

# Big D To Honor Randy At SWC Meet

By JERRY GRISHAM  
 This weekend in Dallas the City Fathers intend to make Randy Matson an honorary citizen of Big D.  
**WHO KNOWS?** They may even hand him a 16-pound key to the city.  
 Randy will be in town competing in the Southwest Conference track meet. The meet will be his last appearance with his A&M teammates.  
 The last time Randy was so honored—April 22 on Randy Matson Day at A&M—he showed

his appreciation by breaking his own world record in the shot. It's no secret that the people in Dallas are hoping for another such feat.  
**TRACK COACH** Charlie Thomas is doubtful that his prize pupil will come through with another 71-plus heave.  
 "You just don't break a world record every week," Thomas pointed out. "But then Randy's a threat every time he throws because of his consistency this year."  
 And a threat he most certainly is.

In every track meet the Aggie great has competed in this year he has set a meet record. In the first track meet of the season, a dual meet with Baylor at A&M, he threw the shot 68-8 3/4.  
 MARCH 4, in Austin, Randy threw for 66-5 1/2 and a week later in the Border Olympics in Laredo he notched his third meet record with a toss of 67-11 1/2.  
 Then, due to an injury to his right hand, he was unable to throw the shot in the March 18 tri-meet with Rice and LSU at A&M and the Corpus Christi In-

vitational, March 25.  
 Although unable to compete in his favorite event, Randy showed his potential in the discus by setting a new collegiate record in the A&M meet with a throw of 200-7 1/2 and a new meet record of 192-4 in Corpus Christi.  
 Randy definitely showed that he was not one to let a small thing like an injury stop him.  
**BACK IN ACTION** The 31st of March in the Texas Relays the Maroon Marvel heralded his return to the shot put ring with a heave of 68-8—another meet record.

**UP TO THAT** time he was the only man in history to throw the iron ball over 70 feet and he had only done that twice. That day he threw it 70-5 1/2 twice—two inches shy of his then world record of 70-7 3/4—and 70 feet one. His remaining tosses were 68-5, 68-7 1/4 and 69-5 1/2.  
 His discus throws were 203-2 1/2, 204-2, 213-9 1/2, 206-7 1/2, 195-6 and 200-5 1/2. The record throw was two inches short of the world mark of 213-11 1/2.  
 To celebrate Randy Matson Day, Randy set the present world record of 71-5 1/2 and last Saturday in the Drake Relays he set a new meet record of 68-3 1/2.  
 To set a new meet record in the SWC meet this weekend Randy will have to better his old world mark he set in the 1964 meet. But the way things have been going this year—who knows?



**TO BE HONORED**  
 Randy Matson, A&M's world champion will be honored this weekend at the Southwest Conference Meet in Dallas. The City of Dallas will make the Pampa giant an honorary citizen of Dallas.

## Sports Information Is A Year-Round Job At A&M

By GARY SHERER  
 The scoreboard showed no time left and the two football teams ran off the Kyle Field playing surface.  
**THE GAME** was over and Texas A&M had defeated Texas Tech 35-14 in a Southwest Conference football game.  
 For the players and spectators the game was indeed over. But for sports writers and newsmen the game results had to be prepared for a report to the public.  
 They were operating on a tight schedule but one to which they had become accustomed. As the news media personnel filled the Kyle Field press box with sounds of clacking typewriters and ticker-tape machines, one man rushed from writer-to-writer with information just obtained from the A&M team's dressing room.  
 Information is that man's specialty. Harold L. (Spec) Gammon is Texas A&M's sports information director and his job is to make sure all news people know everything about Texas A&M sports.  
 A LARGE TASK it is, but one that Gammon does and enjoys.  
 "I feel my job is as a liaison between A&M sports and the news media," Gammon says when speaking of his job function.  
 To perhaps explain Gammon's function more in depth, we will trace his steps following the Texas Tech game and throughout the A&M sports season.  
 As mentioned, following the game Gammon obtains information from A&M Coach Gene Stallings in the form of a post-game statement that the writers can put in their stories. After preparing all the final game statistics and the proper distribution of them, Gammon next prepares for Coach Stallings' press conference an hour after the game.  
**AT THE PRESS** conference the sports information director must make sure that he has proper facilities for the conference.  
 Sunday morning following the Saturday night game, Gammon begins a tight schedule.  
 He must prepare a seven-page report of up-to-date facts about the Texas Aggie football team and get them sent out to a mailing list of 290 by Monday afternoon.  
 The seven pages include the facts about A&M's upcoming game, the statistics as of their last game, the depth chart of the team, some incidental column notes and two feature stories on Aggie players.

The mailing list contains most of the daily newspapers in Texas and some out-of-state papers and all SWC sports information offices and future A&M opponents for that year.  
**GAMMON EMPLOYS** a student assistant in the preparation of these facts.  
 On Tuesdays, Coach Stallings holds a pre-game press conference at the college. Visiting writers are met by Gammon and the sports information director supplies the writers with any assistance he can give them.  
 During the press conference, Gammon takes notes and later puts it in story form and sends information out to newspapers which couldn't cover the conference.  
 The game after the Texas Tech meeting was a game with Louisiana State at Baton Rouge. To prepare for this game Gammon flew to nearby New Orleans on Wednesday and was met by his LSU counterpart, Ace Higgins.  
 Gammon and Higgins then went over pre-game arrangements and how Gammon could best get A&M sports news to the news media.  
 "ACE MAY HAVE me on a radio or television sports program to advertise the game," Gammon related.  
 After his pre-game activities in New Orleans, Gammon arrives in Baton Rouge on Thursday. When he arrives, he meets with local newsmen and arranges possible interviews with Coach Stallings or any assistance Gammon himself can render them during the LSU-A&M game.  
 Following the game Gammon returns with the team to College Station and begins his post-game activities.  
 "WHEN WE HAVE two home games in a row my procedure differs for the week," Gammon pointed out. Instead of traveling he must now meet with the incoming sports information man and plan for the upcoming game.  
 "On the weeks I don't travel I catch up on mail and other job activities," Gammon said.  
 "The football season is of course the biggest sports season in the Southwest," Gammon said. "The other sports aren't as popular as football so the work load drops in other seasons."  
 Gammon brings out that though there isn't as much traveling or pre-game activity during other seasons, the job is still a full-time proposition.  
 "It is a year-round job and I have to keep up with requests for

information by a letter file during the year," Gammon said.  
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 "In the brochures are a lot of repeated facts but it serves as a handy reference for news media," Gammon said when discussing the pamphlet.  
 The most extensive brochure is the one for the football season. During the baseball season and at the time of spring football training Gammon interviews all candidates for next year's football team.  
 "During the summer it would be hard to contact them," Gammon pointed out. "Because of this I have each player fill out a questionnaire about themselves before summer break."  
**WITH THE** information he obtains in the respective questionnaires Gammon prepares all player information for the brochure. Along with the player facts Gammon inserts last year's record and statistics and the upcoming season schedule.  
 Then in the summer Gammon prepares the complete brochure in time for the start of the new school year and the football season.  
 The position of sports information director is a year-long, round-the-clock occupation and Gammon in his fourth year at the job admits he is still learning.

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**Radio Announcer Given Bell Award By County Group**  
 Mike Mistovich, the "Voice of the Texas Aggies," was given the Liberty Bell Award Tuesday by the Brazos County Bar Association.  
 The award is given annually in recognition of community service which strengthens the American system of freedom under the law.  
 Mistovich was presented the award at a noon luncheon of the Bar Association. He was awarded the plaque by Bar Association president, Bill Vance.  
 Mistovich is a veteran radio announcer and has been owner of radio station KORA since 1961. He organized the Aggie Sports Network shortly after he bought the station.

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