

# Sports



**Last second traffic jam**

Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Baylor free safety Vann McElroy leaps high for a last-second interception in Saturday's game. Receivers Mike Whitwell, Don Jones and Jimmie Williams are there for the Aggies.

Baylor beat the Aggies 19-17 on a 21-yard field goal in Waco, handing the Aggies their first conference defeat of the year. The Aggies travel to Rice Saturday.

## Ags take second in championships

By RICK STOLLE

**Battalion Staff**  
Going against some of the top competition in the southwest, the Texas A&M women's cross country team took second place in the Track and Field Association/United States Southwest Cross Country Championships.

The 5,000 meter race was held at North Texas State University in Denton. The University of Texas won first place with 27 points, A&M had 56 and NTSU was third with 92.

Points are awarded in order of the placement of the finish. The top finisher wins one point for her team and the second wins two. The team with the lowest point total wins the meet.

"We are doing much better," said coach Bill Nix. "I am very happy with the progress we made in our week off. We were able to get in some excellent work, good

training and got to catch up on some of our health problems."

The Ags cancelled an appearance in the Arizona Invitational in an attempt to regain some health on the team. The Aggies have been plagued with injuries since before the season.

Suzanne Sheffield and Lisa McCorstin are still recovering from injuries occurred earlier but ran well, the coach said, and Kim Cloud will be out at least two more weeks with a stress related injury. Sheffield is recovering from an illness she contracted before the season and McCorstin, from a severe ankle sprain early in the season.

Marilee Matheny paced the Ags with a fourth place finish. Barbara Collinsworth was next with seventh place and Adelaide Bratten finished 13th.

Nix said the team actually improved a great deal against one of

its most steady measures, the Texas cross country team.

"They have a really excellent team," Nix said. "But Marilee was able to beat three of their people which we had never been able to do before."

The Aggies next competition will be at the Texas Invitational meet to be held in Georgetown. In fact, the next three meets will be held there and Nix said the team should be very familiar with the course before the third meet.

## Volleyball team places 3rd in Illinois tournament

By CAYE DENLEY

**Battalion Staff**  
Though her team was admittedly sluggish in the weekend University of Illinois Tournament, Coach Terry Condon expects a rested, fired-up Aggie lineup for this weekend's Texas A&M volleyball tournament.

"It was not one of our better tournaments," Condon said of her squad's third place finish in Champaign, Ill. "We're still playing a little sluggish. I think we're a little tired mentally."

Mental fatigue aside, the Aggies put together a respectable 5-2 record in the Illinois tournament, defeating Louisiana State University in the consolation round for third place.

Maureen Dunn and Cheryl Johnson helped clinch Texas A&M's five wins, Condon said, as Wendy Wilson had another outstanding tournament.

The Aggies jumped to a contending position early in the tournament with three consecutive wins, beating the University of Missouri, 2-1, Iowa State University, 2-0, and DePaul University, 2-0.

Host Illinois handed the Aggies a 2-0 loss in the fourth round of preliminary match play, but Texas A&M rebounded to defeat Illinois State University by a 2-0 margin.

After dropping a hard-fought three-game match to the University of Pittsburgh in the semi-finals, the Aggies had to settle for third with the 2-1 victory over LSU.

"The tournament ended on a

good note," Condon said. "We played better against LSU." Condon will give the team a couple of days off this week to rest up for the Texas A&M Tournament Friday and Saturday in College Station, Texas, at the Rollie White Coliseum. "The girls are excited," she said. "I think they'll be fired-up for this weekend."

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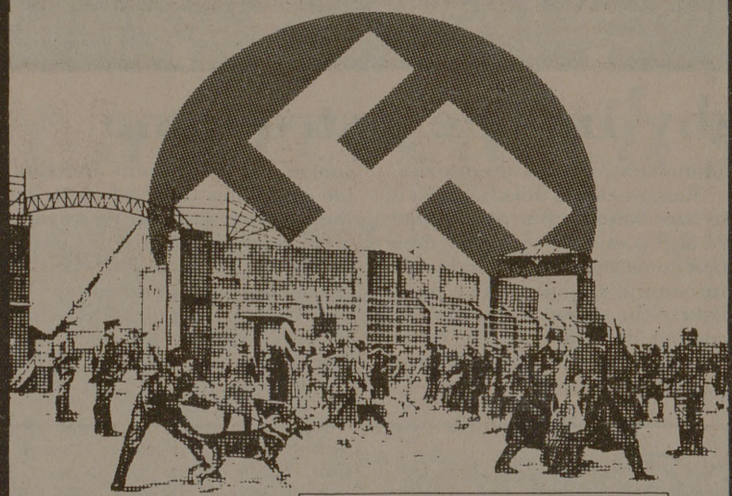
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