

# Aggie track team travels to Oklahoma meet

By Paul McGrath  
The Texas A&M track team will compete today in the Oklahoma In-  
tentional Indoor Meet as the Aggies  
continue preparation for the South-  
west Conference Indoor Meet on  
Feb. 4.  
Oklahoma City's Convention  
Center will be the site of the 10  
team meet.  
Representing the Southwest Con-  
ference (SWC) besides Texas A&M  
will be Baylor, SMU and TCU.  
Competition from the Big Eight  
Conference will include Oklahoma,  
Oklahoma State, Kansas and Kansas  
State. North Texas State University  
will also compete.  
The six-lane track is made of pine,

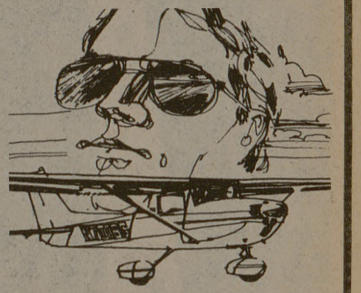
typical of most board indoor tracks.  
The wooden oval is 176 yards in cir-  
cumference, making for 10-lap  
miles.  
Times in the running events are  
generally slower indoors because  
of the size of the track. Since they  
are smaller than the 440-yard out-  
door tracks, runners must take more  
curves, losing the speed advantage  
of long straightaways. Also, because  
most indoor tracks are made of  
boards, speed is lost due to the  
vibration of the track while runners  
are competing. Inexperienced in-  
door runners often lose their bal-  
ance because of the 'bounce-back' of  
wooden tracks. The wood is pushed

down by the force and weight of one  
runner and bounces back for the  
next runner, the upward force inter-  
fering with the rhythm and stride of  
the next runner. The effect com-  
pares to the rickety bridges found in  
amusement parks.  
A&M Track Coach Charles  
Thomas, now in his 19th season,  
will be without the services of three  
or four athletes. Pole vaulter Brad  
Blair will be attending a funeral to-  
day, but may be able to fly into  
Oklahoma City in time for the meet.  
Blair set a school indoor record last  
week in Baton Rouge with a vault of  
16-4 feet, breaking the old mark of  
15-6 feet held by himself and

Harold McMahan (1971). Blair's  
record vault is astonishing as he has  
not vaulted continually in three  
months.  
Shot putter Frank West, like  
Blair, a senior, will miss the meet to  
catch up on some academic work.  
The Aggies' top two quartermilers,  
Chuck Butler and Greg Clark, will  
also be absent.  
The Aggies will have Shifton  
Baker and freshman Kent Figs  
entered in the 60-yard high hurdles.  
Baker, one of the SWC's top  
hurdlers last season, ran a 7.24 in  
the highs last week. Figs, like his  
brother, Karl, comes from Houston  
Sterling and may also compete in  
the 440-yard dash, depending upon

his success in the high hurdles.  
Another freshman, Philip Steen  
from A&M Consolidated, will also  
compete in the 440.  
Ron McGonigle and Karl Figs  
will run in the 600-yard run with  
Reginald Jameson, another  
freshman from Houston Sterling,  
competing in the 300-yard dash. Jim  
Brannen is scheduled for the 880-  
yard run.  
Tommy Glass, Joel Vogt, Ed  
Dulak and Tony Wheeler, will  
compete in the 1,000-yard run and  
it will be this quartet, along with  
Brannen, from which A&M's two-  
mile relay team will be formed. In

the mile run will be Manfred Kohrs,  
who set a school record in the  
two-mile run last week, and Walter  
Jachimowicz.  
The Figs brothers, Baker and  
Jameson will comprise the A&M  
mile relay team.  
In the field events, Pat Ruelle,  
Jerry Strong and possibly Blair will  
compete in the pole vault. Jameson,  
another school record breaker with  
a jump of 22-10 feet, Baker and  
Steen will compete in the long  
jump. The high jump will have Lyn  
Byrd and Ronnie Keys and the shot  
put will have Craig Carter, Randy  
Scott and Tim Scott.



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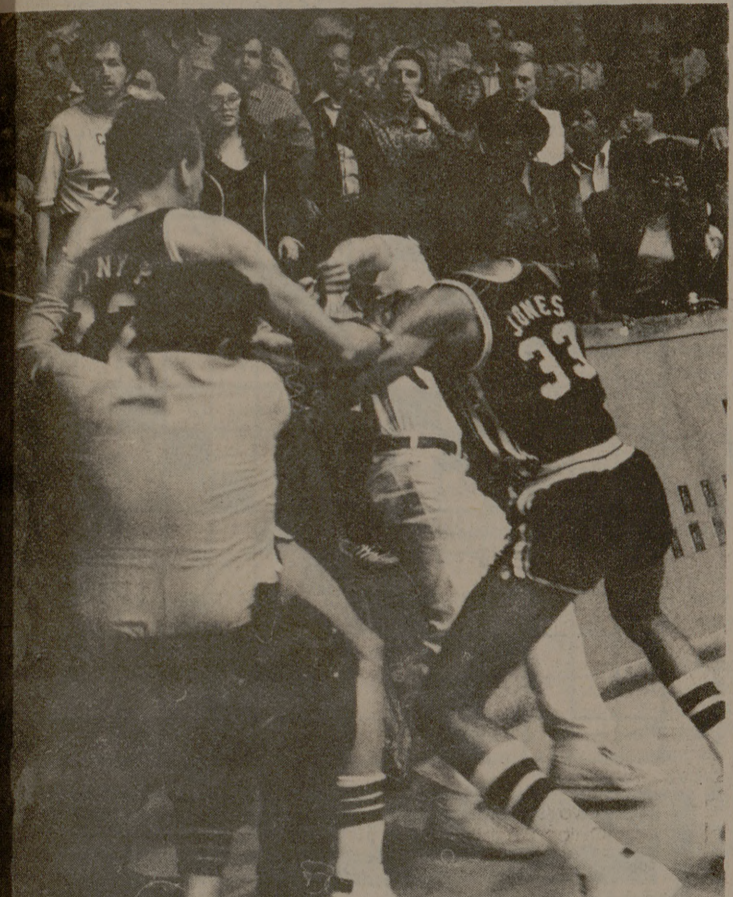
# Coach Dawson resigns at Baylor

United Press International  
WACO, Tex. - Carroll Dawson,  
head basketball coach at Baylor  
University for the past 3-1/2 years,  
resigned yesterday.  
Dawson, 37, said he was quitting  
effective immediately to "give the  
team new direction."

The Bears have compiled an 8-6  
record this season and are 3-2 in the  
Southwest Conference. In pre-  
season polls, Baylor was predicted  
to finish high in the SWC standings,  
but recent losses to Texas A&M and  
Southern Methodist apparently  
prompted Dawson's decision to

quit.  
Baylor Athletic Director Jack Pat-  
terson said Jim Haller, Dawson's as-  
sistant the past three years, would  
take over the team, immediately.  
Patterson said he was surprised at  
Dawson's sudden resignation.  
"He is an outstanding young man  
and the entire university and the  
athletic department wish for him  
the very best in the future," Pat-  
terson said.  
The Baylor Athletic Council late  
Wednesday night accepted Daw-  
son's resignation and passed a res-  
olution commending him for his ser-  
vice to the university. The council  
also recommended to the school  
administration that Haller be given  
the head coaching job.

Dawson, an all-Southwest Con-  
ference performer at Baylor in 1960,  
joined the staff as an assistant coach  
in 1964 and assumed the head  
coaching job in 1973 when Bill  
Menefee resigned.  
Dawson had a 12-13 record his  
first season, went 10-16 in 1974-75  
and was 12-15 last year.  
Haller, 31, joined the Baylor staff  
in 1973 after taking McLennan  
Community College of Waco to the  
National Junior College Tourna-  
ment in his first year on the job. He  
played college basketball at Sam  
Houston State and junior college  
ball at Lon Morris JC.  
Haller received his master's de-  
gree from Texas A&M where he  
served as graduate assistant coach.



Battalion photo by Jim Hendrickson

## Battle of yesteryear

Last year in Houston Sonny Parker had an altercation with a  
Houston cheerleader. The scuffle was quickly broken up by a  
local policeman and Steve Jones, yet this incident demon-  
strates what can happen when people are placed in a pressure  
situation. The game on Saturday will be pressure packed, with  
referee control being crucial if an incident like this one is to be  
avoided.

# Goff beats the odds

Most sports fans have their  
athletic fantasies and every now  
and then an athlete will come  
along that will help inspire them.  
The inspiration arises from a player  
who beats the odds and the cynics  
who point out the reasons he  
shouldn't make it.  
David Goff, at 5-10, a height most  
of us can identify with, is starting  
and excelling as a freshman in a  
big man's sport. Goff fills the role that  
has become a part of A&M's basket-  
ball tradition, the small point guard.  
"The prince," as he is known by  
his teammates, is filling the big  
shoes of Karl Codine, the blue-  
chipper who was ruled ineligible for  
this season due to recruiting  
violations. Goff has performed even  
beyond expectations and has played  
a key role in the team's fast start.  
One of Goff's biggest fans is his  
boss, Coach Shelby Metcalf. "Dave  
is not a freshman as far as un-  
derstanding the game is concerned and  
you can tell he is a winner," says  
Metcalf.  
The point guard position is the  
most crucial in Metcalf's 1-3-1 of-  
fense. The responsibilities include  
moving the ball upcourt, reading  
the defense and finding the open  
man. Goff has done all of this and

shot well too, scoring 16 points in  
the Ags big win over SMU.  
The freshman from Homewood,  
Illinois is going to have to keep pro-  
ducing if the Ags are to compete  
with powerhouses Houston and Ar-  
kansas, who are on the schedule for  
this week. But then isn't that the  
stuff sports fantasies are made of.  
—George Maselli

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