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Two unidentified members of the Texas A&M-Galveston Sailing Team prepare to hoist up an "ATM" flag during the recent

National Intercollegiate Offshore Racing Championships in Annapolis, Md. The team won the national title during the regatta.

National sailing title sits on Galveston beaches

By WAYNE L. GRABEIN
Reporter

Galveston, known for its beaches, sunny skies and a song by Glen Campbell, is now the home of the National Intercollegiate Offshore Racing Championships.

The sailing team from Texas A&M University at Galveston darted away with the championship at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Cup Regatta held April 18-20 in Annapolis, Md.

"For us, the regatta was the first opportunity to gain national recognition," said foredeck crew member, Keith Palmer. "Winning the Kennedy Cup put our team on the intercollegiate map."

The sailing club from A&M-Galveston, that represented the Southeast Intercollegiate Sailing Association, compiled a total score of 18 points during the six races of the regatta.

Points are earned for the team's finishing position in each race with the lowest scoring team earning the championship.

The A&M-Galveston team won with a nine point lead over the second place winner, the Cal-Santa Barbara.

Palmer said one reason for the team's success is its preparation, using video tapes of the U.S. Naval Academy yachts used in the competition. By repeatedly watching the tapes provided by the A&M-main campus sailing team, the Galveston team was easily able to adapt to the 44-foot Ludder Yawls furnished by the hosts.

The eight team members and three alternates were also honored with the Judges Trophy, which is given to the team displaying outstanding seamanship and yacht maintenance.

Palmer said winning the two honors shows supporters the team's ability to compete.

The championship members are: Mike Wachter, team skipper; Doug Caradec, tactician; Bob Webbon, Robert Lee and Ken Usab, sail trimmers; Mike Van Dyke, Keith Palmer and Chris Sabine, foredeck crew; Greg Barre, John Riordon and Peter Hayes, alternates.

The A&M-Galveston sailing club will be returning to Annapolis to defend their National Championship title in the spring of 1986 along with Oklahoma State, which is next in line to represent the Southeast Intercollegiate Sailing Association.

Until then, the National Champions are scheduled to participate some of the local races in the area, while watching for possible members of next spring's Kennedy Cup crew.

NFL passes over some SWC stars

Associated Press

DALLAS — Many of the Southwest Conference stars did not shine during the National Football League draft, but Andrew Campbell and others who got left on the dock want to know why.

The 6-5, 270-pound guard made all-SWC twice for a top-ranked Southern Methodist University team. But he was not picked in Tuesday's draft which included 336 selections.

"It's a cut, a rip, more than anything else," Campbell, a four-year letterman from Highland Park, said Wednesday.

"I'm afraid the public will think I'm an overrated player," Campbell told The Dallas Morning News. "I don't think the guys I played against

will think that, but the fans might."

Campbell, 6-5 and 270 to 275, was not invited to the scouting combine camp in January in Arizona, officials said.

"I knew over the last few weeks my stock had gone down," Campbell said. "But I didn't have any indication why. My agent (Joe Courge) doesn't know why either."

Arkansas guard Marcus Elliott, SMU linebacker Anthony Beverley and Texas Christian safety Byron Linwood each made first-team all-SWC last year, but were passed up Tuesday.

But Beverley is "95 percent sure" of signing with Seattle, said his agent, Lloyd Bloom of New York.

Officials said Beverley did not report to SMU spring training and

scouts did not know that the 6-2, 215-pound linebacker was available until it was too late for full evaluation.

Texas linebacker Tony Edwards, Texas A&M linebacker Ken Ford and Baylor guard Joel Barrett were not drafted.

NFL officials said Linwood's 4.8 second time in the 40 was too slow, even though he was instrumental in helping TCU to the Bluebonnet Bowl, the school's first bowl appearance since 1959.

"Linwood was a good college player, but he has a speed deficiency," one NFL executive said. "Lyle Blackwood (Miami) runs about 4.9, I know, but he is so smart he can get away with it."

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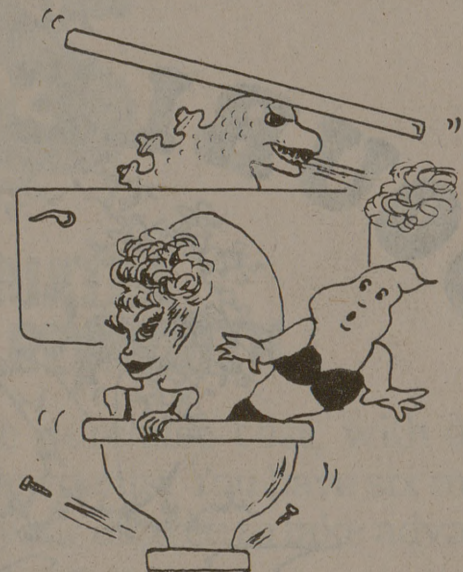
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