## Track teams compete at Drake, Kyle By Sean Petty Battalion Sports Staff The Texas A&M men's and women's track teams will be complete to compete as they have in the past meets. The Texas A&M women's track teams will be complete to compete as they have in the past meets. The Texas A&M women's track teams will be complete as they have in the past meets. The Texas A&M women's track team will be hosting the TAIAW State Track and Field Meet Friday of Texas should be battling for the state can stay with them." Williams said the Aggies and the Universitry of Texas should be battling for the state can stay with them. The Texas A&M women's track team will be hosting the TAIAW State Track and Field Meet Friday at Kyle Field.

women's track teams will be competing in two important meets this clude Auburn's Harver Glance.

Drake Relays, which is considered to be one of the top meets in the

Several Olympians will be comworld record holder in the discus, will be competing along with another Olympian, Al Feuherbach.

knee from football.

Manfred Kohrs, captain of the ences. peting at the meet. Mac Wilkins, team, will be taking a rest in order to be prepared for the Southwest Conference meet in two weeks. The Aggies should finish in the

Mosley will not be with the team at from around the state representing Drake. Mosley is still nursing a sore the Southwest, Lone Star, Souththe Southwest, Lone Star, South-land and Missouri Valley Confer-

meet by 50 points," he said. "They

with leading Houston firms.

when finals are over in May.

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The meet will feature 21 teams state meet by running a certain time or by meeting certain standards in the field events.

The Aggies have qualified most of ences.

Coach David Williams thinks that
Texas Woman's University will win
the meet. "T.W.U. should win the
national meet."

Martha Sartain has qualified in

are so well rounded that no team in the state can stay with them."

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The Aggies have qualified four women in the field events. Donna Branch will be going in the javelin, Jan Chesbro in the high jump, Iris Tipton in the shot put and Sande

Lambert in the long jump.

Ileana Hocking will be doubling in the 800- and 1,500-meter runs at the national meet.

Linda Cornelius, leading scorer on the team, has qualified in the

sure if she will compete in the long jump or the pentathalon. A person can only enter the pentathalon or eral events will be run stating eral events will be run stating. the individual events.

this year at Baylor last weekend, and qualified in the 400-meter hur-

The TAIAW meet Friday and Saturday will be run to decide the Texas state champion. Teams do not

4:00 p.m. Finals will be held in dles, the 5,000-meter run, the 8 yard medley relay, the discus a the long jump.

The other field events will start 11:00 a.m. Saturday and the ning finals will start at 1:30 p.m.



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NEW ORLEANS

Hayes, winner of the 1977 Tournament Players championship, took advantage of a strong chipping game near-perfect weather conditions Thursday to shoot a six-under-par 66 for an early lead in the opening round of the \$200,000 New Orleans

Gary Player, trying to become only the third man in history to win four consecutive PGA tournaments, was among the late starters. He and

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mediocre - my iron game was ter-

Haves, a five-vear veteran who

"I drove the ball good, putted well and I chipped well with my sand wedge," Hayes said.

Hayes early tournament leader §

71 others were to tee off in the afternoon.

winds less than five mph made the seven under. It's disappoint ternoon.

7,000-yard, par-72 Lakewood Counwhen you lose a stroke coming when you lose a stroke coming to the control of the try Club play unusually short.

has been struggling this year, used With no winds or very little his sand wedge to chip in two shots winds, I expect the scores to be and put two others within one foot low," said Hayes, whose best finish of the pin for four of his seven birthis year was a tie for ninth in low," said Hayes, whose best finish five-under par 67. this year was a tie for ninth in Blancas had four birdies of

Hayes played the first 7 holes seven-under par, but three-putted from 45 feet on the 18th green for with the course the way it is to

Veteran Homero Blancas lost two strokes on a pair of bogeys con in, but still managed to finish

first five holes to grab an early le but lost ground on his late boy

"Par would have to be abo "Other than that, I played his only bogey of the day.

"I'm very disappointed," he said blancas, who has near shele."

Temperatures in the mid-70s with solve the lost green for the 16th green for the 16t

## Player tries for fourth

NEW ORLEANS — Gary Player answered the question even before

it was asked.
"I know you all want to know about four in a row," Player said as soon as he walked into the New Orleans Open media tent.

"To expect to win four in a row is expecting a lot, but it is possible. The last time I played here I won."

man in history to win four consecu- sure is greater.

kie Burke ended his string at four

'I'm going in with confidence, but with a realistic outlook," Player said before playing in Thursday's opening round. "To win three in a row nowadays, with the competition we have on the tour, is fantastic.

"The toughest competition you have is during a tour event — even If Player can beat 143 other golfers in the \$200,000 New Orleans
Open he will become only the third

tougher than the Masters. It's just tougher to win a major tournament like the Masters because the pres-

But the pressure is getting

Byron Nelson won a record 11 greater for Player anyway straight in 1942 and 29-year-old Jac-come-from-behind wins in the come-from-behind wins in the ters, the Tournament of Champ and the Houston Open the three weeks make the New Orle Open even tougher.

"I have to look at this realistically," Player said. "Your play well all the time. Golf is humbling a game for that."

Player and former New Orl Open champion Miller Barber, Trevino and Frank Beard all had ternoon starting times today. fending champion Jim Simons in morning start along with crowd vorites Tom Watson and Ben Cr Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palme

Hubie Green and Tom Weiskople skipping the New Orleans Op Th along with the television netwo This year's tournament won't

But even without televisi worl cameras, Player won't be hurting

"I only go in to meet the pr when I feel I deserve it," Players of after PGA officials called a rare of tournament news conference. said many, many times in my car that I wouldn't go into the press because I didn't feel I was plan

That's not the case this week "Quite honestly, I'm not plan Ir., any better than the last two year tails my career. The only differen I'm making more putts now," Plan

'My wife has been after me years to change my putting st She said I looked awful out to and I did, but you don't win! Ear tournaments with a bad put

Still, Player relented and change the putting style that helped him 108 victories in his first 20 years professional.

"I do believe if I had used putting stroke I have now I wo have won more than 200 tour ments," he said.

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## A&M's Cromwell tied for lead in Georgia after opening round

ATHENS; Ga. — All-American Chip Beck of the University of Georgia and Richard Cromwell of Texas A&M shot first round 69s Georgia in the team standings are Thursday to tie for the lead in the Southern Intercollegiate Golf Tour- Texas A&M, 295; Georgia Southnament at Athens Country Club.

Beck led Georgia to second place in the team standings at 290, one stroke off tournament favorite Oklahoma State, the nation's No. 1-ranked team.

Following Beck and Cromwell in the individual standings are Steve Bys of Florida State and Darrel Welker of the University of South-

ern California, both at 70. Tied at 71 are Florida's Larry

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Rinker and Terry Anton and John Jones of Oklahoma State and John Following Oklahoma State and

ern, 300; North Texas State, 302; North Carolina, 302; Houston, 302; East Tennessee State, 303; Oral Roberts University, 304; Kentucky, 305; Florida State, 307; Tennessee, 308; Clemson, 309; and Marshall,

Only 15 teams and 30 individual players will be eligible for the championship on Saturday. The cut will be made after 18 holes on Fri-

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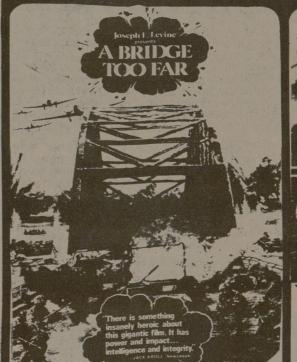
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