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# wimming teams begin season this weekend

By JON HEIDTKE

Battalion Staff
Texas A&M's swimming team kicks off the 1980-81
ason Saturday with a dual meet against Tulane Saturyin New Orleans. The Aggies are under the directon
Head Coach Mel Nash, and he says both the men's
d women's team should be much better then a year

Although the men's team has lost its top two point ters from a year ago, Nash said this year's recruiting and the maturing of the returning swimmers will

p and the maturing of the returning of the returning of the Bears will be the Ags a strong men's team.

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In loses and Ranzau is one of the top sprint freestylers on the team, would have a Reid was the Indiana state champ in the 50-yard hip and weestyle two years ago.

In yfrom about the men's team will also be helped by a strong freshen class. Kevin and Chris Londrigan, identical twins that is going am Houston, were both state meet finalists last year.

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al amount of Nash also said he expects good things from sophomore ince the Make Hoche. Hoche, who is from Vancouver in the but set for madian province of British Columbia, was third in the e and the Oruthwest Conference championship two years ago as a litheir long-stance swimmer.

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Is defense. It Another junior college transfer Nash said to watch this ensive ends rar is Tori Tessen, a distance freestyler from Florida.

Imps I've see A pleasant surprise for Nash and his assistant coach

walk-on Philis Burns from Brownsville. Already this year she is the second fastest freestyler and Nash said she has done an excellent job. Her strong showing might be traced to her family ties, since her dad was captain of the A&M swim team in 1954.

One woman who is not a new recruit but will help the team again is junior Tracy Johnston. The two-year letterman from California competed in the AIAW national meet last year in the breast stroke, but Nash said she can

The women's captains will be Gail Otten and Lilli

Cole, both senior freestylers.

Another integral part of swimming, but often overlooked, is diving and Nash said the Aggies will have a strong diving team. John and Kirk Mason, identical twins from Corpus Christi, both competed in the junior national championships last year and give coach Dean

Hollingsworth some good young talent to work with.

Nash said the divers have to work outside and he admires their dedication since the heating element in the outdoor pool has been broken for some time. really takes dedication to go out there with icycles on the board." he said.

Nash said another strength his team will have is their tremendous team attitude. "Both teams really pull for each and even our intra-squad matches have an exciting

Nash said improvement is already evident. "During our intra-squad match this year, we were posting faster times than last year during January and February, which is the peak part of the swim season," he said. The Aggies will be sending a traveling squad of 30 swimmers and four divers to New Orleans Saturday.

The women will start swimming at 11 a.m. and the men will follow them at 2 p.m.

Assistant women's coach Shirley Hill said she expects the women will have no problem winning and the men are capable, but will face a tougher test against the

Hill also said a lot of people will surprise themselves with good times during this first meet. One reason will be because of the competitiveness that has been going on in practice.

The Aggies will open the home season Nov. 14 against TCU in Down's Natatorium, starting at 4 p.m.

### McGraw becomes free agent

# Green will manage '81 Phils

United Press International
PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia Phillies Manager Dallas Green made it official Thursday — he'll be back as manager in 1981 trying for the team's second World Series championship

Green said at a press conference, formally announcing his decision, that he had decided "the best thing is for Paul (Owens) up there and me

Green, 46, made his decision after a day-long meeting with team presi-

dent Ruly Carpenter and Owens, vice president for player personnel. "I didn't make any secret of my preferences," Green said, "I just thought eventually, after our conversation, that it wasn't right for a change. Naturally winning is something you have to consider so I hit Ruly for a few extra bucks."

Green's salary wasn't revealed but it was believed to be about double the reported \$65,000 he earned last

Owens said, "We decided that if he didn't want to manage he would work with me. Deep down, though, I knew he would come back.'

Green said the working relation between himself, Carpenter and

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"We've won with this team. We've proven our guys can do the job, but we might make a change or two to perpetuate that winning.

For 1981 Green said, "I think we've got a chance to repeat. It's that simple. The goal I have is to repeat. It would be kind of fun to go through

'Offensively, we want to continue the team concept, to do the things we have to do to win as a team," he continued. "My own personal feeling is we don't need to make a lot of changes. We have to make some because we've got to strive to improve the weakness of the ball club.

Commenting on past frictions reported between himself and the players, Green said, "They wanted the same thing I did. It's just a matter of approaching it my way. They'd been successful their way so it was difficult to change. Now they know my way may be more successful than their way

Green led the Phillies to the first World Series title in their 98-year history but it was not an easy year for him. He was often disturbed by the laid-back attitude of his high-salaried

Meeting temporarily at College Hills School

Owens, "is good for this baseball team and, at times, criticized his players in the media. Some players, "We've won with this team. We've in turn, offered return criticism." himself a free agent eligible for baseball's Nov. 13 re-entry draft.

The colorful lefthander, 36, said in

After the Phillies' six-game World Series triumph over the Kansas City Royals, Green said he didn't know if he'd be back, fueling a belief that he would move into the vice president position and that the 56-year-old Owens would retire.

In other Phillie news, relief pitcher Tug McGraw says he's worth more money now that the Phillies are world champions, and he's taken a step in an attempt to beef up his

a statement the Phillies had not made him an offer that would match the salaries of the club's other stars.

"My request to them was this: To make me a proposal of salary comparable to those salary levels of the other key players on the team," said McGraw's statement, read by his wife, Phyllis, from the couple's home in suburban Media.

"My contribution to the first world championship in 97 years was equal to that of any position or player on maycheck.

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the team. I want to be in the norm with the salaries of these players. I didn't want this, but at this point there is no other choice."

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post an 18-6 record that included the only no-hitter in the major leagues this year. His performance gave him 32 of 50 votes cast by writers around the country to win in a runaway UPI's Comeback Player of the Year award for 1980 in the National

Only Houston outfielder Cesar Cedeno, who received four votes, notched more than two.

year by UPI. Matt Keough, the young starter for the Oakland A's, was named the winner in the Amer- 40 and posted a 2.52 ERA.

Reuss, baby-sitting for his son Jason in Anaheim, Calif., when contacted by UPI, recalled his hours of work and expressed satisfaction that euss, 31, showed the difference his efforts to pitch better in 1980 is pitching. He rebounded to proved successful.

## "I knew I was gonna have a good year," he said. "Just like you know the sun is gonna shine in Southern California, I knew I was going to

have a good year. His prediction came true to an extent that, were it not for the excellence of Steve Carlton, he might have

won the Cy Young Award. Reuss finished second to the Philadelphia lefthander in that vote. Reuss is the second pitcher to be honored as a Comeback Player this standing won-lost record, Reuss pitched 229 innings, allowing just 193 hits and 40 walks. He struck out

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