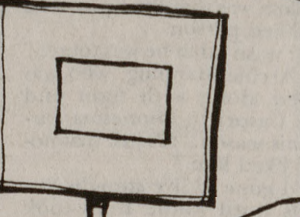
The Texas A&M Women's Field Hockey Club hosted a field Hockey Tourney on Friday, September 30 through Sunday, October 2. Six teams--Houston Club, Houston Lone Stars, St. John's, Fort Worth Country Day, Tulane, and Texas A&M--competed in the tourney. On Saturday, Texas A&M beat Fort Worth Country Day 3-2 and then lost to Houston Club 2-1 later in the afternoon. Texas A&M was victorious over the Houston Lone Stars Sunday Morning with a score of 4-1 and then in the afternoon championship game, Texas A&M was edged out by St. John's 2-1. The final standings were:

- 1. St. John's
2. Texas A&M
3. Houston Lone Stars
4. Fort Worth Country Day
5. Tulane
6. Houston Club

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VOLLEYBALL: Get "set" for some volleyball action and sign up before entries close on Tuesday, October 11. Play begins Monday, October 17, and for a \$15.00 entry fee you can be in on the fun. Dorms receive points for Classes A, B, and C so enter your team today in 159 East Kyle.



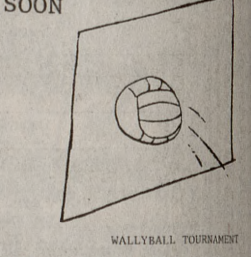
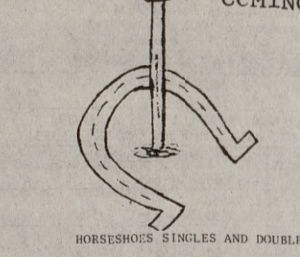
PRESEASON VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: Tuesday, October 11, is your last chance to sign up for the Preseason Volleyball Tournament. Bounce over to 159 East Kyle and enter your team in the tournament. The entry fee is \$5.00 per team. Tournament play will be held Friday, October 14 through Sunday, October 16. The division winner will receive a team picture.



FLICKERBALL: Don't let Flickerball fly by without you! Entry forms are available in 159 East Kyle on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per team. Play will kick off Wednesday, October 19 at the Penberth Intramural Complex.



BOWLING SINGLES: Got time to "spare"? Then remember to enter Bowling Singles by Tuesday, October 11. Participants must sign up for the qualifying rounds and pay a \$2.30 fee for the first game. The tournament begins Monday, October 17, so come by 159 East Kyle and get "striking!"



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"GINSUS," won the Aggie All-Niter Men's Volleyball Tourney. The team was inadvertently left out of last week's McDonald's Intramural Highlights.