

#### \*\*\*\* **Tracksters** going MANOR EAST MANOR EAST MALL 823-8300 to Baton Rouge **"SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES"** SWC Champion Texas Aggie men By RICHARD OLIVER when they travel to Baton Rouge, Sports Editor Round 2 of the spring track season begins Saturday for the defending Goldie Hawn La. for a five-team meet hosted by **Chevy Chase** LSU The Aggies, who finished third in last weekend's Sooner Indoor Meet 7:25 9:40 **CAMPUS THEATRE** in Oklahoma City, will be seeking to **"THE FORMULA"** improve their performances after that initial "warm-up" meet. Baylor won the meet with 89 points, followed by SMU 56, A&M 52, Oklahoma 50, TCU 49, Oklaho-BETTE MIDLER George C. Scott Marlon Brando 9:35 7:15 Divinedness ma State 43, North Texas 40, Kansas State 30, Texas 28 and Oral Roberts "POPEYE" one first place as James Howard won **Robin Williams** the high jump at 7-01/2. 9:45 time and we have no indoor facili-ties," Thomas explained after the event. "And, we didn't have all our squad in Oklahoma City." MIDNIGHT MOVIE: **Rocky Horror Picture Show** Friday-Saturday Thursday night is Midnight AGGIE NIGHT In Saturday's meet in Baton Rouge, some new faces will indeed be added. They include Johnny Hec-"XANADU" All tickets are only \$1.50 tor in the long jump and triple jump, \*\*\*\*\* Don Jones in the high jump, Mark Isenmann in the shot put, Jerry Strong in the pole vault, Rob Mont-gomery in the pole vault and Mike Glaspie in the high hurdles. **HOWDY AGS!** A new semester is upon us, but don't forget about your AGGIE spirit. Remember, we've beaten t.u. two years in a row now! Keep your spirit up! taken to Louisiana, but coaches Ted Nelson and Charlie Thomas have not decided on several entrants yet. Mark your books, stationery, and notes! others from among Jerry Strong, Mike Mullins, Rick Hayley, Brad McFarling and Montgomery. Make great gifts! High jump — Howard, Jones, Scott Roberson. ACTUAL SIZE Glaspie, Craig Moody. Let everyone know you are an AGGIE with your own GIG 'EM STAMP! Glaspie, Graig Moody. 60-yard dash — Rod Richardson, Floyd Furlow, Washington. 440-yard dash — Leslie Kerr, Larry Kerr, Eddie Guillen. 600-yard dash — Bart Daniel. 600-yard dash — Bart Daniel. Send just: \$ 7.95 /stamp \$ 9.95/stamp set Set includes: stamp, ink, and ink pad. Shoemake, Bill Roberts. AFTER MARKET PRODUCTS Richard Bradley. P.O. Box 2425 Nacogdoches, TX 75961 from among Richardson, Leslie Kerr, Larry Kerr, Furlow, Washing-OWNED AND OPERATED BY AGGIES! ton, Guillen, Daniel or Busch. NAME. clude a journey to Dallas for the Dallas Indoor Invitational Jan. 30-31, a ADDRESS\_ trip to Oklahoma City again for the Oklahoma Classic Feb. 7, and the CITY\_ STATE\_ ZIP Brooks Invitational in the Houston Stamp only: Qty.\_ at \$ 7.95 each-Astrodome. Stamp Set: Qty .\_\_ \_at \$ 9.95 each =. Add 50¢ postage and handling. Total= planned this spring on the new track at Kyle Field.

### Reflections by Richard Oliver



### Aargh!!!

Shelby Metcalf walked quickly through the Texas A&M Sport Information office Tuesday night after watching his team lose its sitt game of the year

His head was down in thought and from another room one could hea Claude Riley trying to explain the mystery that is the 1981 Texas A&M basketball team.

Reporters s-oke quietly to one another, shaking their heads. 0<sup>m</sup> piped up, however, perhaps foolishly. "Shelby, it looks like I'll be flying up to Arkansas this weekend tose

you all play." Metcalf looked up and smiled.

In that meet, the Aggies had only

'We haven't had much workout

A 24-man travel squad will be

Tentative squads and their events:

Pole vault - Randy Hall and two

Long jump — James Washington. 60-yard hurdles — Billy Busch,

880-yard run - Kyle Beall.

One-mile run - John Bleyl.

1,000-yard run - Darryl

Two-mile run - Jim Bolleter,

Mile Relay - Foursome to come

Other meets in the near future in-

There are also four home meets

Shot put - Kevin McGinnis.

"Well," he drawled, "you can have my seat." That is Shelby Metcalf. Despite having to sit through a coach nightmare such as the 54-50 heartbreaker to Rice Tuesday evening, he keeps his wit. At least we have that.

But there's still that mystery. No doubt most of us have haggle among ourselves over the woes of the team. From every source come some explanation, and from every foe there comes that inevitable statement: "They'll come around. They're too good not to." From Arkansas, Eddie Sutton, who watched his Razorbacks drop their their State Sutton, who watched his Razorbacks drop

their third SWC game Monday night, spouted that he believed in eventual SWC winner could possibly have four losses.

In that sense, there's still hope, however slim. And, as any fan ca see, this is not a typical SWC season. Rice, TCU and Baylor ar whipping the big boys while A&M, Texas and Arkansas sweat.

Doubtless the Aggies, Razorbacks and Longhorns will come around but it may already be too late. Although the general concensus and us would-be reporter types is the Bears, 5-0, will fold once they hit the road, it's a good bet Houston, 4-1, won't.

The Cougars are playing amazingly good basketball on and off the road behind sharpshooter Guy Williams and the gang, and now have brought a 6-11 Nigerian fellow named Akeem Abdul Olajuowa (pro-

nounced oh-lie-jew-oh-uh) into the fold. Nicknamed "Akeem the Dream" in spite of the fact he has never played a lick of college basketball, this 17-year-old prodigy played for the Nigerian national team and has the Cougar campus hopping. But while most SWC fans moon over the amazin' Bears, many still wonder over the collapse of Texas A&M

Every major news service pegged the Ags as the team to beat, with only Arkansas standing in the way for a second consecutive SWG

Taking a look at the rest of the season, nothing is secure, certainly The Aggies have 11 SWC contests remaining, with five at home. The weekend, they will be in the hills of Arkansas to take on the hungy Razorbacks.

If you will remember last year when the maroon and white visited the hills, they had quite a fun evening. Part way through the game with A&M ahead and rolling, half of the lights in Barnhill Arena mysterious ly went out. The officials continued the game. At that point, Arkansa started coming back.

Topping it off, a rash of questionable calls brought the Razorbacks within striking distance. Official Reggie Copeland capped the affair by calling a questionable foul on A&M's David Goff with time expiring The result: Razorback U.S. Reed (the foul-er or foul-ee) sank two free throws and Arkansas came away with a 45-44 win.

That was 1980, though, and this is 1981.

What's wrong with the Aggies? By simple observation, there is a lack of senior leadership and

scoring. The Aggies have averaged 68 points a game this season. On the positive side, freshmen Roy Jones and Reggie Roberts gave a masterful show for the more than 7,000 fans in attendance Tuesday night, refusing to crack under pressure.

On the negative side, once again seniors Rynn Wright and Verron Smith never got untracked and managed only 11 points between them

As Wright and Smith go, so go the Aggies. But, as someone once said (I don't know who), it takes four to tango in the SWC post-season tournament, and four losses will easily qualify

a team for at least fourth place in the final tally We might not win the conference, but the gig ain't up yet.



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