

Aggies sign woman sprinter

# Thurmond honored

Texas A&M pitcher Mark Thurmond was named to the American Association of Coaches' 1977 All-America third team.

Thurmond, who ended the season with a 10-2 record and a 1.90 earned run average was the only member of A&M's Southwest Conference winning team to obtain All-America status.

The Aggie sophomore was 10-0 during the regular season, before losing to Baylor and Michigan in the college playoffs. At one point, Thurmond's 1.06 ERA ranked among national leaders before it ballooned in post-season play.

Thurmond is currently pitching for an American collegiate all-star team which is touring Japan this summer.

Baylor's Steve Macko was named to the Coaches' first team. The Bear's stellar shortstop hit for a .427 average while slugging six home runs and collecting 43 runs batted in.

The Coaches' first team carries a batting average of .424 while the two pitchers have a combined record of 25-1.

Texas Tech first baseman Gary Ashby was the only SWC player honored, being named to the Coaches' second team.

There are no more general public tickets available at Texas A&M for the Texas Tech game this fall.

The Aggies will play the Red Raiders on Sept. 24 in Lubbock's Jones Stadium for the third game of the season.

General public tickets on sale in Lubbock and Texas A&M student tickets are still available.

Texas A&M Women's Track Coach Dave Williams, advancing well in the recruiting department as of late, added another prospect to his team.

Williams signed Fort Worth Eastern Hills sprinter Linda Porter last week. Porter ran on her school's 80-yard relay team which set the

national record last year with a 1:39.4 clocking.

She also ran on Eastern Hills' 440-yard relay unit which owns a faster time than the current Texas A&M record for the event.

Williams hopes Porter will aid his squad primarily in the relays.

"Linda is an excellent relay runner and she will give us some strength in the sprints also," Williams said.

While University of Texas Track Coach Cleburne Price blasts the recruiting of foreign athletes in the

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papers, he recently signed a pair of foreigners to scholarships.

Seventeen-year-old Don Heughan of Ontario, Canada will come to Texas after winning the 880-yard run at the International Prep Invitational. Heughan's time was 1:48.7, six-tenths of a second off the Southwest Conference record.

Price also signed Jamaican Dennis Henry, 18, who has run the quarter mile in 46.8 seconds.

Actually, Price is not against all foreign athletes, just those he terms "overage"—meaning those who are three or more years older than American athletes. Thus, his two recruits do not fall in that category.

Texas also signed high jumper Kelvin Brown from Dade South Junior College in Miami, Fla. Brown won the national junior college title in the event with a leap of 7-2 1/4 feet.

Perhaps someone should check Brown's legs for hidden springs as he stands only 5-10. Seldom is

heard of a high jumper who is less than six feet tall.

Obtaining Brown's signature means the Longhorns now have three jumpers who have cleared seven feet. The Longhorns will also have back for next spring Terry Davenport and Bob Keith.

Twelve teams which received post-season bowl bids will grace the schedules of Southwest Conference teams this fall.

The Arkansas Razorbacks will play Tangerine Bowl winner Oklahoma State and Independence Bowl loser Tulsa.

Baylor will have to face Peach Bowl winner Kentucky and Astro-

Bluebonnet Bowl victor Nebraska.

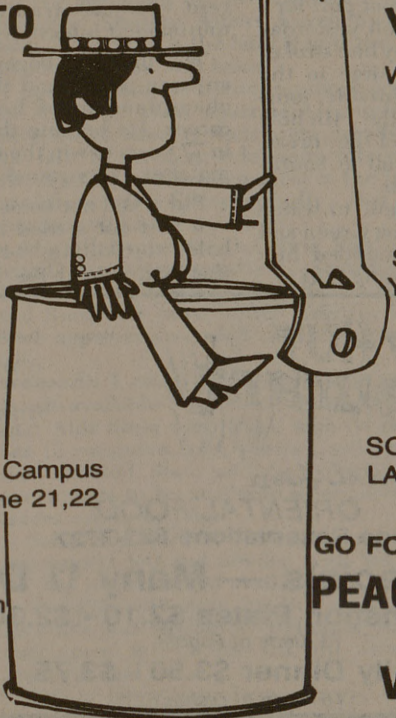
Houston will play bowl losers, Penn State, which lost in the Gator Bowl, and Liberty Bowl victim UCLA.

Rose Bowl loser Michigan will host Texas A&M while Rose Bowl winner USC will play host to TCU this fall.

Florida, which the Aggies defeated in the Sun Bowl, will visit Rice Stadium as guests of the Owls. Orange Bowl champ Ohio State takes on SMU and Fiesta Bowl winner Oklahoma faces Texas in their annual grudge meeting.

This season's SWC foes carry a composite winning percentage of .573 and five opponents ranked in the Top 10 at the end of the season.

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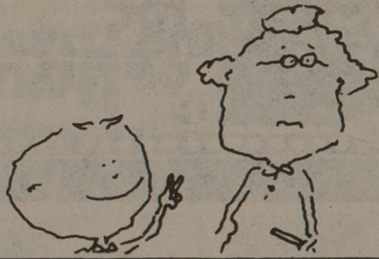
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