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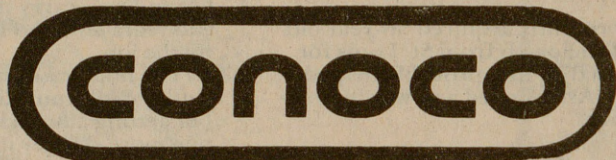
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- Sept 2 Volleyball sPIKEfest*
- Sept 3 Bus Trip to Delta Downs
- Sept 5 The James Dean Party*
- Sept 7 Smoker at Carney's Pub
- Sept 9 Swamp Party*
- Sept 10 Pool/Poker Party*
- Sept 12 Date Party*

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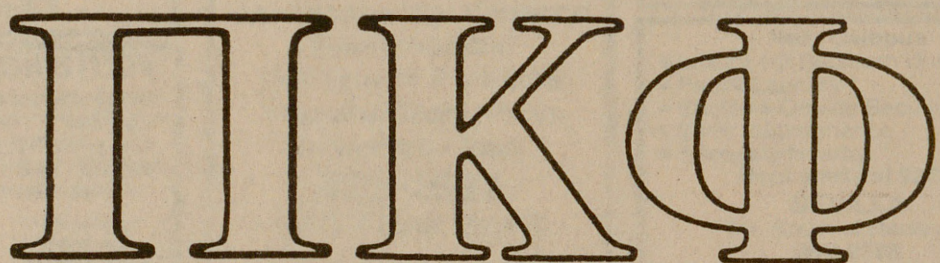
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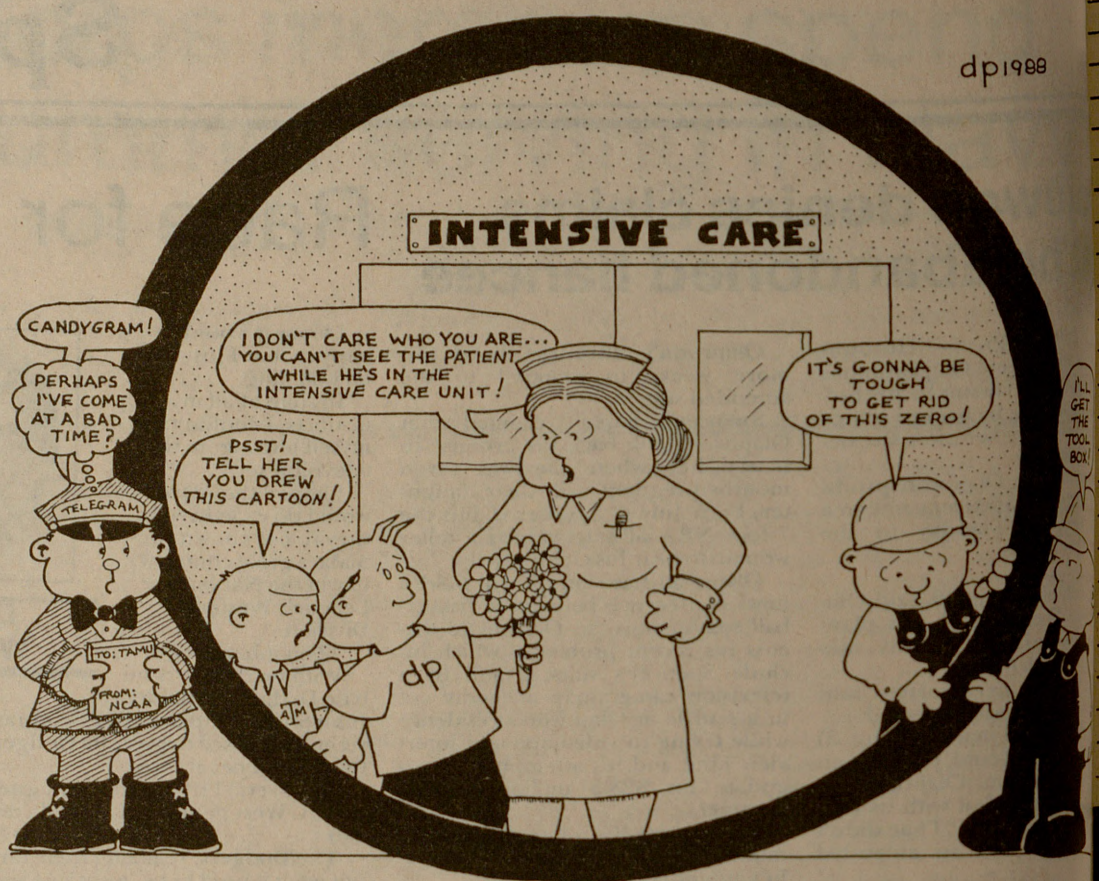
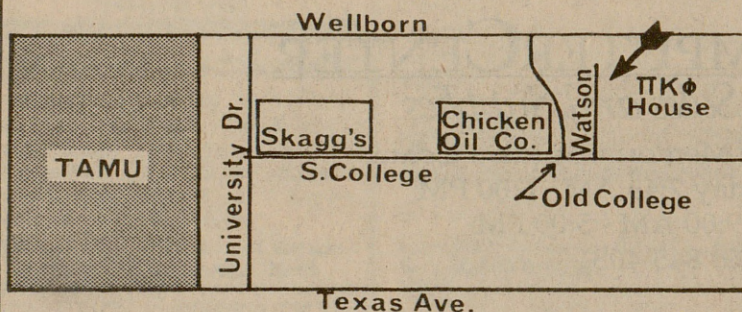
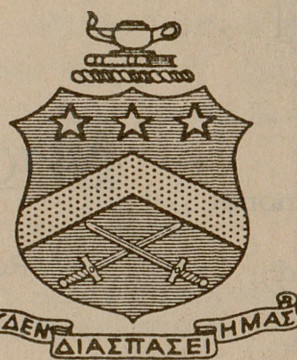
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British sports flop in U.S.

By Cray Pixley
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There were many sports in the United Kingdom to amuse and baffle this sports writer.

While in London, I contemplated the interchange of English and American sports. Why did some American sports flounder in the U.K. while some English sports catch on in other countries but not America?

Most of the English sporting events that I tackled proved to be fascinating and a bit different from what I am used to.

The English and Americans do have a lot of give and take with each other concerning sports.

There was the time when Americans and the English did very little to foster the interest of other countries in their popular sports.

Now the international sports scene is loosening up and some sports that thrived only in America or England have a growing following around the globe.

The English cricket clubs have lost their hold on the top spot in international competition, while other countries are taking its place.

An American sports writer in London
 Final part of a five-part series

The English are frequently thrashed in the international scene even though they have had great stars like Ian Botham.

The Pakistan cricket team with the great Imran Khan did well in usurping the English team's dominance. Khan did a great deal to foster the sport's interest in his homeland.

While the popularity of cricket steamrolls all over the globe, it has not fired up the United States. The obvious reason is the success of baseball and the alien nature of cricket.

Why go to the trouble of learning a new batting sport when baseball is the king?

I'm not certain if there are any amateur cricket players around Texas. It is not exactly a thriving sport in the U.S. even among Anglophiles.

Cricket has been frozen out of the U.S., but some American sports

do enjoy a sort of cult following in London.

The London area has lots of sorts of sporting facilities and for the homesick American and adventurous Englishmen interested in sports from across the lake.

London is home to the British Basketball Association and Southern England Baseball Association.

Believe it or not! And yes, the surprises are over yet.

American football probably enjoys the widest cult popularity in the truly American sport.

The London Ravens American football team has quite a following although it's more as a novelty than a talented crew.

It seems that the English have taken the first step toward sports interaction by having the American football is... well, the first out.

Now it would seem only a matter of time before the Americans welcome cricket to the sports arena.

A&M has history of 0-2 starts

After losing to LSU 27-0 last Saturday night at soggy Tiger Stadium, Texas A&M had its first 0-2 start since Coach Tom Wilson's 1979 Aggies began that campaign with losses to Brigham Young (18-17) and Baylor (17-7).

Inasmuch as Coach Jackie Sherrill had planned to be in the Top 10 after the Aggies tangled with the Tigers and Nebraska, this came as quite a shock to all Aggie fans.

A check of the record books shows that this was the 13th time in 94 seasons that A&M had dropped its initial two games, but only the second time since 1970.

From 1970 through 1988 Aggie squads coached by four different men had nine seasons in which they began 2-0 and eight other years when they earned a split.

That might not be too impressive at the University of Texas, Oklahoma or even Nebraska, but coming on the heels of the A&M football "Dark Ages," Aggies everywhere have been most appreciative.

Flashback

After Bear Bryant left A&M for Alabama after the 1957 season, Coaches Jim Meyers (1958-61), Hank Foldberg (1962-64) and Stallings (1965-69) combined for seven 0-2 beginnings — and two more that were 0-1-1.

Including Bryant's four-year stay at A&M, the Aggies posted 0-2 starts in eight of 16 seasons with only two spotless starts. (Bryant had them both, 1956-57.)

So what's the big deal? Still not convinced that Aggie football hasn't been top-notch overall in the past 35 years?

Consider this: From 1953 back to the time Coach F.D. Perkins' Ags won the first A&M football game in 1894, A&M had only three seasons that began 0-2.

Now fast-forward to the late 1950s. Meyers succeeded Bryant in 1958 and immediately started Texas A&M on its long, dark journey into the football night.

In 1960 and 1961 A&M opened with a loss and a tie, something that had — and has — occurred before only in 1900.

Back at the turn of the century

A&M tied the Kansas City team (no, really) 6-6 before losing to Texas.

In 1960 A&M lost to LSU, then tied Texas Tech 14-14 in Tech's first SWC game.

A year later the Aggies tied Tech 7-7, then fell to the Bengals again 16-7.

Foldberg's three teams dropped each of its opening games in but lost to Ohio State in 1963, between two more losses to Houston.

Stallings' 1965 team slowed to 2 starts with a monumental upset of Georgia Tech in Atlanta, trailing 10-0 entering the third quarter.

But his teams reverted to bad become the norm in 1967, losing to Georgia Tech (after leading 3-0 at halftime) Tulane 21-13 in 1966, and to Southern Methodist 20-17 and Purdue 24-0.

The final year of the Dark Ages, 1969, found A&M losing on road to Louisiana State 35-20 and to Oklahoma State 35-14-0.

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