

Women miss 2nd by 1 point

# A&M 3rd in SWC swimming

By **DONN FRIEDMAN**  
Sports editor

AUSTIN — Going into the last event in the Southwest Conference women's swimming championships the Aggies knew that the race for second in the SWC would be close. They knew that they needed to finish better than the Houston Cougars in the 400-yard freestyle relay to capture second.

When the last leg of the Aggies' 400-yard freestyle relay

team climbed from the water, the tote board displayed their place, second behind the University of Texas. It showed the Houston Cougars finishing fifth.

The team linked arms and gathered around head coach Mel Nash. Second place in the SWC was their's — or so it seemed.

Suddenly the Aggies second place finish turned to a disqualification on the electronic tote board.

"I saw that 'd' in our column," relay team member Jody Tanner said, "and I thought, 'Oh no, I jumped.'"

But Tanner hadn't false started nor had any of her teammates.

Nash charged over to the official scorer and was assured that his team had not been disqualified.

It was Arkansas that had jumped the gun. Nash waved to his team signaling that everything was all right.

But all was not right for the Aggies. With Arkansas disqualified the Cougars finish for the relay was changed to fourth and they became the SWC runner-up by a single point.

The final team results were Texas 869, Houston 343, Texas A&M 342, SMU 333, Arkansas 233.5, Texas Tech 204.5, TCU 98, Rice 58.

Nash wasn't about to let one point devastate his team, though.

He pranced from one teary-

eyed Aggie swimmer to the next urging, "Com'on smile."

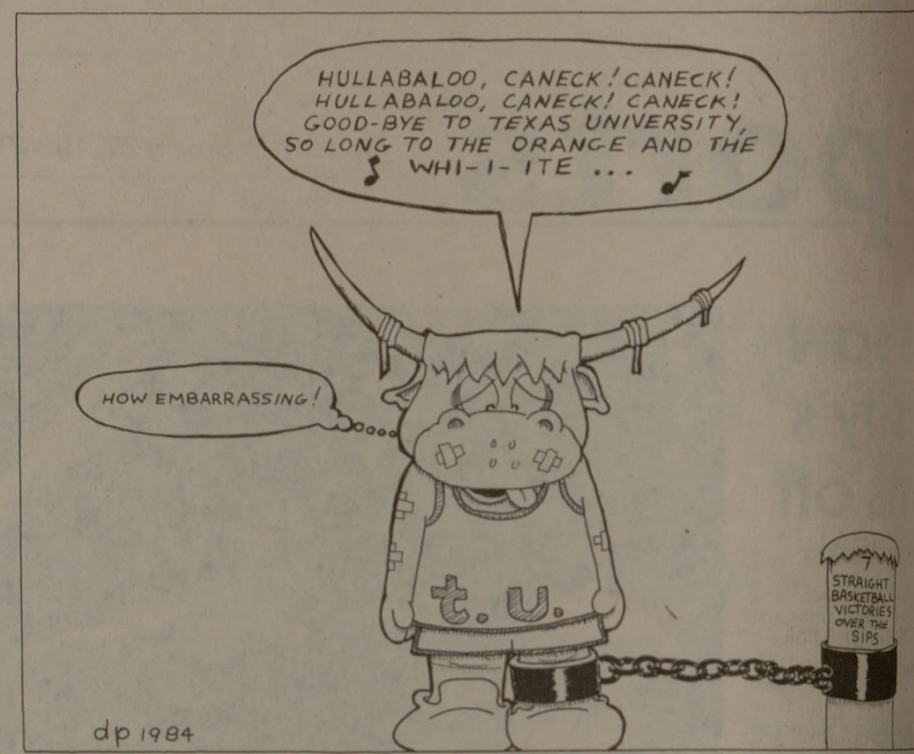
It was only a single point, he said, one point out of 2,438.

The Aggies finished in fourth, 200 points behind Houston last year, Nash said, so this year's finish was an improvement.

The Aggies qualified eight people in eight events for the NCAA championship meet. Melanie Schmauch and Jody Tanner both qualified in the 50-yard freestyle. Tanner also qualified in the 100-yard back stroke. And all five of the Aggies' relay teams not only qualified for nationals but set school records as well.

Besides Tanner and Schmauch, other Aggies who will be going to nationals are Sandra Goeking, Eileen Doull, Susan Marks, Vicki Moir, Debbie Scheider and Philis Burns.

That is the most swimmers ever to qualify by an A&M women's team.



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## Ag tennis team post victories

By **TRAVIS TINGLE**  
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The Texas A&M men's and women's tennis teams combined for five match victories over the weekend.

The men's team moved three steps closer to achieving their main goal this season — breaking into the top 20. The Aggies bettered their record to 10-2 with wins over West Texas State, 6-3; McNeese State, 7-2; and Stephen F. Austin, 7-2 in matches played in College Station this weekend.

Coach David Kent said Greg Hill, Mark Smith and Grant Connell played extremely well in all of their singles matches.

"Greg is really starting to come into his own as the No. 1 singles player and is gaining a lot of confidence," Kent said.

Kent says the team's doubles play has improved considerably since the Louisiana State tournament a week ago. Against their last three opponents the Aggies played nine doubles matches and lost only two.

But the Aggies gave Coach David Kent more than just a

few victories. The win over Stephen F. Austin was the Aggies' first since 1978.

Kent will start counting Monday when the University of Tulsa invades the Orange Tennis Center for a 150 match.

The men will travel to Corpus Christi this weekend to compete in the Corpus Christi Invitational tournament. Kent says the team needs a showing there to prepare for the SWC season which begins March 30.

"That tournament will pace for the rest of our season," Kent says.

The women's team won their season record to date with wins over New Mexico State, 0 and LSU, 5-4.

The women will now travel to Provo, Utah to compete in the Brigham Young team tournament, March 31.

Coach Jan Cannon says the team placed 11th in the City of Arizona team tournament last week ago, says her players are confident about their future.

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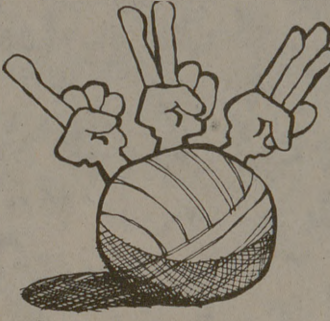
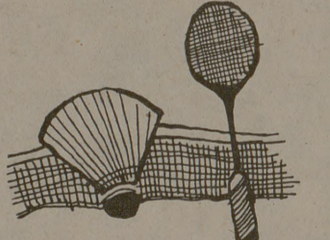
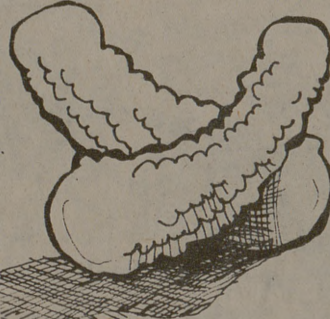
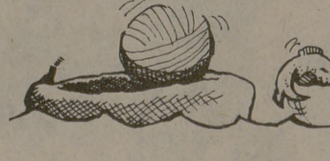
### IM GAMEPLAN

**VOLLEYBALL TRIPLES:** Get set for Volleyball Triples! Entries open today, February 27, and will remain open until Tuesday, March 6. The entry fee is \$10.00 per team. Men's, Women's and Coed divisions are offered in Classes A, B, C, and D (recreation). Play begins Monday, March 19. A team captains meeting will be held Thursday, March 8, at 5:00 in 164 East Kyle. Play schedules will be available at this time.

**BADMINTON DOUBLES:** Watch the birdie! Entries for Badminton Doubles open today, February 27, and will close Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. The tournament begins Tuesday, March 13 and it is free to all TAMU students, faculty, staff and their spouses. Four different competitive options are offered: Classes A, B, C and D (recreation). Schedules will be posted Thursday, March 8 after 2 p.m. Check to see when you play.

**PICKLEBALL DOUBLES:** Grab a partner and come join us in Pickleball Doubles. Entry forms are now available in the IM-REC Sports Office, 159 East Kyle. The tournament is free! Play begins Monday, March 12. Practice times will be available by reservation only. Classes A, B, C, and recreation are offered. Schedules will be posted after 2 p.m., Thursday, March 8. Check the bulletin boards outside the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office to see when you play. You will be assigned an opponent, a day and a time to play, and a court.

**INNERTUBE WATER POLO:** Ags! Get involved in the splash of the season—Innertube Water Polo. Entries for this outrageous sport open today, February 27 and will remain open until Tuesday, March 6. There is an entry fee of \$10.00 per team with men's women's and coed divisions offered. Play begins Monday, March 19. Innertubes and caps will be provided by the IM-REC Sports Office.

### SHERRILL, DICKEY, AND KUBIAK ON A ROLL FOR HANDICAPPED ATHLETES

Texas A&M Football Coach Jackie Sherrill, Baltimore Colt Running Back Curtis Dickey and Denver Bronco Quarterback Gary Kubiak will lead the Texas A&M All-Star Wheelchair Basketball team in an exhibition match against the Texas A&M Association of Handicapped Athletes.

The game is Thursday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m. and will be played prior to the Texas A&M-Texas Tech men's basketball game scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum. The purchase of a ticket for the Aggie game will be good for both contests.

Joining Sherrill and Kubiak on the All Star team will be Aggie Football Coach Pat Ruel, Eagle Sportscasters Jeff McShan and Ron Crozier. Also representing the team will be the Vice President of Student Services, Dr. John Koldus, and the Director of Intramural-Recreational Sports, Dennis Corrington.

The All Stars will try to improve on their 18-4 defeat handed to them last year by the Association of Handicapped Athletes. The All Stars will be returning last year's high scorers as Dickey and Kubiak paced the team with 2 points apiece. The Handicapped Athletes will be led by three of last year's starters Jim Magdalenski, Hal Spiegel, and Ron Menard. The purpose of the game is to promote the awareness of the TAMU Wheelchair Basketball team and to spotlight the Handicapped Athletes on the Texas A&M campus.

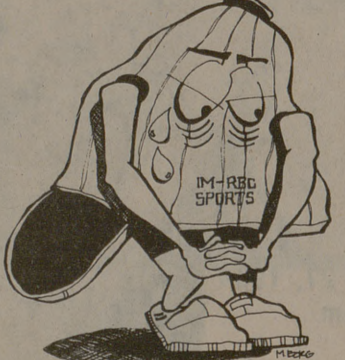


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**PENBERTHY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT:** Entries for the Penberthy Softball Tourney open today, close Tuesday, March 6. The tourney will be held Friday through Sunday, March 23-25. There is an entry fee of \$40.00 per team and all students, faculty, staff and their spouses may enter. Divisions for men, women and coed teams are offered. For more information contact the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office in 159 East Kyle, 845-7826.

**WRESTLING:** Entries for the Wrestling close today at 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the wrestling room, 173 East Kyle. The matches begin Tuesday, February 28 at 8:00 p.m. and times will be posted in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office following Wednesday, March 7. Play schedules will be posted on the bulletin board in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office after 2 p.m., Thursday, March 8.

**TABLE TENNIS SINGLES:** Entries for the Table Tennis Singles competition close tomorrow, February 28 at 7 p.m. The contest is FREE! Play begins Wednesday, March 7. Play schedules will be posted on the bulletin board in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office after 2 p.m., Thursday, March 8.

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