

# Hogs dominate meet; Aggie track takes fourth

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Again it was the twosome of Rice's Jeff Wells and the entire Arkansas squad which dominated yesterday's District VI cross country meet held at the Austin Country Club. The six-mile race which qualified four teams and eight other individual runners for the nationals meet at Penn State this weekend,

was won by the Hogs while Wells took the individual honors with a time of 29:40. The Texas A&M squad of Coach Ted Nelson grabbed one of the team berths with a fourth place finish. The Aggies were a scant point behind the Rice Owls, gathering 83 marks to Rice's 82. A&M was led by the fifth place finish of sophomore Bruce Smith, clocked at 30:31. Manfred Kohrs and Kyle Heffner

took 18th and 19th respectively for A&M. Jacob Yemme was the Aggies' fourth man with Charles Cottle taking the fifth spot.

The Razorbacks placed their first five runners in the top ten. Their excellent job of team running netted them the meet's low score of 23 points. Randy Melancon and Niall O'Shaughnessey, with second and third finishes, paced the Razorbacks who only a week ago took the Southwest Conference title.

The University of Texas landed in the No. 2 spot with 70 points, despite not having a single runner finish in the top ten.

The finish by the Ags qualified the entire squad to go to the national meet. However, because of financial problems, only a few members of the team will be allowed to make the trip.

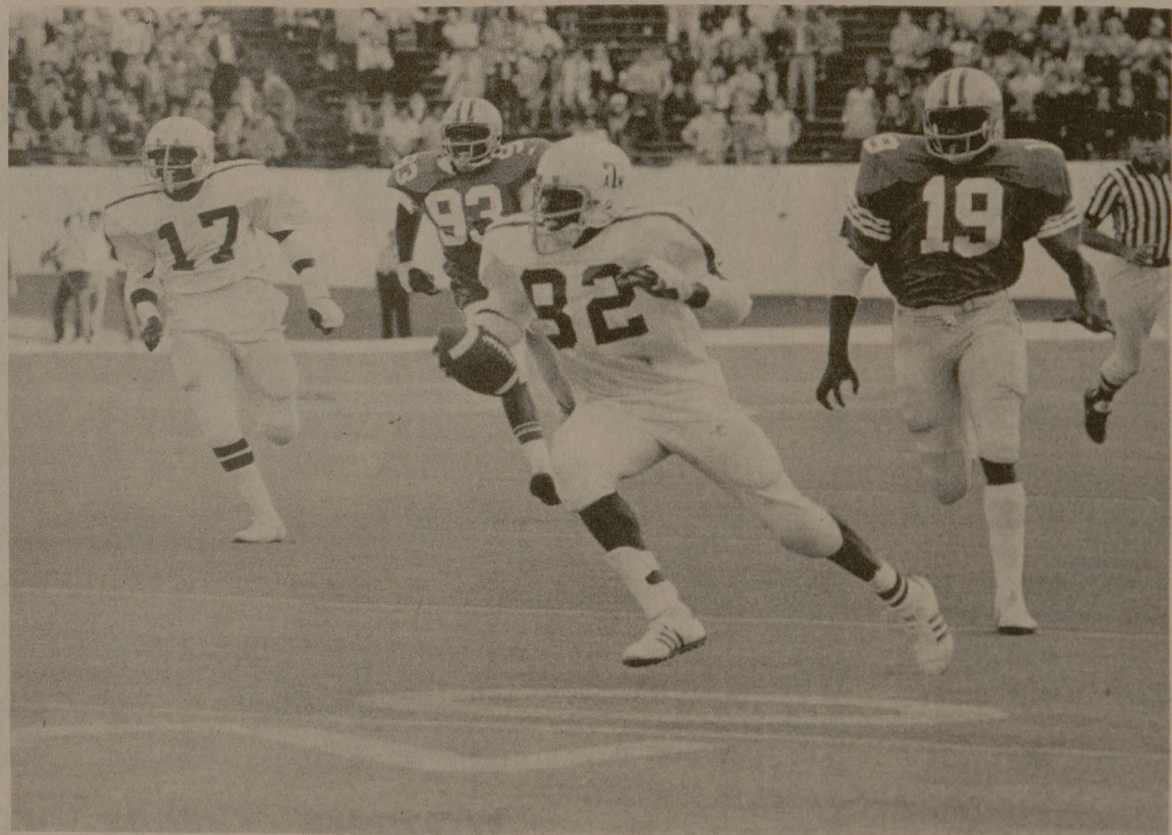
"Bruce really ran well," said Coach Nelson. "Manfred was running well, too, until he got a back cramp at the three-mile mark. He probably would have been in the top ten."

Nelson was not totally satisfied with the entire team's performance, however. "We ran only fair as a team. We didn't have a good team race," he said.

"But we're young. We got a lot of experience today," Nelson said. "We've accomplished a lot this year. We've done a lot better in cross country than we've done in the past 15 years." This is the first time A&M has been represented at nationals.

"We're looking forward to next year, most of our people are coming back. We lose only Cottle, a senior, out of our first five today," said Nelson.

The national meet concludes cross country action for the Ags who finished fifth in conference. The indoor track season gets underway in January.



## Hayes on the spot

Lester Hayes makes another of his patented big plays. This time he intercepts Rice quarterback Tommy Kramer.

Staff Photo by Glen Johnson

# Women's volleyball team loses state tournament to end season

The women's volleyball team failed to reach the finals at the state tournament this past weekend in Austin, thus ending their season on a disappointing note. Lamar took first place in the tournament with Texas Woman's University coming in second and University of Houston taking third.

The Ags were in one of the toughest pools and they lost some very closely contested matches. They

began by playing the University of Texas, losing by a margin of 13-15, 15-9, and 7-15.

This loss in their first match was a hard defeat for the Aggies. Coach Laura Kitzmiller says, "The loss to UT was the straw that broke the camel's back." The women went on to play Texas Tech and TWU, again losing by thin margins.

Overall, the Aggies had a pretty successful season. Going into the

state tournament, they had won 27 out of 40 matches and were ranked among the top eight teams in Texas. This is exceptional when considering that the toughest volleyball competition in the entire United States comes from Texas and California.

Looking back, Coach Kitzmiller says, "We started out real well this year and we had a very, very busy season. We just didn't seem to pull it out in the important games."



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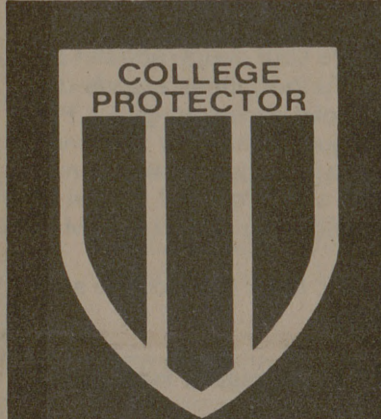
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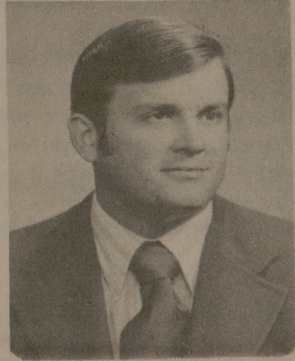
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Sharon Boyle and Martha Sartain competed in the AIAW national cross country championship this past Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

Women from over 50 universities ran in the tough, three mile race. Boyle finished 83rd with a time of 20:03 and Sartain finished 126th with a time of 21:03.

Boyle is a sophomore from Houston and Sartain is a freshman from Irving. This was the first year for both women to run in cross country. Coach Dave Williams says, "It was a very rough course. Considering their youth and inexperience, they did very well."

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