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Rob-bing Second

Texas A&M shortstop Rob Swain makes the tag on Texas' (22) provides back-up. The Horns slid past the Ags three times last weekend to move into first-place in SWC play.

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Yanks give Martin fourth strike

By HAL BOCK
Associated Press Sports Writer

This time, George Steinbrenner may have trouble selling New York Yankee fans on his almost annual managerial firing.

This time, he hasn't fired any old lineup writer.

This time he has fired Yogi Berra, a folk hero in Yankee Stadium, a man who has been a baseball fixture with New York ball clubs since 1946.

And this time, the replacement is, for the fourth time, Billy Martin.

New York has seen this act before — the dirt-kicking, the umpire-baiting, the whole routine. When the Yankees were winning pennants, it played. But the last time around, the Martin magic didn't work. Despite his kick-in-the-pants style, the Yankees finished third in 1983.

Act Four could be an awfully tough sell in a sophisticated town that has had a four-decade love affair with the man Steinbrenner fired.

Steinbrenner's terrible swift sword swung for the 13th time in 11 years on Sunday, terminating Berra after just 16 games, 10 of them losses. There are, for goodness sakes, only 146 games left to play and the Yankees, while in last place, are only 4½ games back.

Still, the Yankees belong to Steinbrenner and it is his club to handle as he wishes. And he will do anything to keep his team from looking bad while the crosstown Mets are soaring.

Yogi's walking papers came after the owner had assured one and all in spring training that Berra would be

the Yankees' pilot through the whole season.

This, of course, has happened before in Yankeeeland. In 1982, Steinbrenner swore up and down that Lemon would be his one and only manager for the entire year, slumps and losing streaks notwithstanding. Hower got fired after winning 103 games, so anything is possible.

Berra had a two-year contract and the Yankees had baseball's best record in the second half of last season. Nevertheless, Steinbrenner, in an end-of-season, state-of-the-team address, refused to say for certain that Yogi would be back this year.

Most teams make announcements when they fire managers. The Yankees do it when they return to camp.

After two start-of-the-season losses in Boston, Steinbrenner termed the third game of the opening series as "crucial."

What no one really suspected, though, was that Steinbrenner would bring Martin back. Only other manager, Danny Murtagh, Pittsburgh, has served four seasons with the same team, and then because the Pirates kept calling him out of retirement. In the kees' case, Martin keeps getting tired.

But under Steinbrenner's three strikes doesn't mean you out at Yankee Stadium.

Off Campus Connection

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The Aggie Guide To Conquering Your Finals

How do you study ... take tests ... deal with stress during exam times? Have you finalized your living plans for next semester? These are common concerns at the end of each semester, so the Off Campus Center and the Student Counseling Service have prepared a pamphlet to assist you during this stressful time. As an introduction to the useful information the pamphlet provides the following tips were taken from "The Aggie Guide to Conquering Your Finals".

TIPS FOR STRESS MANAGEMENT

- 1) Eat a balanced diet, get adequate sleep each night, exercise regularly and appropriately. If physical symptoms are present, a physical examination may be in order.
- 2) Use effective time management techniques. Set realistic academic and personal goals and re-evaluate them periodically. Eliminate or postpone unimportant tasks and work on the most important tasks first. Use a daily "to do" list to plan your activities so that you can accomplish your daily and weekly goals. Break large tasks down into smaller units and schedule time each day for working on high priority tasks.
- 3) Consider alternate ways of viewing your situation. Sometimes it is not the situation but the way you interpret it that creates undue stress. Also, recognize that feeling stressed does not mean that you are "bad" or "unworthy" or unable to cope.
- 4) Become aware of all the "support people" in your life such as friends, family members, professors, counselors and advisors. Learn to use these supports by asking for help or discussing your problems with them.
- 5) Learn relaxation techniques. The Student Counseling Service has available a series of tapes to teach you how to relax, biofeedback training, and a stress management group.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR FINAL EXAMS:

- 1) Make a quick survey of notes and readings in order to get a general picture of what has been covered. Jot down a few words

about the purpose of the course. Make a brief time line or outline to get an overall picture of the materials. Note your weak areas.

- 2) Go over old tests, paying attention to the kinds of questions generally asked.
- 3) Rather than reread, it is often better to skim material and stop at material you don't know.
- 4) Try to find out what the final will cover.
- 5) Know your professors and their biases.
- 6) Look at questions and problems at the end of the chapters for additional review. Try to predict exam items, both general and specific, and prepare answers for them.



- 7) Concentrate on areas emphasized in lecture and/or in your text.

These tips are only a portion of the information that can be found in "The Aggie Guide to Conquering Your Finals". Also included in the guide are suggestions related to finding roommates, getting security deposits returned, taking exams, and planning a "to do" list for finishing the semester. Copies of the guide may be obtained in the Off Campus Center, Student Counseling Service, Student Activities Office, and the offices of each academic dean.

Roommate Needed

Many of you are probably trying to finalize your housing and roommate plans before the end of the semester. The Off Campus Center's Roommate Referral Service is in full swing for the summer and fall semesters. Whether you have housing and need roommates, or need both housing and roommates, the OCC files will be helpful to you. The Off Campus Center is also sponsoring roommate sessions where you can meet people who are seeking roommates. The sessions will be held April 30 through May 2 and May 6 through May 8 at 3:00 p.m. in 300 Rudder Tower. The OCC staff does not attempt to match you with someone, but we will provide you with referrals and any other assistance you may need. So, don't wait until the summer months; Come by the OCC and use the card files, and plan to attend a roommate session.

The Resident Reaction File

The Off Campus Center is currently in the process of updating the Resident Reaction File. The file provides a means for off campus students to inform other students of their experience as tenants. If you have any comments about the place in which you live, either compliments or complaints, be sure to submit them at the Off Campus Center. Come by the center, located in Puryear Hall directly across from the YMCA Building, or call 845-1741 if you have any questions.