Sports

A&M golfers, racksters on the road

Two Texas A&M teams will be Laredo this weekend particiting in the Border Olympics.

The A&M men's golf team will ay the second of three tourna-tents that determine the Southst Conference championship thout All-America Roy Mack-

The A&M track team will also in Laredo to run in the Border mpics' track meet.

Mackenzie will miss the Border ympics golf tournament in Labecause of a bout with the The Aggies will field a team seniors Neil Hickerson and ary Gilchrist, sophomore Randy e, and freshmen Bobby Gee, ris James and Todd Riddle. ckerson has finished in the top at both tournaments this

"Roy has been playing well and will miss him this week, but he really not feeling well enough play," A&M Head Coach Bob is said. "It's the second leg of conference regular season mpionship, so it's a very imtant tournament for us. We've ished second at two straight rnaments, and I think we're d of being a bridesmaid. ybe this is the week we'll break ugh and win.

All nine SWC teams will play in e Border Olympics along with other universities. The SWC am with the highest point total ter the three designated confertournaments will be the

WC champion. A&M finished third behind rkansas and Texas in the first nference tournament.

The track team will open its tdoor season with the women mpeting today and the men on turday.

Runners Stanley Kerr, Err-gton Lindo and Trisha Harris miss the meet to run at the ast Chance Meet in Lubbock. he trio will try to qualify for the CAA Indoor Championships arch 11-12 in Indianapolis.

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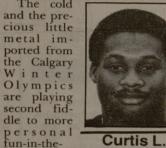
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Spring Break doldrums hit SMU hoops in Bliss over share of crown sports fans across the USA

The whistle has blown. There's a stop in the action, but spectators, not players, have called this timeout.

It's spring and American arm-chair athletes are getting off their couches and searching for something to carry them through the slow period of professional spring sports. The cold



sun games. Culberson National Sports viewpoint Basketball

Association action is still on the backburner for a few more weeks. This is the lull period —10 more games to crunch time and about 25 until the playoffs. Baseball is in its early season dol-

drums and eager football fanatics must wait it out a few more months before they can take the best seat in the house on Sunday for the weekly pigskin party.

MIAMI (AP) - Bobby Wadkins shot a 67 Thursday to take a one-

stroke lead after the first round of

the \$1 million Doral Open Golf

pleted late in the afternoon, lifted

him ahead of a group of four — in-cluding Jack Nicklaus — tied at 68.

"I just want to see how long I can keep the Wadkins name on top of the leader-board," he said.

sons on the PGA Tour, is the brother of the tournament's defend-

ing champion, Lanny Wadkins.

Wadkins, a non-winner in 14 sea-

5-under-par round, com-

Tournament.

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and unexciting.

The Bryan-College Station Eagle led its Wednesday sports page with the conviction of sports agent Jim Abernethy. He was sentenced to one year in jail for misdemeanor tampering.

game winning streak.

The Houston Post Thursday sports lead story was about the Golden State Warriors — pretty pretty weak even for a slow period.

And of course, newspapers' sports sections across the state were chockfull of columns and articles that continued the belly-aching about Team USA's dissappointing Olympic performance.

So what's a dedicated sports fan to Sop

Simply turn to the Sports Illus-trated swimsuit issue. It's a great break from those sports pages that are just plain dull this time of year.

And what an excellent spring break primer! It prepares you for what you can expect to see at the beach and gives you that extra moti-

Nicklaus, a non-winner since his Masters triumph in 1986, used a

metal driver in competition for the first time and attributed his strong

old driver," said Nicklaus, winner of a record 18 major professional titles. "I'm hitting it long enough and

I'm hitting it very, very straight. It's the first time in my life I can stand on the tee and feel like I can drive it

on the side of the fairway I want to,"

the Blue Monster course at the Doral

Country Club with PGA champion

Nicklaus was tied at 4-under on

"I wouldn't be here if I'd used my

play to that club.

he said.

Wadkins takes an early lead in Doral Open

Even the sports pages look dull kini issue just doesn't get the attention it used to, but it remains on the top of my list of remedies for the

egend in your own mind.

Tuesday's Dallas Morning News was a little brighter — its lead sports story boasts of the Mavericks' ninecourts.

Against your roomates, you can pass like "Magic," rebound like the "Dream," or slam like Jordan.

Spring football is another favorite. You can toss the old pigskin around, and if you need it, grab a tan to boot.

Softball also is a proven boredom cure. I hate to watch baseball and I'm really not a fan of softball either probably because I don't play very well), but one friendly spring game a year is always a nice change of pace.

But of course, a sports fan's fancy turns to things besides balls and goals this time of year.

If you choose to get through this viation to get in shape. With all the swimsuit mags that are on the racks year-round, SI's bi-

Larry Nelson, Tom Kite and Chip Beck, who scored his first career vic-tory last week in the Los Angeles

Open. "The wind made it very difficult,"

Nelson said. "I've played here 12 or

13 times and I can only remember

Ray Floyd, a two-time winner of this title, led a group at 69 that also included Bruce Lietzke, John Ma-

haffey, Tommy Nakajima of Japan, Dr. Gil Morgan and Ed Fiori. Lanny Wadkins, the defending ti-

tle-holder and a winner in Hawaii

last month, had a double-bogey 7 on the first hole and struggled to a 74.

wind like this a couple of times.'

DALLAS (AP) — For proba-tion-plagued Southern Methodist University, it was blissful mo-

ment. Coach Dave Bliss, wringing wa-ter out of his wet suit, didn't mind the discomfort.

The Mustangs had just won part of a Southwest Conference basketball championship for the first time in 16 years.

'This is great for this school," said Bliss, water dripping off his nose after he was tossed in a shower. "Our kids worked for it

and got it." The Mustangs, who whipped Texas Christian 87-54 Wednes-day night, could get the whole SWC loaf if Houston defeated Arkansas Thursday night in a na-tionally televised (USA) game at 8 p.m. CST at Houston's Hofheinz Pavilion.

Arkansas had to beat Houston and Texas Tech in Lubbock on Sunday to share the crown with the Mustangs.

Bob Prewitt, coach of the 1972 champion Mustangs, was in the crowd of 4,752 fans at Moody Coliseum for the emotional vic-

"It's been a long time for this school, too long," Prewitt said. "It was time something good hap-pened here. SMU used to be the basketball school in the conference. Then it just got away from us until Dave Bliss came here."

SMU graduate Lamar Hunt, founder of the American Football League and owner of the Kansas City Chiefs, was at the game with his son.

"It's great for the school," he said

SMU's football team received the so-called "death penalty" from the NCAA in a pay-for-play recruiting scandal and will not play until 1989. The school has a new president, A. Kenneth Pye, and a new athletic director, Doug Single

The Mustangs haven't won an outright SWC basketball title since 1967. "It was one of those thrilling moments," Bliss said. "There's nothing I've wanted more for my team than for them to be South-

west Conference champions. "There's a lot of things neat about being in the NCAA. There's a lot of things neat about being on national TV. But winning the conference championship is something that

happens over two months. "This team did a great job of hanging in. They faltered but they never fell. It was exciting."

SMU finished the SWC season 12-4 and is 23-6 overall. The Mustangs have one non-conference game left, against Chicago State on Saturday

The Mustangs have played a strong schedule and are 7-2 against teams in last year's NCAA playoffs. They are shooting for

their ninth NCAA appearance. Under Bliss, SMU is 136-100 in eight years. The Ponies have had three 20-victory seasons in the

past five years. Carlton McKinney, who led SMU with 20 points in the victory over TCU, said, "We'll be watching TV close. It's going to be tough for the Hogs to win on the road

SMU and Arkansas split in their regular season series. If they are still tied after Sunday, SWC officials will flip a coin for the top seed in next week's tournament that will decide the NCAA representative.

"This is a milestone win for our program," Bliss said.

SMU reached the second spot in the Associated Press Top 20 in-1985 but faded and did not even win the conference crown.

Someone at the school knew something. A 40-foot high ban-ner with "SWC Champions" on it was lowered from the ceiling af-

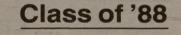
ter Wednesday's victory. The Mustangs will have a se-nior-dominated team next year and the Big Apple NIT has al-ready come calling.

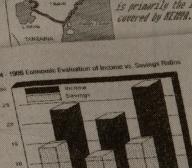
Sometimes good looks can improve your grades. The southeastern region

Class Council '88 & '89 Newsletter

All University Bash

The Special Events chairmen heve been working together with the other class councils to sponsor an All University party March 25th at Central Park. Star 92 is tentatively set to help sponsor the event with publicity and providing a D.J. at the event. We look forward to seeing everyone out there!!





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Thank You

The Class Gift Committee along with the Class of '88 Council would like to thank all the seniors for getting out and voting for class gift. The class gift has been selected and will be announced on Sunday, April 10 during the All University Awards Ceremony during Parent's Weekend.

Ring Dance

Decoration for Ring Dance have been chosen. There will be an Information Booth for Ring Dance March 1st thru 3rd in the MSC to answer any questions anyone may have concerning this event. Tickets go on sale March 7th in the Rudder Box Office. Ring Dance will be held April 17 in the Rudder Exhibit Hall & MSC. The dance will begin at 9 p.m. and end at 1 a.m. Tickets are \$35.00 per couple.

Anyone who wishes to help with the final set up is more than welcome and can contact the chairmen for this event. (Jaime Galvan 693-0977 and Rachel Hill 693-0798)

Senior Banquet

Senior Banquet will be held preceding Ring Dance. There will be a cocktail hour beginning at 5:30; dinner will follow at 7 p.m. at the Hilton Inn. The menu for the evening will include center cut ribeye, twice baked potato, green beans, salad, and a delicious dessert. There will also be a cash bar. Tickets for this event will also be sold at the Rudder Box Office for \$30. Due to the serving accomodations tickets for the banquet will be sold until April 13th to insure everyone is served. The speaker for the evening will be Gene Stallings, head Coach for the St. Louis Cardinals and Texas A&M graduate of the Class of '57.

Class of '89

Class Ball

The Class of '89 & '90 is sponsoring a class ball on March 5. The theme is "Double Feature" and tickets go on sale in the MSC for \$12. Don't miss it!

Gift Information Week

There will be a table in the MSC March 7-11 for Juniors to submit any suggestions. Come by to see gifts given in the past.

Spring Leadership Trip Committee

The Class of '89 donated \$50 to the Spring Leadership Trip—Have fun!

Sweatshirts

If you want to buy a class sweatshirt call Tonia at 696-2062. They're only \$10.

Summer Orientation

The Class of '89 will be sponsoring Freshman Orientation mixers this summer. The profits will be used to help the Class of '92 get a great start!