

## Fencers set for nationals

A&M's fencing team has qualified five competitors for the national tournament to be held June 22-29 in New York City.

The national qualifiers are Chet Brewer, a sophomore from Dallas, Skip Hammond, a junior from Houston, Fred Rodriguez, a junior from San Antonio, Norine Harris, a sophomore from Houston, and Tom Bohan, a sophomore from Houston.

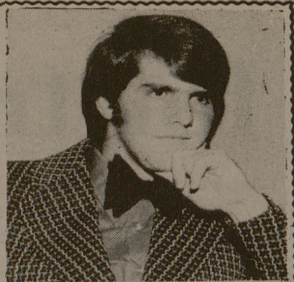
The meet is sponsored by the Amateur Fencers League of America. The tournament is one of four used to select the U. S. teams for international competition.

The A&M fencing team entered 17 tournaments this year earning six first places, eight second places and eight third places. The team had a total of three finalist and 24 semifinalists.

The coach of the team is Abe Cyrus, who is also vice chairman of the Gulf Coast Division of the Amateur Fencers League.

Anyone interested in assisting the qualifiers in finding transportation to the national meet can contact Cyrus at the A&M Health and Physical Education Department.

## Kevin's Korner



By KEVIN COFFEY, Sports Editor

### My last time

There is always a first time and a last time for everything. I think I will remember both those times when I think back on this job.

I gave Aggie fans hell in my first column. Some students were obnoxious at the A&M-UT baseball series last year. How I sweated over that copy. But looking back, the fans are a major part of what makes this University great.

I'll miss this job. I've seen sights and met people that most students will never meet.

Darrell Royal was one of the nicest. A sharp, intelligent man, he fielded questions as well as anyone I ever interviewed.

TCU basketball coach Johnny Swaim ranks as the worst coach I ever had to talk to. Unfriendly and looking for excuses other than his team's ineptness, Swaim was difficult to say the least.

I'll miss Tom Chandler's humming trombone, Norm Reuther's side line antics at basketball games, Shelby Metcalf's arguments with referees, Emory Bellard's "off the record" replies to questions, Tuesday's afternoon luncheons at Little Johns and Diane Powell asking when she can get her name in the paper.

I won't miss all night sessions putting out football specials, SWC basketball referees incompetence and nasty phone calls from club sports presidents wanting to know why their story wasn't in the paper.

This job provided me with memories I'll never forget.

After the 1972 basketball game with George Washington, I thought Metcalf would have a heart attack. Shorty Lawson just blew a call that cost the Aggies a game. Metcalf had Lawson and writers look at the video tape right after the game. Lawson just admitted he made a mistake. I really figured Shelby would throw him down the steps of his second floor office. Lawson was glad to get out of the room alive.

Being a sports writer provides great opportunities. Where else could a man spend four nights a week working till past 1 a.m., get stranded eight hours in the Greenville, S.C. airport, win \$200 worth of golf clubs in a media tournament, get loaded in Baton Rouge and see every football game and just about every basketball and baseball game the last two years.

I've seen many writers get in their digs in their last column but everyone in the athletic department has treated me and our staff just great. I would hate to figure how much they've spent on me.

We tried to build up the minor sports without tearing down the major ones. I really think we did a good job. I know some people put out their best effort. I have a lot of people to thank for making this job easier.

This job would be impossible without the assistance of A&M's Sports Information Department. Spec Gammon and Jim Butler do a super job, the best in the conference.

I would like to thank my staff of Ted Boriskie, Tony Gallucci and Mary Russo. They gave their jobs everything they had to offer.

Most of all I would like to thank the athletes of this University. Without them this job would be nonexistent.

There is a first time and a last time for everything. This is my last time.

## SWC meet nears

About the only thing that Niall O'Shaughnessy, Robert Primeaux and John Berry have in common is an excellent chance to win gold medals at the Southwest Conference track and field championships May 18 in Houston.

All three posted their best marks of the season in their specialties last week and it was an especially gratifying showing for Primeaux, the NCAA 440 hurdles champion who shaved almost four seconds off his season's best time.

O'Shaughnessy, a tiny freshman from Adare, Ireland, sped to a 1:50.4 in the 880 Saturday in Baton Rouge. It was 2.7 seconds under his best earlier effort and led a gang of SWC half-milers who turned in exceptional showings over the weekend. Six SWC athletes bettered their seasonal marks in three meets and now seven have dipped under 1:51 flat to set the stage for what could be the most fiercely competitive race on the 16-event card.

Berry, a 6-0 senior from Dallas, continued his consistent performances in the long jump with a 25-6 1/4 leap without aiding wind. It was his fourth victory of the current outdoor season and just 1 1/4 inches off the SWC record established last year by Baylor's Danny Brabham. Berry has gone beyond 25 feet in four of his last six meets and bettered 24-10 in the other two.

The 6-4 Primeaux, a junior from Mobile, Ala., defeated SWC record holder Mike Cronholm of Rice in last year's conference meet and went on to win the NCAA championship with a 49.5. He was sidelined by an injury most of this season, turning in a 55.9 in his first effort on March 30.

The next week he failed to finish and then failed to qualify at the Kansas Relays with a 55.6. But last Thursday at Austin he sped to a 50.9 clocking and served notice that he'll be a contender for the championship he won last year.

## Baseball inks top recruit

A&M baseball coach Tom Chandler has announced the signing of Robert Bonner, a standout shortstop-pitcher from Corpus Christi King.

Bonner played for former A&M player and assistant coach Terry Logan at King High School.

Going into the last week of the season, Bonner was hitting above the .500 level. "He has an excellent arm and is very aggressive with the bat," Chandler said.

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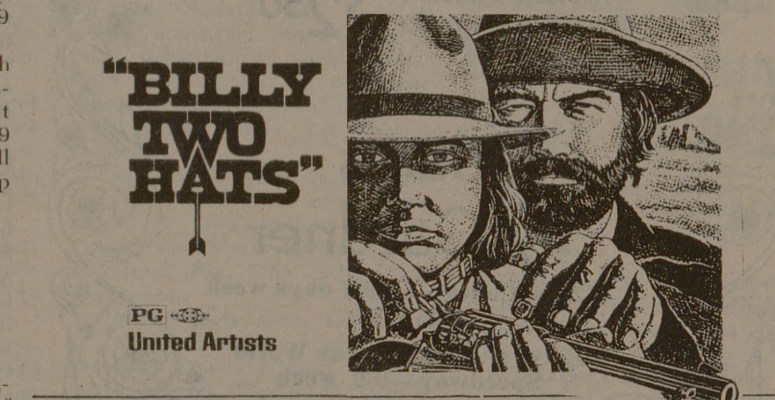
Now they're in new hard-hitting roles! You remember Robert Duvall in the "Godfather"! Joe Don Baker in "Walking Tall"! Karen Black in "Five Easy Pieces"! They are all together in this fast moving, kill or be killed flick against the organization.

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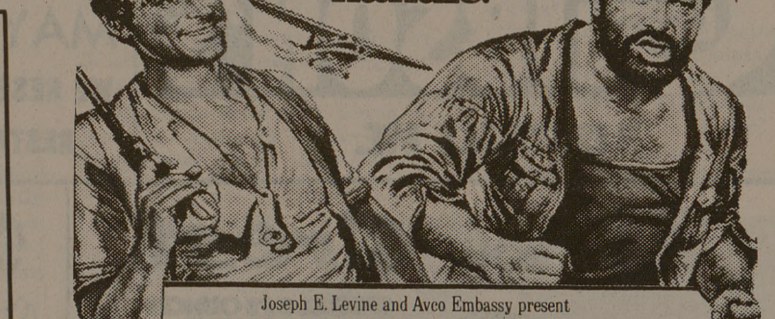
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