

Ags ski up a storm on nearby TI Lake

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The Texas A&M Waterski Club team has the potential, the facilities and the qualifications to be national champions, the team's president said, but the need for women on the team, not water is a major concern.

Team member Beth Monroe said that women hesitate to join the team because they must be able to compete in three events — trick, jump and slalom. The other two events are barefoot slalom and barefoot trick.

Because only seven women compete on the team, the Ags don't have the luxury of concentrating their practice on one event like the men, Monroe said. The women compete as a team, so if everyone doesn't participate, team points would certainly be lost.

However, adding more women to the ski team should give the Ags a better chance of doing well in regional competition, Monroe said.

But there's a catch. Kent Tompkins, president of the A&M Waterski Club, said Northeast Louisiana University fields a strong program and should probably capture first place honors at the regionals held at Louisiana State University this fall.

Northeast Louisiana gives full athletic scholarships for waterskiing and has claimed the national championship four years straight. However, Tompkins said A&M has "excellent potential."

The team has a new 19-foot *Ski Centurion* ski boat and provides all its own equipment as well as lessons from qualified club members.

A video camera is available, recording the skiers in their own. A new jump ramp is being put on the Texas Instruments Lake. To turn for using the lake as a practice, the team is required to use the lake and its surroundings.

Tompkins said no expense is required to join the waterskiing and they can teach anything basic to advanced techniques. "We can teach anybody just anything," Tompkins said.

About 80 percent of the members have gone to a ski resort for advanced and beginning.

Since the TI lake is for the ski team only, Tompkins said, he hasn't had any problems with safety. Tompkins said skidents usually involve more than one boat.

"We're the only boat out there," Tompkins said, "usually problems when there's two boats involved."

Last weekend the A&M team won six team awards and finished overall at the Texas A&M Event Tournament. The men won second overall with the placing first in barefoot slalom, first in barefoot trick. The women won first place in men's slalom, Northeast Louisiana in barefoot events and the slalom overall. The women's team placed overall.

The Ags will next compete in the Southwest Texas State University Fall Ski Tournament to be held 14-16. During the spring semester the team will host the Texas Polar Bear Waterski Tournament.

Seattle bank sues Gunslinger owner

United Press International

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Gunslingers reported to fans and the news media that more than 117,000 people attended the team's 1984 home games at Alamo Stadium, almost half of the actual figure given the United States Football League, court records proved Wednesday.

The attendance figures were included in documents filed by Seattle's First National Bank in its multimillion-dollar lawsuit against Gunslingers' owner and principle stock holder Clinton Manges, the San Antonio Light reported.

The court documents claimed that the 1984 attendance figures announced over the public address system at Alamo Stadium totaled 117,371 people, while an actual figure of 66,265 people was given to the USFL main office.

The documents said the Gunslingers inflated attendance figures an average of 6,388 per game, a total of 36 percent for the entire season.

The largest disparity occurred during the Philadelphia Stars game played on Easter Sunday of 1984.

The Gunslingers announced that 16,590 people attended the game. However, the team reported to the USFL that only 7,200 people attended, The Light said.

Bud Haun, president of the San Antonio franchise, refused to explain the disparity in attendance figures, saying "That happens to be business. That's not for your information."



Gunslingers' ticket manager Schaffer said he could not explain conflicting figures.

"The actual game numbers taken from a ticket count at turnstile count," Schaffer said, "don't know why they're different just reported the numbers I had."

The Gunslingers earned an average \$21,000 for the eight home games, after paying the league teams a league-mandated \$75,000.

Manges is being sued for \$600 million by the Washington State rancher who claims the Duval rancher defaulted on \$35 million energy loans.

A federal grand jury in Seattle is investigating the bank and Manges for possible wrongdoing relating to the loans, which were made between 1979 and 1983.

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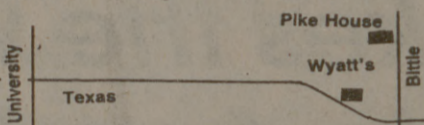
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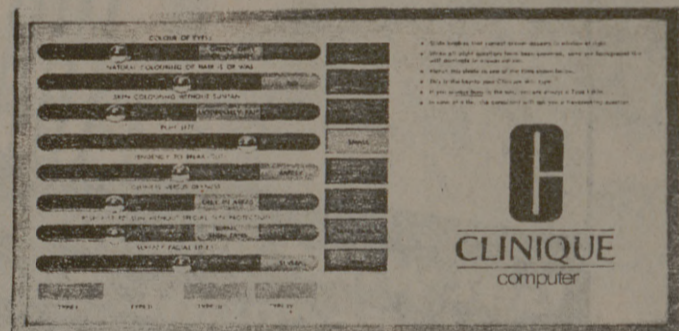


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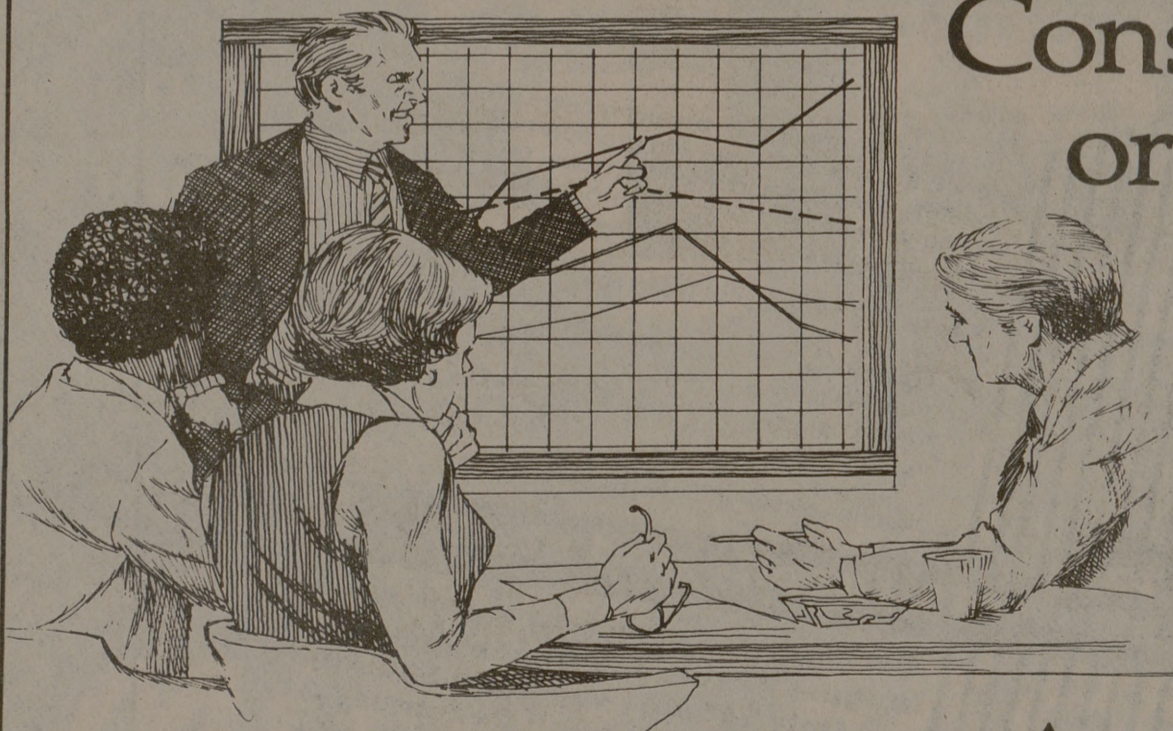
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