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# Ags favored in SWC meet

**By SEAN PETTY**  
The meet that all track and field men throughout the Southwest Conference work for all year is finally here. Starting Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., the Southwest Conference Track and Field Championship will begin in Austin.  
The meet is the culmination of all the effort and sweat each performer has put in throughout the year, and there will be only one team that can call itself the Southwest Conference Champions.  
The favorite for that title is Texas A&M.  
Texas A&M will be fielding one of its strongest teams in years, filled with youth and experience.  
The Ags have strength in almost every event and lead the conference in several events.  
The 400-meter relay team of Chuck Butler, Ray Brooks, Leslie Kerr and Curtis Dickey have the best time in that event with a time of 39.75.  
The 1,600-meter relay team of

Kent Figgs, Vernon Pittman, Arthur Williams and Kerr have run a blistering 3:06.27 to lead the conference in that event.  
If both relays win, the Aggies will have an instant 40 points.  
Curtis Dickey leads the conference and the nation in the 100-meter dash and is expected to beat Texas' heralded Johnny "Lam" Jones and anyone else who hops in the blocks to run that race. Dickey's best time is 9.94.  
Freshman Leslie Kerr goes into the conference meet undefeated in the 400-meter dash and has the best time in the conference having run a 46.3 in McAllen.  
Freshman quarterback Mike Mosley has the best time in the conference in the 110-meter hurdles with a 13.52 clocking. Mosley ran that time before spring football and may not be able to duplicate his best effort after laying out for a month during football.  
Tim Scott who threw the discus 188 feet 10 inches last week could wipe out some of Houston's power in

that event. Steve Stewart also has the ability to let one fly and win.  
The Aggies are very strong in the 400-meter dash with three freshmen. Besides Kerr, Arthur Williams is fifth in the conference running a 47.09 and Vernon Pittman has run a 47.64.  
Coach Ted Nelson said the Aggies are ready. "We have everyone healthy and we are ready to go," he said. "I think that if we can win both relays and pick up a couple of firsts like we should, we will win the meet."  
The race for the championship will be a hot one with Houston right on the Aggies heels with its strength in the field events. Rice has a lot of depth in the hurdles with the top three times in the conference in the 400-meter hurdles and strength in the long races.  
Baylor could come in and be the spoiler if the top three teams knock each other out.  
Texas has had a bad year with many injuries but with a healthy Johnny Jones, Texas could come on

in both relays and surprise some people.  
The big race of the meet will be the 100-meter dash. Texas A&M's Dickey is the favorite. "I'm not worried about Jones or anyone else, I really feel confident," Dickey said. People in Austin gave Dickey a hard time when he did not run last week and Dickey wants to quiet the Longhorn fans who think Jones is the greatest.  
So from the cold, wet days of winter to the balmy days of May, the Southwest Conference runners have worked for this meet, and it looks like Texas A&M may just be a double winner in Austin this weekend.

## Aggie notes

Texas A&M's women's softball team, seeded fifth at the outset, won one and lost two to finish in a tie for sixth place in the SWAIAW regional tournament this past weekend in Denton.  
Kim Bellamy picked up the pitching victory over Angelo State while Sami Evans was the loser in the other two games.  
Coach Bob Ellis is preparing a five-man Texas A&M golf team for competition in the NCAA Championship tournament that is scheduled for June 7-10 at Eugene, Oregon.  
A&M's five-man squad includes Dave Ogrin, sophomore from

Waukegan, Illinois; Tim Carlton, senior from Shreveport, La.; Biff Alexander, junior from Seguin; Richard Cromwell, freshman from Stuart, Fla. and Doug Ward, junior from Little Rock, Ark.  
Eight members of Texas A&M's women's track and field squad will compete in the TWU Track & Field Fest this coming Saturday in Denton. Ileana Hocking, 800 and 1500-meter runs; Martha Sartain, 3,000-meter run; Linda Cornelius, pentathlon; Iris Tipton, shot put; Donna Branch, javelin; Jan Chesbro, high jump and Cindy Bartlett, 400-meter hurdles.

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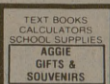
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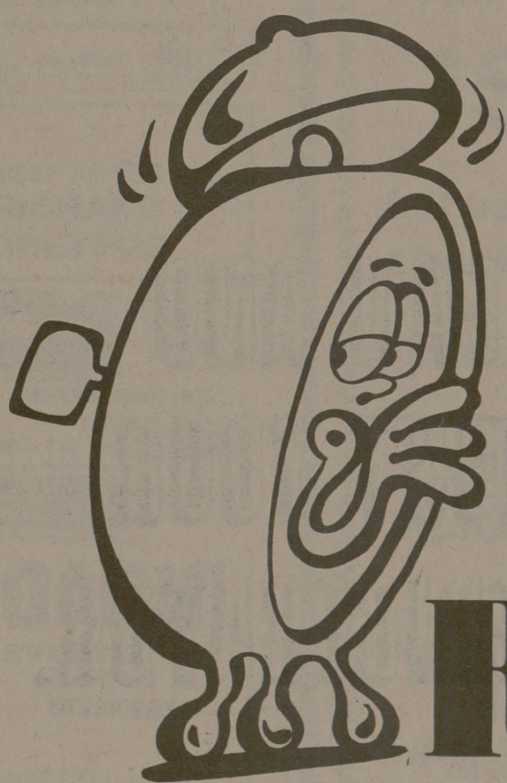
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