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as the Aggie track team

o Oklahoma City. A&M could manage only is in the ten team meet and ninth in the point totals. a won the second-annual ndoor Relays in which 11 ords were broken. Kansas ped past Kansas by one econd-place honors. finished as the top South-

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est Conference team ahead of Oklahoma State and North Texas tew year didn't open very usly for Coach Charlie las the Amin between the state and North Texas State. TCU, Arkansas, A&M and SMU, which brought only two men, rounded out the stawline

Meet winner Oklahoma was paced by hurdler-sprinter John Garrison who garnered two of the three Sooner firstplace finishes with wins in the 60-yard dash and low hurdles. Kansas State showed its strength in the field events with firsts in the shot put and pole vault and second in the long jump. The Kansas Jayhawks were led by sprinters Cliff Wiley and Nolan Cromwell, the KU quarter-

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back during football season.

The Aggies had a very small voice in the meet, but Thomas' crew did have its bright moments. The distance medley team of Jim Brannen running the half mile, Chuck Butler on the quarter leg, Jacob Yemme running three-quarters of a mile and Manfred Kohrs anchoring in the mile, took second with a clocking of 10:24.4. Kohrs had an excellent time in the anchor leg at 4:17.8

of the season, claiming a 48.3 in the distance medley and a sub-48-second time in the mile relay.

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that event with a 15-6 effort, tying the A&M record for indoors held by Harold McMahan.

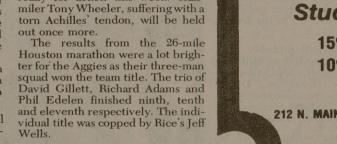
Yemme was one of the few Ags to make to the finals in an individual event with a third place finish in his heat in the 1,000-yard run. The senior from Ghana was scratched from the finals however to run in the distance medley. Texas A&M will travel to Baton

Butler also ran well for this portion the season, claiming a 48.3 in the and Houston.

> A&M's chances in this meet will be greatly improved with the addi-

Pole vaulter Brad Blair took fifth in at event with a 15-6 effort, tying te A&M record for indoors held by arold McMahan. tion of several athletes who were out with injuries or illness. Shifton Baker, Craig McPhail, Charles Daw-son, Frank West and Greg Carter, all needed point getters, should be ready for action this week. Half-miler Tony Wheeler, suffering with a torn Achilles' tendon, will be held

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### **Triumphant Steelers** return to Pittsburgh

#### **Associated Press**

MIAMI — The victorious Pittsburgh Steelers headed home Monday with a second straight Super Bowl triumph as testimony for their claim as one of the National Football League's all-time great teams. With them goes the opportunity, one year hence, to tread on unbro-

Super Bowl victory. As might be expected, other teams already were making overtures to Coach Chuck Noll's staff, hoping to find the rebuilding magic which has come to Pittsburgh. Noll confirmed that the New York Jets had asked permission to talk with Pittsburgh's defensive coordinator, Bud Carson, about their vacant head coaching

It was Carson's defensive unit that carried the burden in the Steelers' held last Saturday night in the school pulsating 21-17 triumph over Dallas in Sunday's Super Bowl showdown. Noll had total confidence in the defense's ability to hold the Cowboys

in the game's final 82 seconds, and meet and finished 22nd at the NCAA meet last fall. Although beginning at the ball on downs, instead of punting it away.

Given an opportunity to make the decision a second time, would he still have turned the ball over on downs instead of punting? "You betcha," ing the benefits said Noll. "It works, and I do anything that works.

Noll explained the Steelers' thinking when they got the ball in the ame's final two minutes. "We ran watch. the ball three times and got them to use up their time-outs," he said. Now, with a fourth-and-nine fac-

ing Pittsburgh, it seemed like a punting situation. But Noll didn't want to risk a block and so the Steelers ran one more play, then turned the ball over on downs. The gamble worked, with two

last-gasp passes by Roger Staubach falling incomplete and the third one on the game's final play being intercepted by Glen Edwards

Noll said he thought the Steelers' tough American Conference di-visional race with teams like Cincin-nati and Houston had helped prepare his team for the playoffs.

"It was nip and tuck football all year," he said. "We had to struggle.

So the more than 76,000 fans who jammed the Orange Bowl and the estimated 75 million more who watched this American sports classic on television saw passes on third-and-one plays, fourth-down gambles and a totally thrilling game.

gives speech at banquet

Stellar distance runner Jeff Wells from Rice University was the guest speaker at the A&M Consolidated High School cross country banquet held last Saturday night in the school

Rice as a basketball manager, Wells developed into one of the country's premier runners in the mile and

He spoke to the audience concerning the benefits of cross country, praising the "purity of the sport because you don't need a lot of equip-ment or facilities. All you need is some clothes, some shoes and a stop

Wells was fresh off a victory that Saturday morning in the Houston marathon with a time of two hours and 17 minutes, some five minutes off the world record in that event. He said that running cross country is one of the primary reasons for his good health and is beneficial in building relationships with other people such as teammates, coaches and athletes from other schools.

Deeply religious, Wells also accredited distance running with helping to discover the proper values in life and and in building individual character.

Consolidated's girls and boys cross country squads, coached by assistant

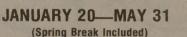


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decade ago. "You had two tough defensive football teams," said Noll. "Defenses that play percentage football. Against that, occasionally, you have to do things that go against the percentage.

athletic director James Giese, were So was Super Bowl X - the most showered with honors during the season despite competing against AAAA schools much of the time.

> The girls' team, in its first year of competition, finished third in the state. The Tigers boys' team captured the state title with a narrow one point victory at the state meet

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