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Ags shine in Austin

Give year's best performance

By **TED BORISKIE**
Assistant Sports Editor

The A&M track squad enjoyed its finest outing of the season as it qualified two individuals and the mile relay team for the NCAA championships in a quadrangular meet in Austin Thursday night.

Although the Aggies were soundly defeated by the powerful Texas Longhorns, coaches Charles Thomas and Ted Nelson found plenty to be optimistic about as several athletes turned in their best performances of the year.

The Longhorns virtually ran away with the meet, totaling 97 points to A&M's second-place 33½. TCU was third with 28 while Rice, bringing only a skeleton crew because of finals, had 13½.

Bill Newton turned in his best performance of the year in the javelin with a toss of 230-8, moving himself dangerously close to the A&M record of 236-0 set by Marc Black in 1971.

"I don't care about the record," said Newton. "I'm just happy to get it out as far as I did. I knew it was a good throw when I let go but I'm surprised it went as far as it did. It turned sideways on me and I didn't think it would be that good."

Scottie Jones continued his mastery over Texas' Nate Robinson in the 120-yard high hurdles, winning with a 13.66 to Robinson's 13.69. Freshman Shifton Baker turned in

his best time of the season, taking third with a 13.99, which also qualifies him for the NCAA meet.

Texas' Don Sturgal won the 440-yard dash, as expected, with a 46.46, his best time of the year. He faced a bit of unexpected pressure from A&M's Doug Brodhead, who finished second with a 47.04, his best time of the season by over a second and good enough to qualify him for nationals.

Although none placed, all Aggie halfmilers bettered the Southwest Conference qualifying standard of 1:54.0. Adolph Tingan was clocked at 1:52.4, Pat Bradley turned in a 1:52.5 and Horace Grant finished with a 1:52.8.

Defending NCAA champion Robert Primeaux of Texas came back in high style in the 440-yard hurdles, winning in 50.9, his best time of the season by over four seconds. Primeaux was sidelined with a broken ankle for the first part of the season. Baker was fourth with a 53.06.

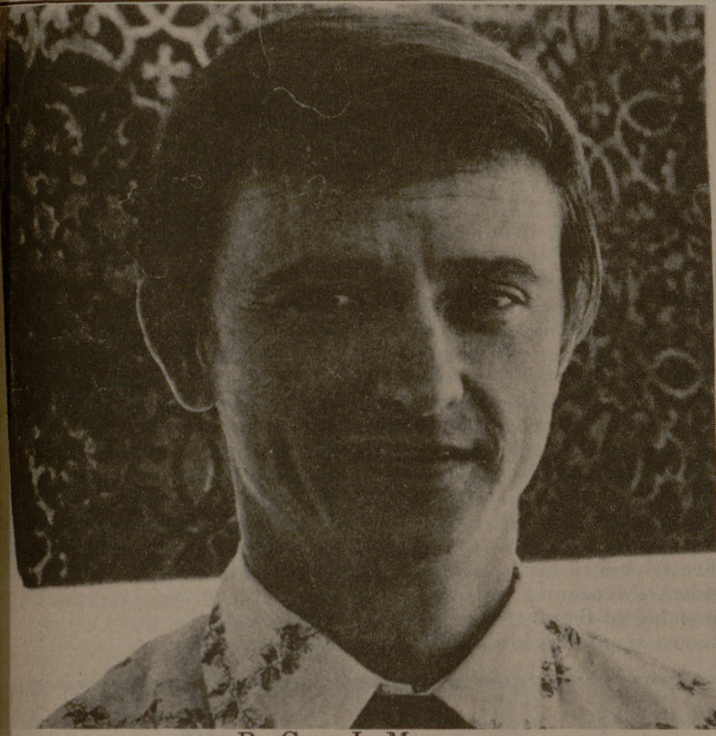
In the mile relay, Grant opened up with a fair opening leg but handed to Brodhead ten yards behind the leaders. Brodhead made up most of the distance in the first 220 yards and it appeared he might have used himself up in the first half of his leg. Coming into the stretch, however, Brodhead summoned up some unknown reserve to sprint up with the leaders at the handoff for a

split of 45.7. Last-minute replacements Baker and Tingan ran creditable legs to give the Aggies a 3:11.39. NCAA qualifying standard is 3:11.5.

Defending SWC champion David Peterek won his first meet of the year, taking the pole vault with a 15-6 height. A&M's Brad Blair took third with a 15-0 performance as favorite David Shepherd of Texas failed to clear 16-0 for the first time this year.

Also turning in season's best performances were Craig Carter, taking fourth in the shot put with 54-5¼, and Tim Brown, sixth in the discus with a 155-1.

Other top performers for the Aggies were Tom Owen, fourth in the long jump with a leap of 23-10¼, Charles Dawson, fourth in the 100- and 220-yard dashes with 9.53 and 22.0, and Charles Cottle, third in the three-mile run with a 14:52.8.



By Gary L. Moore

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Walton signs with Portland for \$2 million contract

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—UCLA superstar Bill Walton has agreed to sign with the Portland Trail Blazers for a salary estimated at more than \$2 million, the National Basketball Association team said Thursday.

Besides the Trail Blazers, who won rights to the first pick in the NBA draft in a coin flip with Philadelphia, Walton's services were sought by his hometown San Diego Conquistadors of the American Basketball Association and two other groups hoping to establish ABA franchises in Los Angeles.

Walton is the second UCLA All-American center to draw a six-figure contract from the pros. Lew Alcindor, now known as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, left UCLA in 1966 for \$1.4 million from the NBA Milwaukee Bucks.

Walton, a 6-foot-11, 220-pounder, led the Bruins to their sixth and seventh consecutive NCAA championships in succession and was The Associated Press college player of the year as a sophomore and junior. The Bruins bowed to North Carolina State in the semi-final NCAA playoff this year.

In three seasons at UCLA, Walton became the most accurate shooter in college basketball history, making 65 percent of his shots to break Jabbar's NCAA record.

He broke Jabbar's UCLA career rebounding record by three rebounds, 1,370, averaging 15.7 a game as the Bruins won 83 of the 87 games he played in.

He averaged 5.5 assists per game his senior year and 19.3 points a game. His three-year scoring average of 20.3 on 1,767 points made him

second to Jabbar's 2,325 on the Bruins' all-time scoring list.

Jabbar turned Milwaukee, an expansion franchise, into an NBA championship club in two years.

At Portland, which finished last in the NBA Pacific Division, Walton joins former UCLA All-American Sidney Wicks.

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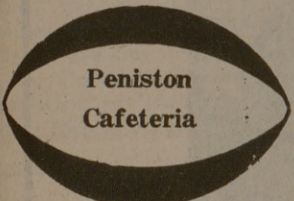
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