

Eight SWC teams to compete

A&M treks to Border Olympics

By PAUL McGRATH Battalion Sports Editor
A&M track coach Charles... will take the maximum... squad limit of 28 men to... Border Olympics this...

All Southwest Conference schools... except Arkansas will be present at... Lamar University will... substitute for the Razorbacks.

tournament, also comprised of... conference schools, are also on this... weekend's agenda.

The University of Texas is off a... strong showing last week with... polevaulter David Sheperd clearing... 17-0 feet and sprinter Daryl Jarnigan...

a shot as darkhorses at the Olympics... which has become somewhat of a... prelude to the actual conference... meet.

The Owls are paced by all-... American distance man Jeff Wells... and sprinter Zoe Simpson. Wells ran... a 13:49.2 three-mile at the Meet of... Champions last week.

Assistant track coach Ted Nelson... said the Aggies have a chance for... third and are healthy for the first... time this season.

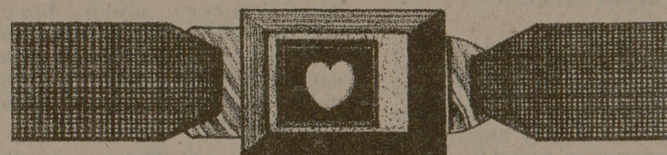
The Aggies are blessed with depth... in the halfmile and intermediate... hurdles. "I just wish we had that kind... of depth all over," Nelson said.

The Aggies are still without an... established mile relay team. This... week's quartet contains four different... faces from last week's team.

Aggie hopes will ride on hurdler... Shifton Baker, who is expected "to... come along pretty soon," Nelson... said, and polevaulter Brad Blair,...

The running events get underway... with the prelims at 9 a.m. tomorrow... The finals start at 7 p.m.

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Club Sports

By DANA McNABB Battalion Staff Writer

while attending A&M last year. "Our... biggest activity of the year is the... sponsoring of the State Broadhead... Championship," Jon Brooke, president...

The club meets the first Monday of... each month at 7:30 p.m. in the... Rudder Tower. The room number is... announced each month on the... television screen in the MSC.

The new soccer complex across... tracks from Kyle Field will be the... site of the First Annual Texas A&M... Soccer Tournament, March 6-7.

A&M will host the tournament in... Houston, Baylor, Rice, Richland... Jr. College, SFA, St. Mary's... Blinn Jr. College will compete.

Competition begins at 9:00 Saturday... with a game between A&M and... UH and SFA battle at the... stadium on Sunday. Admission is...

Second round action will be... held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Both... the semifinals and finals will... be held at noon Sunday. Admission is...

UT official says players should sue or 'shut up'

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Tex. — The chairman of... the University of Texas Athletic... Council says, in effect, two... suspended Texas A&M basketball... players should either appeal to the... courts or shut up.

J. Neils Thompson, a soft-spoken... man given to understatement, said... in answer to a reporter's question...

Offense may have new look

The Texas A&M offense may... possibly have a new look come... spring training, offensive coordinator... Tom Wilson said yesterday.

"We've been looking at some... new things," Wilson said. "But we'll... have to wait until after spring... training before making a final... decision."

An Associated Press story said... that the Aggies were switching from... the wishbone formation to a two-back... backfield. Wilson said however, that... the ideas are just in the planning... stage at the moment and that the... A&M coaching staff will experiment... with the new formations during... spring practice.

"I'm encouraged," Wilson said, "I... think it's got some good possibilities... It can help us to be more... balanced and a little more... flexible."

Wilson said he was pleased with... the apparent depth available in the... running back positions. The Aggies... have six backs returning for... spring drills and will have four... more next fall as the high school... recruits report in.

The Aggies will have good... competition at quarterback, Wilson... said, where four players have a... chance at the starting berth.

Texas A&M, which shared a... piece of the Southwest Conference... crown with Texas and Arkansas... last season, has been picked 31st... in the nation by one poll.

Spring training will begin Mar. 30... and until then Wilson says, "it's... wait and see."

Wednesday that the players can... win their fight in court and should... take it to that forum if they are... innocent.

Asked if he thought they should... appeal or stop complaining, Thompson... said: "That's right."

The Southwest Conference hearing... at which freshmen Karl Godine and... Jarvis Williams were suspended... was held behind closed doors. "We... are dealing with individuals and we... try to do as little harm as we can,"... Thompson said.

An appeal to the courts would... air the controversy in public.

Godine and Williams have denied... accepting illegal inducements to... attend A&M. They have signed... affidavits accusing members of the... athletic departments at Texas, Baylor... and Houston of offering them cars.

Godine has said A&M is the... only school among the hundred that... recruited him that did not offer... illegal inducements.

Thompson said he did not know... if the affidavits named the individuals... who allegedly offered the cars but... he assumed Godine and Williams... would have to do that before the... conference would investigate.

One report said the affidavits... identify the alleged wrongdoer at... Texas

as assistant coach Skip Adams. Adams... denied it and offered to take a... polygraph test.

Thompson said the accused... persons could be required to take... the test. "Yes, under the conference... rules they would have to take the... test or they can't coach," he said, adding... that the ban on coaching also... includes recruiting.

In answer to another question, Thompson... labeled inaccurate a leak to a... newspaper that the conference had... banned two A&M alumni and one... other person in the Houston area... from participating in recruiting for... the Aggies.

The report was inaccurate both... as to the names of the three men and... as to the instruction to A&M on... what they could or could not do, he... said.

Thompson said a report will be... made "within the next couple of... weeks" to UT President Lorene... Rogers on the athletic council's... investigation of five Longhorn... athletes who were paid for up to... 15 days after they left Texas... Senate jobs.

A special three-man faculty... committee also has investigated that... matter and is scheduled to report... soon to Dr. Rogers.

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McDonald's INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

This Week in Intramurals

Ennis Top Frisbee Freak
The first annual IM All-University Frisbee Championships were held last Saturday on Kyle Field with Bob Ennis of Davis-Gary Hall taking top honors. Out of five events, Ennis won the accuracy throw and maximum time aloft with 41 and 90 points, respectively. His total for the five events was 315 points, with Kevin Venner taking second at 287 points, while Scott Keltner placed third with 270 points. The winners of the other three events included Brad Stayton, topping the distance and accuracy category with 77 yd., 8 in.; Scott Keltner, who won the target accuracy throw with 54 points; and Tom Cole, who was the best Frisbee Golf player and collected 67 points in that event.

Fencing Tomorrow
The IM Fencing Tournament will be held tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. in rooms 260 and 261 of the G. Rollie White Annex. Entries close today at 5:00 p.m. in the IM Office. Even if you do not plan to participate, you are invited to come and watch as these daring young swashbucklers try their hands at being IM All-University Fencing Champion.

Fastpitch Tournament
The IM Fastpitch Softball Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 3. Competition will begin on all of the softball diamonds across campus, with the last rounds being played on the new fields at the Complex, located across the railroad tracks near the rodeo arena. The men's teams will play single elimination while the women will play double elimination. There are 55 teams entered this year as opposed to only 32 a year ago, so the competition should be extremely tough and exciting.

Water Polo Closing
Water Polo entries will close on Tuesday, March 9 at the IM Office with competition open to all students, faculty, and staff. Play will begin on Monday, March 22 and will run from 6:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. at the P. L. Downs Natatorium. NCAA Water Polo rules will be in effect with certain TAMU revisions. To learn of these revisions, each team must send their captain to the mandatory meeting on Thursday, March 11 at 5 p.m. in room 232 of G. Rollie White. Schedules will also be given out at this meeting.

Canoe Race Planned
The IM Office is sponsoring a combination Canoe Race/Picnic on the Brazos River soon. The tentative date for the event is Saturday, March 27, depending on the weather. All staff, students, and faculty members may participate in this exciting event. The race will be approximately 5 miles long and will end in a picnic lunch. The first 17 teams of 2 to enter will be supplied with canoes, paddles, and life preservers, but any subsequent entrants must supply all of these things. Each entrant will also need to bring their own lunch. All participants will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the IM Office and the race is not limited to men. Entries close on Friday, March 26.



Above — Bob Ellis of Moses tosses a Frisbee into the "hole" in Frisbee Golf, part of the IM Frisbee competition last week. Ennis won the entire competition, for more winners, see story at left.

Below — Dennis Dickenson (left) of Dunn defeated Tim Billingsley (right) of Sq. 2 in singles handball Wednesday night to become the All-University Champion. Dickenson also won the Civilian title and Billingsley won the Military division.



Tracksters To Meet Soon

Entries for the annual IM Track meet will close at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 9 at the IM Office. The Civilian and Fish preliminaries will be held on Monday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. The Military, Women, and Independent prelims will be held on Tuesday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. Divisional finals will be held the following day at the same time. The All-University Championship meet will be held on Thursday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. Each of these meets will take place at Kyle Field. yd. dash, the 440 yd. relay, the 220 yd. dash and relay, the 880 yd. relay, the 100 yd. dash, and the mile run and relay. Field events in this division are: shot put, high jump, softball throw, and long (broad) jump.

The Women will compete in the following field events: high jump, softball throw, long jump, and shot put. Women's running events are: the 440 yd. dash, the 50 yd. dash, the 880 yd. relay, the 100 yd. dash, the 220 yd. dash, and the 440 yd. relay.

There will also be two Co-Rec events including the 440 yd. relay and the 880 yd. relay. These events will be held at the All-U meet on April 1. Teams are to consist of two men and two women, with runners alternating as to sex. Runners of either sex may be the starters.

A brand new event, known as the Master's Mile, will also be instituted at the All-University meet. This event will be open to all students, faculty, and staff members who are over 35 years of age. Entries for this event only will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., March 29.

So come on by the IM Office and register soon, all you track superstars!

Ref's Corner

Softball Officials will meet at 7:30 p.m. only in rm. 267 of G. Rollie White on Thursday March 11. Water Polo Officials will also meet the same day at 5:00 p.m. in the same place.

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