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By fish McGRATH
In the strictest of journalistic sense, I have made one of the largest errors an objective scribe can make. But I'm glad I made it. I've taken to heart the Texas Aggie Track team which means my further reporting on the team may or may not be what is termed a conflict of interest.

However, Coaches Charles Thomas and Ted Nelson and their two dozen or so athletes have provided some moments that will long be remembered by this pencil-pusher.

When I covered high school sports, track was just an activity to fill up space on the page after spring football, basketball and baseball copy had run out. Since coming to Aggieland, I've had to change my frame of thinking.

The trackster is every bit as much an athlete as those who toss pigskins or horsehide. Scantly clad, the spike-shoed runners match their strength and speed in contests where victory is measured on a stopwatch.

The Aggies have long been noted for their track squads and this year's group is not without its outstanding performers and performances.

Perhaps it is fitting that the man who has been most valuable to the team should also be the team captain. Of course I'm referring to

Doug Brodhead, the stellar senior quarter miler from Lafayette.

The dark headed cajun never quits in a race. Never. Just as powerful as his muscular thighs is his drive to win. It's sheer pleasure to watch him gallop those 440 yards. Though he sometimes may be out-matched he will never be out-classed.

Then there's this sophomore hurdler who just happens to be leading the Southwest Conference in the 120 highs. His friends call him Shiftless, an alias for his real moniker, Shifton Baker.

Don't let Baker's easy smile fool you. He's no laughing matter in the hurdles. Ask Baylor's Alecy Jackson whom Baker beat three times last Saturday.

Speaking of hurdlers, the king has not yet relinquished his crown.

Scottie Jones has been hampered with a bum leg for most of the spring. But something tells me the SWC's two-time champ will be back. Baker and Jones, one-two in the highs come conference time.

There is another hurdler I'd like to mention. Mike Williams, you're an allright dude. Hang in there.

Charles Dawson has been the victim of many questionable calls and an equally questionable leg. But he stays with it. The Aggie dashman will be gone after this year. He'll be missed.

I hate to make a bad pun, but I'm telling the truth when I say each one of the Aggie distance men would go a long way for a friend. Thanks Horace, Adolph, Jacob, Bruce and Manfred.

I've just got to say a few words

about my fellow classmate, Chuck Butler. Chuck and I share the same class where we both ridicule the prof and I usually doze off. Chuck's a yankee but don't hold that against him, he couldn't help it. Mr. Butler will be taking Brodhead's place after this year. I believe he'll fit the shoes well.

I could mention the whole team — but I have to move on. All of them are a bunch of great guys and each one of them has the respect of this fledgling sportswriter.

I guess the guy I owe the most to for helping me this year (besides my editor) would have to be Coach Thomas. He's taken time to explain things I didn't understand, of which there were many. He took me along on nearly every out of town trip and treats each of my bi-weekly visits warmly. He also hasn't hurt my ego

any with the praise he has given me for my stories.

My appreciation also goes to Coach Nelson who was always ready to help me in some way or the other. I'd like to thank his wife, too. When I did a feature on her spouse, she went collecting copies as keepsake items. Did my heart good to have that.

Last but not least, thank you Mary Prudom for putting up with my coming in at every hour. It seemed to get some little desk straightened out.

It has been a great year for me primarily due to those on the team. And what's best about it is that it's not over yet. Let's give hell in Drake.

Now you know the truth and you're probably thinking the sports page is the wrong place for a letter. Well, what better place is there to put something for a whole team and school to read? Besides, this is my column and I'll do what I want to with it. Isn't that right, Mike?

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NCAA plans emergency meeting on economics

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The National Collegiate Athletic Association launches an emergency meeting on economics Thursday, with the money crunch casting an ominous shadow on many collegiate sports

programs.

A blue-ribbon panel of invited delegates, including Darrell Royal, University of Texas football coach, and Wayne Duke, commissioner of the Big Ten Conference, will be on

hand for the two days of what promise to be cold, hard dealings in meetings designed to probe vital economic problems.

Several university presidents, including Robben W. Fleming of Michigan and William E. Davis of Idaho State will also attend.

Besides Royal, other coaches on hand include Bill Foster, basketball coach at Duke, William Nelson, wrestling coach at Arizona, and G. C. Dales, track coach at Western Michigan.

Heading the impressive roster of athletic directors will be Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch, former pro football star now director of athletics at the University of Wisconsin.

It was Hirsch who on Tuesday set the tone for this conference, saying that some programs faced the very real possibility of bankruptcy unless financial relief is found.

Colleges have been cutting athletic costs in various ways for some time. "I think we've done about all we can do at this point," said Hirsch, who is hoping for some national recommendations from this conference.

"We're down to a point where if we cut any further, we'll affect the quality of the program."

H&PE Department to continue aerobics

An adult aerobics program will continue this summer at Texas A&M University under Health and Physical Education Department guidance.

Dr. George Jessup said two fitness programs will run from May 5 to Aug. 29. Each is limited to 60 participants.

A noon exercise program for women will meet Mondays through Fridays from 12 noon to 1 p.m., in the aerobics room. Formal exercise and opportunity for jogging, stationary cycling and weight training are provided.

An evening program will take men and women. It will meet Monday through Thursday, 5 to 6 p.m. Because of anticipated increased enrollment, formal exercise will be

conducted in the park across from C. Rollie White Coliseum.

New members are required to obtain a health evaluation from their own physician. Jessup also recommends that men over age 35 and women over 40 should get an exercise stress electrocardiogram from their physician.

A \$20 registration fee is required. It covers facilities, leadership and group fitness screening. Offered optionally are a \$20 exercise stress test, locker and laundry service at \$10 and noon program baby sitting, \$10.

Early registration is suggested because of limited facilities and group size. Fees should be paid to the A&M Aerobics Club through Jessup.

POA wins All-TAMU softball tilt

Plantation Oaks Apartments won the All-University Co-rec division softball championship yesterday by defeating the Marketing Society 14-7, at the intramural field.

Lead by the hitting of shortstop Mike Moore, POA broke a 3-0 lead with a 5-run third inning. The inning was highlighted by Moore's three-run homerun.

Their lead was not in jeopardy until the Marketers collected three runs in the bottom half of the fifth to cut the deficit to 10-7.

POA scored one insurance run in the top of the sixth and three in the seventh to go on to win the championship.

POA rover Linda Lawhan played a fine game as she covered the outfield like a hawk making some sparkling defensive plays.

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INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Semifinal track winners qualify for All-University track meet tonight



by Ray Wottrich
The IM office encourages everyone to come and see the All-University track meet tonight at 7:30. All of the races promise to be close and exciting since all of the qualifiers' times are tightly grouped. In fact, the times are less than a second apart in most of the dashes. Most of the tracksters competing in the semi-finals last week showed excellent speed and remarkable endurance. The qualifiers will be competing for the championship tonight on Kyle Field.

Those who will be competing in the meet tonight deserve a great deal of credit. They have defeated many fine runners on their way to the final. In the 120 yard low hurdles, Bob Schmidt seems to be the man to beat. He is shown on the left in the semi-finals last week. His time of 13.1 seconds is the fastest qualifying time posted. He runs for the Mulletts, and independent team. Also qualifying for the Mulletts is C. Owens, posting a 14.1 M. Blakely of Sq-15 posted a 14.2, D. Hever of Panama posted a 13.9, R. Bresent of Nichols posted a 13.6, B. Colvin of Moore posted a 13.5, L. Sneed of N-2 posted a 13.7, and K. Garfield of Sq-1 posted a 14.0.

The Mulletts also were the fastest in qualifying for the 440 yard relay with a time of 44.5 seconds. Davis-Gary posted a 47.4, Puryear posted a 45.9, Bac ii posted a 45.2, Nichols posted a 44.9, BAC I posted a 45.3, Walton Hall posted a 46.5, and M. Band (fish) posted a 47.2 time in the 440 relay.

The picture at the upper left shows the finish of the Women's Independent Division 100 yard dash. The winner shown in the center lane is Becky Bowling who runs representing Briarwood. The picture at the center left shows the finish of the Men's Independent 220 yard dash. Jerry Stice, representing the Mugsters, is shown exultantly crossing the line in victory. His time was 23.2 seconds, the fastest time of those who qualified for the 220 yard dash final. The picture at the lower left shows Bob Schmidt of the Mulletts clearing the last hurdle leading to his win in the Men's 120 yard low hurdles for the Independent Division. The picture to the upper right shows Dana Wildfong in the dark jersey crossing the finish line to win the Women's 220 yard dash. She is representing Fowler hall. The picture at the center right shows Mike Treacy handing off the baton to Lester Mills before the last leg of the Independent Mile Relay. Their team, BAC II, ran the fastest mile relay of 3:29.75 and won the race. Charlie Wampler waits in lane two to run the last leg for Dunn hall. The last picture shows John Burkhalter in the dark jersey and Dr. Clessen Martin of the Psychology Dept. who beat Eric P. Johnson and Charles Curl of C-2 in the IM All-University Racketball Championship game, 21-3 and 21-6.

Lester Mills of BAC II ran the fastest 440 yard dash of 52.4 followed closely by Culwell of Walton with a 52.5. Others qualifying are Worley of the Mulletts with a 53.9, Stroman of N-2 with a 53.1, Pophin of the W. Band with a 53.0, Richardson of Nichols with a 53.6, Sommerville of L-1 and Weslake of White with a 54.0.

Jerry Stice of the Mugsters, shown at left, ran the fastest 220 yard dash with a 23.2. Others who qualified for the 220 are Ledlow from M. Band with a 23.9, M. Cheving of Southwest with a 23.85, K. Terrell of BAC II with a 23.6, B. Colvin of Moore with a 23.3, B. Price of Leggett with a 23.7, S. Ross of Puryear with a 23.9, and S. Garner with a 23.95 for the Critters.

In the 880 yard run, B. Kohls of the Mulletts broke two minutes with a 1:59.7. He is the definite favorite. Others qualifying are Curcums of Nichols, B. Shoemate of Sq-6, J. Mazzuran of Sq-9, Low of L-1, Magaree of Law, B. Bearden of D-1, D. Naughton of L-2, R. Frazier of Davis-Gary, C. Brown, M. Harrington of Puryear, R. Harvey of Sq-2, Franke of the Mulletts, J. Higgins of D-1, J. McMenany of the OUtcasts, and Gibbons of Hart Hall.

In the 100 yard dash, Tigner of Briarwood is favored with a 10.2 qualifying time. Other fast ones are Johnson of Nichols, P. Bode of the Mulletts, and C. Jackson and D. Cline of Puryear.

The fastest mile was a 4:43.5 turned in by L. Kitchens of Hart, J. Patterson of Dunn, K. Mulligan of the Mulletts, R. Fussilier of McInnis, and Poteet of N-2 came in close behind Kitchens' time.

BAC II is the fastest qualifier for the mile relay with a 3:29.75. Other teams to watch for will be the Mulletts, Grayson, and Walton Hall. Also running will be Davis-Gary, Puryear, BAC I, and Southwest.

In the women's competition, the Dexter Jets made an unfortunately poor showing. This was due to injury losses of some of their runners, including Carol Ploch.



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