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Women's swimming team heads to Ft. Worth for TAIAW meet

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Sports Reporter

The Texas A&M women's swim team is competing in Fort Worth today and Saturday in a championship meet sponsored by the Texas Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.

The meet qualifies swimmers for the national meet to be held in March at Las Vegas, Nev.

Sophomore Tracy Johnston qualified for nationals earlier this year in the 100-yard breaststroke. The 200-yard freestyle relay team, consisting of Janet Marden, Jenny Hsu, Shirley Hill and Johnston will also go to nationals.

The nine-member team is smaller than the average 15-to-20-member Southwest Conference teams, but Texas A&M's season record was 7-4.

"They're tough," Coach Mel Nash said. "Tracy Johnston and Shirley Hill are among the best in the country. Our next five girls are depth swimmers. They swam extremely

well during the course of the season."

Nash said he hopes to get a few more national qualifying events out of the girls. "But I don't make predictions," he said. "Just let the action speak for itself."

Nash said 11 or 12 teams will com-

pete in the TAIAW championships.

The Aggies are expected to finish either fourth or fifth while the University of Texas has been picked as the team to beat.

"I'll have to pick Texas without any doubt," Nash said. "They're incredible and will probably win nationals."

High School state 3-A tournament held here

Texas A&M University will be the site of the High School AAA Tennis Championships this weekend. The top 16 AAA teams from around the state will be competing.

The tournament is being sponsored by the Texas Tennis Coaches Association. The tournament will be comprised of the top four teams from

each of the four regions in the state. The teams are in the process of qualifying for the tournament this week.

The teams will consist of 12 members — six men and six women — each. The teams will play six singles and six doubles matches to decide the overall champion.

"There will be some very fine tennis played here," said David Kent,

Texas A&M tennis coach.

Kent said Texas A&M was chosen because of its central location, good weather and fine facilities. "We are hoping to make the tournament an annual event here at A&M," he said.

There will be no admission charge to the tournament. The matches are scheduled at 9 a.m. today.

Alternatives to Olympics

United Press International WASHINGTON — The United States is thinking of four or five different sites for holding an alternative sports festival to the Moscow Summer Olympics, State Department officials said Thursday.

The officials said the plans, now being quietly discussed with other nations not participating in the Moscow Olympics games, have resulted in some general ideas to be offered in several weeks at a formal meeting of the nations involved.

The officials said the counter-Olympics would take place in August, after the Moscow games are finished. The concept being considered is that the games would take place at "four or five sites, each one on a different continent."

One official said boxing or soccer might take place in Latin America or Africa. The United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and the United States are being considered for the track and field events.

The State Department said about 40 nations have either publicly announced or indicated privately they would prefer not to go to the Moscow Olympics.

Astros report for training


United Press International COCOA, Fla. — The Houston Astros reported to spring training Thursday, with pitchers J. R. Richard and Joaquin Andujar and catcher Luis Pujols absent for personal reasons.

A spokesman said Richard stayed in Houston with his wife pending her recovery from an illness.

Andujar and Pujols were delayed by immigration processing in the Dominican Republic. All were expected to arrive in Cocoa by the weekend.

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