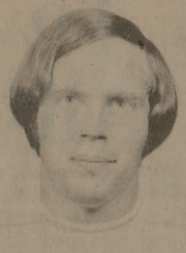


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15 Aggies Entered Texas Relays Set Friday

By BILL HENRY
Battalion Sports Editor
Coaches Charley Thomas and Ted Nelson will take a 15-man track squad to Austin today for competition in the talent-laden Texas Relays.

Our Student Senate, after numerous confrontations, has given the Athletic Department \$170,000 for its program. This is well and good, and I think the student body should help fund extracurricular activities, especially if they participate. Most students do participate in Athletic Department programs.

Realizing that football makes all the money, I know football needs to spend most of it. But to have an all-around program, more coins should be given to other sports.

Baseball strikes the first note. The stadium in which the team plays is in terrible condition. There are not enough seats on hand for the people that have been coming to the games. The place is barren. The Aggies could play at Travis Park in Bryan, but Coach Tom Chandler, feeling that his team represents the student body, wants to make viewing the contests easy for students.

Kyle Field looks like a glorified minor league practice field. It is without lights and the grass is usually in pitiful shape. Mother nature can't take any credit for the shape of the grass this year because of the spring monsoon that set in.

While visiting Blinn Junior College a couple of weeks ago, I noticed its facility. The infield is made of AstroTurf and the outfield of grass — pretty grass. The bleachers, though not very numerous or covered, are made of a fiberglass substance and includes many colors. For the 1,500 students or so, it is really a nice set up.

The indoor swimming pool, however, is atrocious. The facility, built in the 1920's has seen its better days. Going through some micro-filmed copies of the Battalion the people back then were really excited about it and it was as good as could be. It is so bad now that opposing teams grow faint thinking about having to swim here. While talking to the Arkansas swim coach this season, he said that this is the worst place in the conference to compete in. Most teams refuse to dive from the three meter board because the pool's so shallow.

The outdoor pool is luxurious but no meets are ever held for it to be used for intercollegiate activities. The students are able to use it and that's great, but I haven't seen the ten-meter platform used much. For \$100,000, I think better use could have been garnered and be much more enjoyable for all concerned.

The Intramural Department will be given a little financial help because it does not get funds from the Athletic Department. Though not a handball player, I know it is nearly impossible to get to play. There are 14 courts that are tied up Monday through Thursday until 4 p.m. due to classes. The Intramural Department says that it is not uncommon to wait two hours to get a court. We could also use another basketball court with three side courts to satisfy the demand.

We need to work on the baseball stadium. The structure is there and is in a great location but it's got to be renovated and enlarged. I'm afraid the swimming pool has got to go and be completely rebuilt. It's too far gone for repairs.

For intramurals, it seems that handball courts have got to be built. A good place would be where DeWare Fieldhouse is now located. You could kill two birds with one stone by tearing the whole structure down and rebuilding it from the ground up with the pool.

I guess I can keep on dreaming for better facilities along with having female cheerleaders.

Southern; Dwight Stones UCLA high jumper; pole vaulters Kjell Isaksson and Hans Lagerqvist of Sweden; Jan Johnson of Alabama and Steve Smith of the Pacific Coast club and miler Bob Wheeler of Duke.

Four of the world's seven vaulters who have cleared 18 feet will be at this year's Relays including Isaksson, who set his first world record here last year at 18-1, Dave Roberts of Rice, two-time NCAA champion; Lagerqvist and Smith.

Two of the three active 70-foot shot putters in the world will be there. They are Woods, former Southern Illinois ex who was second at Munich and Feuerbach, who placed fifth in the Olympics.

Six 1972 champions in the University-College special events will return to defend their titles. They include Johnson of Alabama, discus thrower Ken Stadel of Rice, javelin thrower Per Eric Smiding of New Mexico, three-miler John Halberstadt of Oklahoma State and long jumper Joshua Owoso of Angelo State.

Four former NCAA champions will be on hand including Milburn, world-record holder in the high hurdles; shot putters Al Feuerbach and George Woods; sprinter Robert Taylor of Texas

—Halberstadt (10,000 meters), Roberts of Rice and Barry Schur of Kansas (high jump).

A special United States Track and Field Federation Decathlon jumps the gun on the Relays Wednesday and Thursday beginning at 1 p.m. each day. On Wednesday the 12 decathletes will compete in the 100-meter dash, long jump, shot put, high jump and 400-meter dash.

On Thursday the 110-meter hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin and 1500-meter run will be held.

Jeff Bennett, former Oklahoma Christian star and America's top decathlete in the Olympic Games, heads the 12-man field. Also included is Greg Hackney, Texas record holder. Bennett was fourth in the Olympics.

A&M ENTRIES

440-yard relay—Gerald D'Ambrosio, Sammy Dierschke, Donny Rogers, Doug Brodhead.

880-yard relay—D'Ambrosio, Billy Porter, Rogers, Brodhead.

Sprint Medley relay—Dierschke, Marvin Mills, Willie Blackmon, Horace Grant.

Mile relay—Blackmon, Wayne Mills, Harold Davis, Brodhead.

Two-mile relay—Davis, Grant, Blackmon and another to be announced.

High hurdles—Scottie Jones.

100-yard dash—Porter.

Long jump—Rogers.

High jump—Ben Greathouse.

Pole vault—David Peterek, Harold McMahan.

Javelin—Newton.



TOP AGGIE HOPES in this weekend's Texas Relays are, from left to right, Horace Grant, Willie Blackmon and Harold Davis. Each are entered in three relay events in the top-rated Austin track meet. Fifteen Aggies are entered in the meet. (Photo by Lynn Kitchens)

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Wreck Fatal To Royal's Daughter

AUSTIN (AP)—Mrs. Marian Royal Kazen, 27, injured March 22 in an Austin automobile-bus accident, died Wednesday in Brackenridge Hospital.

Mrs. Kazen, daughter of University of Texas athletic director and Mrs. Darrell Royal, had been in a coma from head injuries since the accident.

Her two children, David, 3, and Christian, 5, received minor injuries in the accident but have been discharged from the hospital.

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