

Moon blames marital strain for incident

MISSOURI CITY, Texas (AP) — The wife of Minnesota Viking quarterback Warren Moon fled her home this week after she told authorities her husband struck and choked her, then pursued her by car.

Felicia Moon has decided not to press assault charges in the Tuesday afternoon incident termed a "marital argument" by Missouri City police.

Moon, in a statement released late Wednesday in Houston, blamed the incident on "a strain in our marriage."

"Unfortunately yesterday, a heated argument occurred," Moon said. "I'm very sorry it happened. Felicia and I both love each and will work to move in a positive direction with God in our life."

Police went to the couple's home in the suburb just southwest of Houston after receiving a 911 call from the residence, notifying police an assault was in progress. It is not known if Mrs. Moon or if one of the couple's four children placed the call.

When police arrived, Moon See MOON, Page 4

Rodriguez looks to move from A&M to PGA

□ The former Aggie standout won two of three in the Collegiate Matches in Japan.

By David Winder
THE BATTALION

Ever since Anthony Rodriguez hit his first tee shot at the age of 12, his dream has been to play golf for a living. In early July, he realized that dream.

Rodriguez, the most successful golfer in Texas A&M history, became a professional golfer on July 8.

"I felt I was ready (to turn pro) since I finished my eligibility," Rodriguez said. "The decision was my own. It was to fulfill my dream."

Rodriguez will play as a pro for the first time at the Muy Caliente Tournament Aug. 29-30 and then compete at the Texas State Tournament Sept. 1-4. He then will go to the Professional Golfer's Association Qualifying School in hopes of getting a PGA card.

"It is every golfer's dream to make it to the PGA," Rodriguez said. "Going to The Colonial (a PGA tournament) last year really motivated me. It's amazing the way everything is done there. Anything can happen on the PGA tour."

Golf legend Chi Chi Rodriguez will serve as Rodriguez's sponsor, helping him with travel expenses.

"He is going to help me financially in starting my career," Rodriguez said. "He's also giving me advice with my mental and physical games. Fuzzy Zoeller has also

helped me."

Rodriguez played strongly during his senior season at A&M, as he won five tournaments. Before this year, no Aggie golfer had ever won more than two tournaments in an entire career. Rodriguez also finished in the top 10 for collegiate golfers.

He was honored for his excellent season on June 6 when he was named to the first-team, All-American golf squad by the Golf Coaches Association of America. Rodriguez was the first Aggie All-American since Phillip Parkin was selected in 1984.

During his career at A&M, Rodriguez was named to the All-Southwest Conference team three times.

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mentally sound swings that you are going to see," A&M Assistant Sports Information Director Colin Killian said. "On the course, he has a competitive fire that is like 'the eye of the tiger.' It scares some people. Off the course, he is an affable, likable young man."

Rodriguez, from San Antonio, has excelled at every level of golf he has performed in. At Churchill High School in San Antonio, he led his team to four

straight district titles and the regional crown in 1990. He was a four-time, all-district selection and was named to the all-Texas team as a senior.

During high school, he captured six prep tournaments as a senior, five as a junior and two more as a sophomore.

Killian said he was impressed with the way Rodriguez played while trying to make a return trip to the NCAA Championships last season.

"He made it his junior year, but missed by one shot his senior year," Killian said. "It was under tough conditions, but from tee to green he played unbelievably. Some tour guys couldn't have played that well."

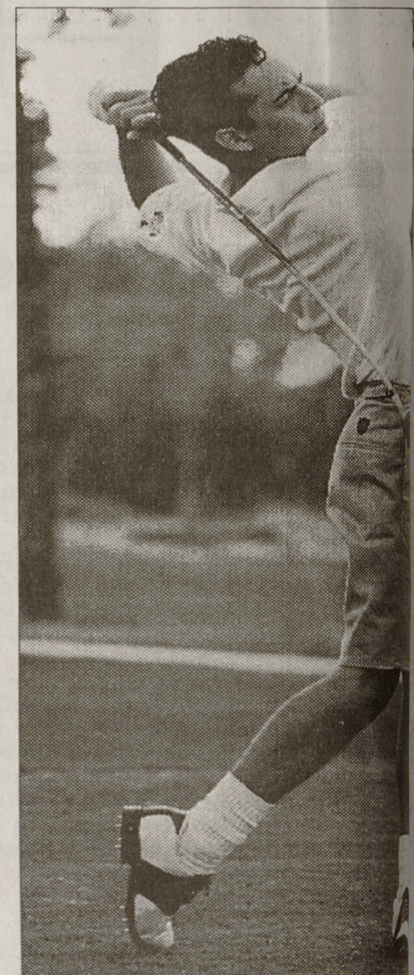
Rodriguez had a stroke average of 72.08 last season, which helped earn him a position on the United States collegiate team that participated in the U.S. — Japan Collegiate Matches in Japan.

"Out of three matches, I won two," Rodriguez said. "But the United States lost. It did allow me to see a part of the world I had never seen though."

The most impressive part of Rodriguez's senior season was the fact that he was under significant pressure to lead the team after the graduation of former All-American performer Marco Gortana in 1994.

Rodriguez hopes to follow in the footsteps of fellow Aggies Bobby Nichols and Jeff Maggert who have found success on the PGA tour. Nichols was the 1964 PGA Champion, and Maggert was the 1993 PGA Tour winner.

"I had the best four years of my life at Texas A&M," Rodriguez said. "I bleed maroon blood."



A&M graduate Anthony Rodriguez pro on July 8.

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