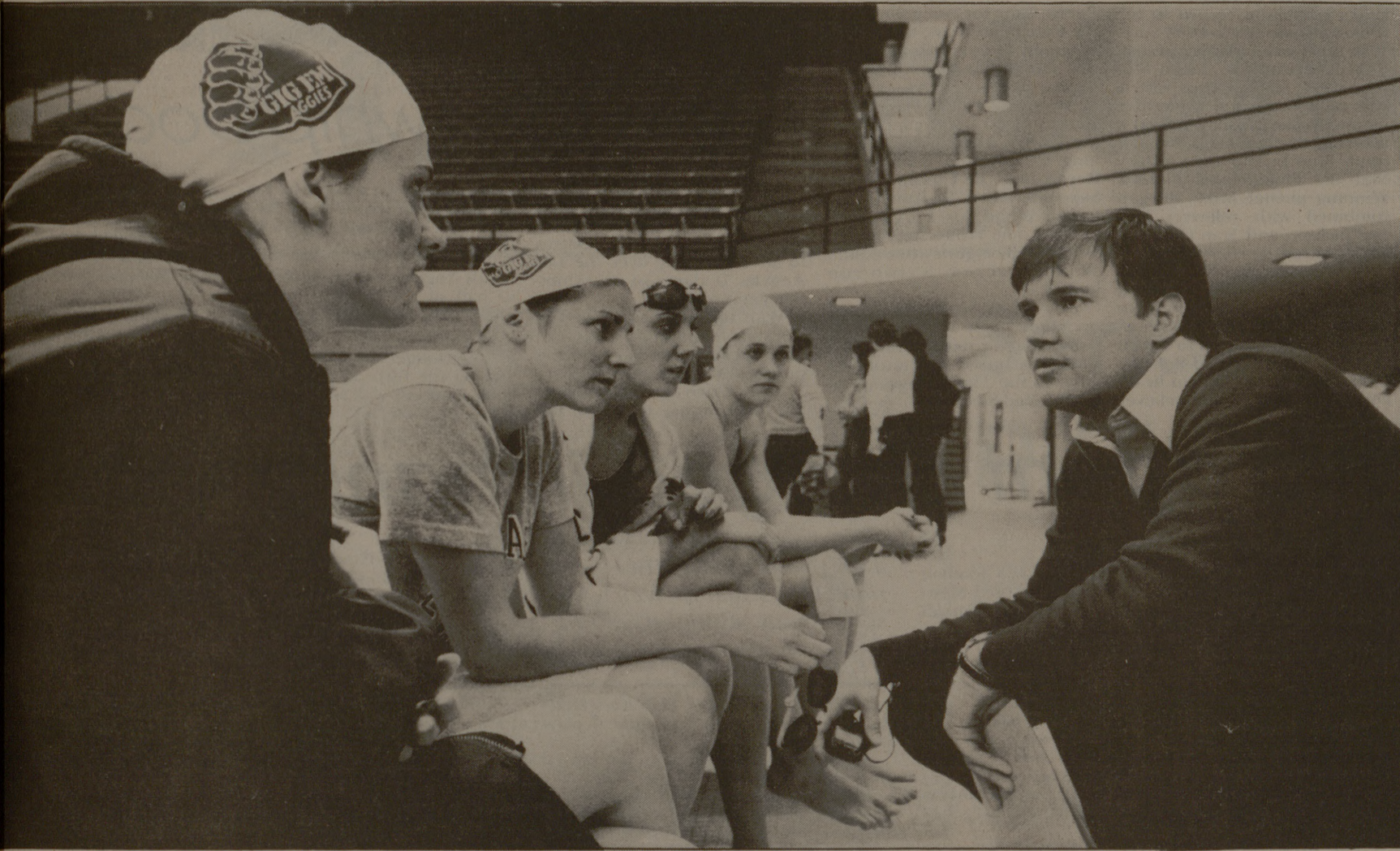


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Nash's Aggie All Americas

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Jody Tanner, Melanie Schmauch, Susan Marks and Eileen Doull received All-America honors at the NCAA swimming championships this past weekend in the 400- and

800-yard freestyle relay. The team finished 11th in the 400 and ninth in 800. In the 800, the women swam a school record 7:27.37 bettering their previous best of 7:36.20. The

men's team will compete at the NCAA championships starting Thursday. Here, Coach Mel Nash talks with the 400 Medley relay team earlier this season.

Former 'Poke 'Bummed' out

United Press International

DALLAS — Former Dallas Cowboys Quarterback Roger Staubach Monday said he was saddened by the sale of "America's team" but believed the transition to new ownership would be smooth.

"I was pretty well prepared for it," Staubach said at news the NFL owners association Monday night approved sale of the team for the largest price ever paid for a sports franchise — an estimated \$80 million — to a consortium of 11 new owners headed by Texas oilman H.R. "Bum" Bright.

Bright, the senior partner in Bright and Co., will be the general partner of the club while owning 17 percent and Tex Schramm, the current general manager, will be named managing partner and will continue to run the club the same way he did under Clint Murchison since the team was founded in 1960.

Under terms of the partnership, Ed Smith Jr., of Houston and J.L. Williams of Dallas each own 15 percent while George M. Underwood Jr., of

Dallas will own 10 percent and his son George M. Underwood III will own 5 percent.

Bright did not specify the percentages owned by the other general partners, who are L. Brad Camp of Dallas, Craig Hall of Dallas, J.L. Huffines Jr., of Dallas, Arthur Temple of Diboll, Texas, and S. Foster Yancey Jr., of Dallas.

The NFL has a provision specifying that each team must have a 51 percent owner, but the league waived the provision while approving this sale at the league meetings which began Monday.

Staubach said the sale represented the end of an era. "There's sadness involved because of Clint," he said. "When I signed with the team he was the owner, it was like a tradition. He's been a great owner."

"I'm sure it's a sad thing in his life. It probably wouldn't have been done other than the circumstances of his health."

Under the direction of Murchison and Schramm, the Cowboys have had a record 18 straight winning seasons and have made the playoffs in 17 of those years.

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Women's basketball coach resigns

By DONN FRIEDMAN
Sports Editor

The baskets at G. Rollie White have been taken down, and the court has been stripped down to bare wood.

And now a re-stripping of the women's basketball program has begun.

The Texas A&M Athletic Department announced late Monday afternoon that it has accepted the resignation of head women's basketball coach Cheri Rapp.

Her resignation becomes effective May 31. The March 15th Bryan Eagle reported that, according to A&M athletic sources, Rapp was on the way out and it appears they were right.

Even though rumors around campus placed the blame for Rapp's action on athletic director Jackie Sherrill, Sherrill

doesn't appear to be directly behind Rapp's departure, instead assistant athletic director John David Crow seems to be the force. And Crow says that the Athletic department has a plan to resolve the coaching situation.

Crow said in a Athletic department press release that the

Assistant athletic director John David Crow seems to be the force (behind Rapp's resignation).

positions of assistant athletic director for women and women's basketball coach will be combined into one job, effective August 31.

Kay Don, the assistant athletic director for women, could

not be reached for comment.

The hiring of a new coach might be a sign of the Athletic department's growing concern about the women's basketball program, but Rapp believes more of a commitment is still needed.

"If the athletic department will properly fund the women's basketball program with adequate staffing, quality publications, and sufficient recruiting funds, then Texas A&M can have a consistently winning basketball team," Rapp said.

Assistant Coach Cindy Gough said she will continue her coaching role until the new head coach arrives.

"My continuing role is up to the new coach," Gough said. "I'm not planning on staying around, but I'm not closing any doors."

"I'm still recruiting for the program, even though we don't know who the new head coach

will be and that makes it tough. We're holding off on campus visits until a new person is hired."

Gough says she thinks that A&M is trying to make a full commitment to women's basketball — at least that's what she says Crow told her. But will that commitment match what other schools have done up to now?

"In the last couple of years the program has really stagnated while other schools have been pumping money into their programs," Gough said. "And if they aren't going to make a full commitment to women's athletics I don't think they should have it at all."

She said she really wasn't sure what direction the women's basketball program was headed, but she hoped that whatever happened it would be positive for all the women involved.

14-year-old romps in Dallas tennis

United Press International

DALLAS — Melissa Gurney, a 14-year-old amateur playing in her first tour tournament, overcame the loss of composure in the second set Monday to down Sophie Amiach of France in the opening round of a \$150,000 women's event.

"I only came here to play in the qualifying rounds because I was on spring break," said Gurney, a ninth grader from Los Angeles.

"I didn't really expect to make it into the main draw. I just came to Dallas for the chance to play some other good people (in the qualifying)."

Gurney defeated Amiach, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1, and will meet eighth-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia in the second round.

The feature attraction Monday night sent second-seeded Pam Shriver against Virginia Wade.

Top-seeded Martina Navratilova will be in action Tuesday against Sandy Collins.

In other action early Monday Sukova defeated Julie Harrington of Spokane, Wash., 6-4, 6-2; Alycia Moulton of Sacramento beat Pat Medrado of Brazil, 7-6, 7-5 and JoAnne Russell of New York ousted Iva Budarova of

Czechoslovakia, 6-2, 7-6.

Gurney is coached by Robert Lansdorp, who was instrumental in the early success of Tracy Austin.

"They are really quite equal," Lansdorp said of Austin and Gurney. "You have to remember that, at 15, Tracy reached the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open. But I would say Melissa has more variety in her game at this point."

"She is not afraid to come to the net when she has her opponent in a bad way. And she is mentally tough. She plays a lot better than she looks. She's tough that way, just like Tracy."

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