

Aggie thinclads travel to Border Olympics

By PAUL McGRATH
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Coach Charles Thomas is heading for the border, hoping to get away with whatever he can.
Thomas has committed no crime — yet. But he will be taking the Aggie track team with him, with a chance to steal the meet from the seven other teams present.
The entire Southwest Conference, with the exception of Arkansas which is being replaced by Lamar Tech, will be competing in the Border Olympics. The Laredo meet is the third outdoor invita-

tional for the Aggies and will be a good indicator on how A&M will fare the rest of the season.
Texas is the favorite with the Aggies and Baylor a toss up for second.

Ag riders win rodeo Saturday

TAMU Rodeo Club members took top honors at the spring semester's first college rodeo in Kingsville last weekend.
Grady Groves was the winner of All-Around Cowboy buckle donated by the King Ranch. Accumulating his points, Groves won first in the bull riding and placed second in the saddle bronc riding.
Terry Chapman won first in the saddle bronc event and Tommy Harkness won first in the bareback bronc riding.
Rodney Jones was second in the bull riding, Greg Court took second in the steer wrestling. And Kay McMullan won second in the barrel race.
Sam Houston State took top team honors in both the men's and women's divisions.

Swimmers, in collegiate state meet

Coach Dennis Fosdick has taken the Women's swimming team to Edinburg to compete in the Texas Collegiate Championships being held at Pan American University.
The following 13 women are participating in the meet: Tina Baker, Vicki Brown, Georganna Collins, Barbara German Leslie Hager, Carol Hemphill, Fawn Hollar, Susan Johnston, Beth McArthur, Harriet Patrick, Kathy Singletary, Debbie Starr.

A&M sprinter Charles Dawson calls the meet the "little Southwest Conference."
"That's just about right," said Thomas. "I look for it to be real competitive."

Thomas feels A&M can do well in the sprints despite strong competition from TCU and Texas. He's looking for a possible one-two or one-three in the hurdles.

A&M is suffering in the field events and will have to score their points on the track. Baylor has the jumping events almost sewn up with the seven-foot talents of Kevin Delorey and with long jumper Ricky Thompson. Rice and Texas will dominate the discus and shot put although there is a chance that Aggie muscle man Frank West may be able to attend the meet. If so, A&M could pick up some points in those two categories.

Long jumper Tom Owens will miss the Laredo trip due to a military obligation. The pole vaulters, says Thomas, could score some points for the Aggies if Brad Blair does well. "We could have a bad event and still be able to recover in the running events," said Thomas.

The meet will be run exactly the same way the SWC meet will be

scheduled. Only two relays, the mile and 440-yard, will be run.

TRACK CINDERS

The Aggies will return from Laredo at the conclusion of the meet. The team will make the eight hour trip by bus.

Several of the sprinters and distance runners for A&M have complained about the Tartan track of Kyle Field. They say the constant running on the track is hurting their legs and have made suggestions that a grass track be made near Kyle Field for them to practice on. Tartan tracks and those similar to them, are known for causing shin splints in runners.

Spring football, along with some freak injuries, is taking a toll of Aggie trackmen. Shot putter Frank West is now questionable because of gridiron practices. Questions have been raised about rulings concerning athletes desiring to participate in two sports. According to A&M defensive coach, Melvin Robertson, freshmen are prohibited

from playing two sports because they need to learn the system. After that first year they may participate in any sport they like. In fact, Robertson says he encourages football players to compete in other sports because the other sports have fewer scholarships to give out and "it is up to the football people to help them."

Two football players who could help the track team, Lester Hayes and Carl Roaches, declined to do so mainly because of scholastic problems or to just catch up from their first semester. Both Hayes and Roaches were at one time 9.5 sprinters. Roaches did run track last year but wants to keep himself as little occupied as possible this semester.

Speculation has it that there is telling what records could be broken if the two were to run Thomas' thinclads.

In last week's meet at Houston five Aggie milers posted times under 4:20.0, the first time ever. A&M quintet has done so in a meet

Intramural softball sees funds headed its way

COLLEGE STATION — Relief is on the way for the intramural softball program at Texas A&M University, says director Don Corrington.

A \$112,697 complex will be constructed during the spring and summer months west of the main campus. It will hold four softball fields with backstops and four soccer fields.

A contract for the project was let Tuesday by the Texas A&M University System Board of Directors. The complex will be surrounded by a five-foot fence and includes an automatic sprinkler system which "will help us greatly in upkeep," reports Corrington.

In the last two years, the intramural softball program has more than doubled in numbers with 211 teams participating now in the intramural tournament.

The load on the 10 current fields may push the tournament to 10 weeks in length instead of the usual six or seven, notes Corrington.

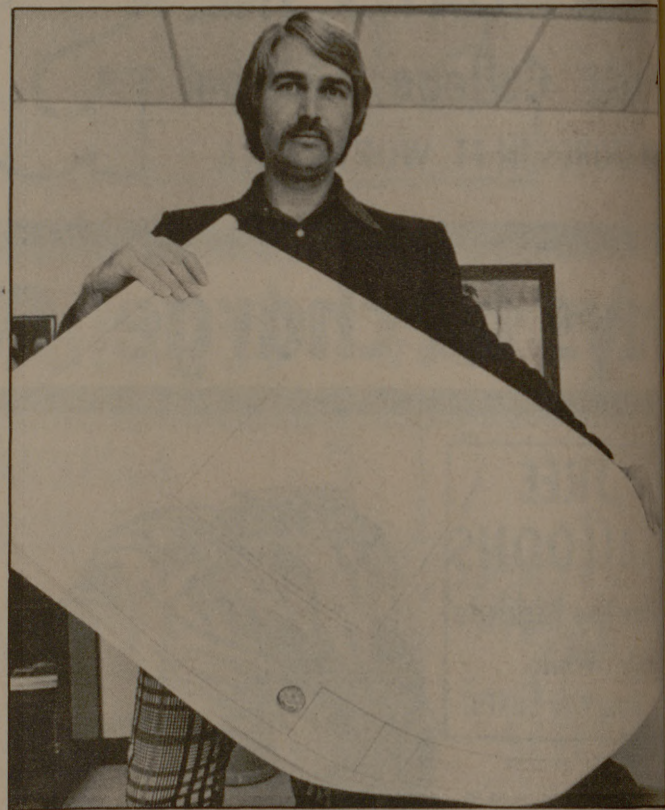
Four new fields will do much to alleviate pressure on the current fields in addition to providing better playing turf.

No plans have been made to use the fields until September in order to let the turf become more resistant to wear.

Site work will include grading for drainage and installation of sprinklers. Although not being installed

now, lights could be attached with little trouble under the design, Corrington says.

Malek Const. Co. of Navasota has been awarded the contract by the TAMU System Board of Directors.



Intramural Director Dennis Corrington displays complex plans.

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Aggies open SWC season with Baylor

By DAVID WALKER
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Coach Tom Chandler takes his Texas Aggies to Waco today to play the Baylor Bears in the opening series of the 1975 Southwest Conference Baseball season.

The Aggies take a 4-0 record into the Friday single game. They have beaten Sam Houston State University and St. Mary's University in double headers to get their early season perfect mark.

The Bears have had a successful season so far as they enter the SWC opener with a 6-2 record. They were in the baseball limelight earlier this season as they beat powerful Oklahoma in the first game of a double header in Waco. The Sooners came back to beat the Bears but the moral victory had already been won by the Baptist.

The two teams will play a single game Friday and a double header Saturday. Game time Friday is 3:00

with Saturday's double dip getting under way at 1:00.

The Aggies will start Tommy Hawthorne at catcher, and David Lockett will be the opening day pitcher.

The Aggie infield will have Jim Bratsen at first, Mike Schraeder at second, Fred Russ at short, and Kirk Campbell at third. In the outfield Al Thurmond will be in left, Mike Frazier in center, and Bill Raymer in right.

The Ags will most likely will be without the services of freshman Robert Bonner who is still on the shelf with a leg injury.

The Aggies' next action will be Tuesday when they travel to San Antonio to play St. Mary's in a return double header. The Aggies host SMU next weekend in their home SWC opener.

There will be no local radio coverage for Aggie games this year.

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