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Ag golfers 3rd in conference

United Press International
 AUSTIN — Nancy Ledbetter posted her second consecutive 73 this weekend to guide Texas to the championship of the Southwest Conference women's golf tournament.

Texas A&M's women placed third, 49 strokes back. A&M senior Susan Yantis lead the way for the Aggies at 231. Her rounds of 71, 79 and 81 were good enough to tie for eighth in the tournament.

Patricia Gonzalez holed out at 235, Susie Faccini hit 239, Fionna Connor hit 245 and Angela Atkins rounded out the Aggie team at 248.

Texas' Ledbetter opened the tournament with a 70 Thursday

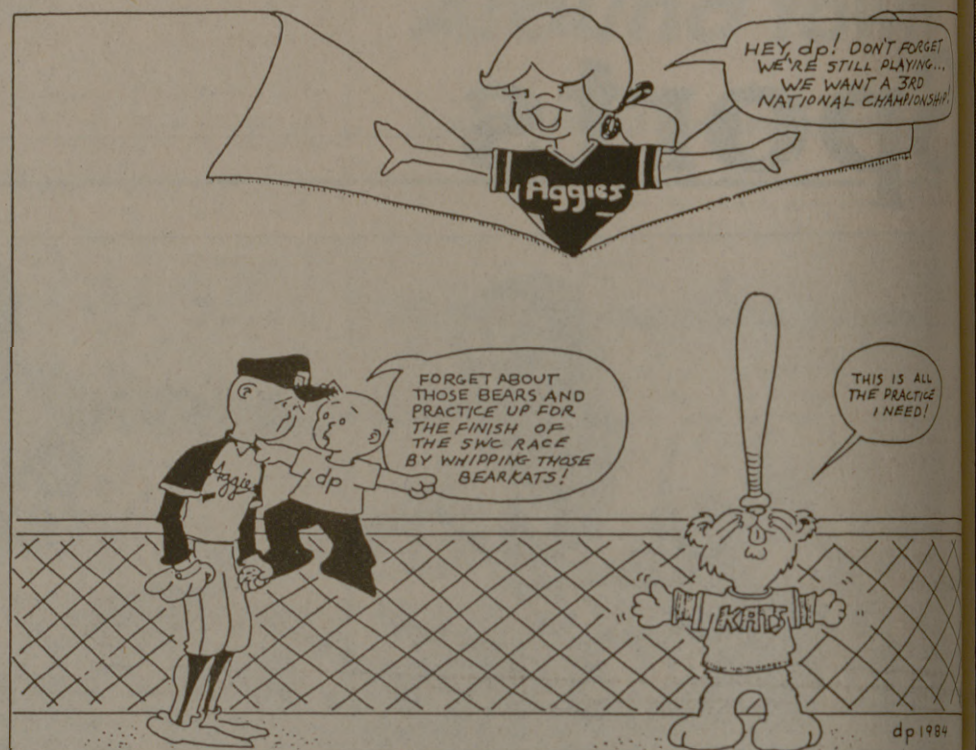
before carding one-over 73s Friday and Saturday to win the individual title by 11 strokes.

SMU's Martha Foyer and Texas Christian's Kris Hanson, tied for second at 227 for the 54-hole tournament.

Ledbetter's three-day total of 216 was even par on the Great Hills Golf Course.

Texas enjoyed a 14-stroke lead after the first round and increased its advantage to 25 strokes after 36 holes. The Longhorns finished at 896, easily better than defending champion Texas Christian's 923.

The Aggies 945 team total placed them third in the SWC.



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100-meter dash backwards

United Press International

AMHERST, Mass. — Ferdie Adoboe stands poised, his eyes fixed straight ahead and lips pressed tightly together. Balancing his weight carefully on his strong left foot, he suddenly pushes off, sprinting — backwards.

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"The idea is to fall backwards," says Adoboe. "Don't look back, only straight ahead — that's the key. It's a scary feeling, like walking blindfolded."

Adoboe, a 20-year-old University of Massachusetts sophomore, runs backwards — faster than anyone in the world.

"There's a tendency to look backwards, but that slows you down. You just look at the lines in the track," said the 5-foot-6, 125-pound Adoboe, gazing down at the toes of his running shoes.

On July 28, 1983, Adoboe

captured the world record when he ran 100 yards in 12.8 seconds and 100 meters in 14 seconds. The previous records were 13.1 seconds and 14.4 seconds, respectively.

Since that sunny summer day, Adoboe, a native of Ghana who is in the United States studying geology, has put up with the gentle ribbing of his teammates on the university track team.

"They say, 'He's been backwards all his life,' and that sort of thing," said Adoboe. "But that's the most fun about it. After all the excitement, the value

of it becomes the part."

In fact, track team coach O'Brien said he has thought letting Adoboe run one leg of the 400-yard relay race, just see the look on the face of an opponent.

Considering the world record for running forward is only 9.1 seconds for the 100 meters, Adoboe came close to outdistancing more traditional opponents.

Adoboe said he is looking for sponsors so he can try to beat his own record this summer.

Chicken pox threat to basketball trials

United Press International

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The players at the U.S. Olympic basketball trials Easter Sunday were left wondering not only about their jumpshots, but their immunization shots.

With the squad to be cut to 18 players Monday, there was great concern over the growing list of injuries stemming from what coach Bobby Knight called a "grueling" week of basketball.

There was also concern over an unanticipated development — chicken pox.

On Saturday, it was announced that Terry Porter of Wisconsin-Stevens Point — one of the 32 players to make the first cut — had chicken pox.

The junior swingman was unable to play Saturday and Sunday night but Knight said Porter will be included among the 18. His tryout will continue when the team reconvenes for five days in May at Indiana University.

As a result of Porter's illness, Dell Curry of Virginia Tech and Roosevelt Chapman of Dayton were retained for the competition Saturday and Sunday nights.

Knight said both are in the running to get past Monday's cut.

Because of the injuries Knight said he did not feel bound to the 32-player cut. "Anyone is eligible," he said. "We could have a mass epidemic of chicken pox."

The coach listed the injuries and illnesses of nine players after Sunday night's double-header: Tyrone Corbin of DePaul (knee), Patrick Ewing of Georgetown (congestion, pneumonia), Kenny Fields of UCLA (possible lower leg fracture), Vern Fleming of Georgia (ankle), Lancaster of Louisville (congestion), Chris Mullin of St. John's (knee, foot), Wayman Tisdale of Oklahoma (Achilles tendon), Leon Wood of Fullerton State (foot), and Larry Krystowiak of Montana (ankle, possible chicken pox).

With Krystowiak being watched for chicken pox symptoms, there was concern for the entire team. Tim Galt, the team trainer, said Porter likely contracted the disease 5-21 days ago. He added it was possible but not likely that it would spread to the rest of the players.

Knight, who watches games from the Assembly press box, said it is evident that fatigue has become a factor.

"It's been a hell of a week for these kids mentally and physically," he said.

He said he does not expect the showing of any player Sunday night to considerably change his thinking.

"We've seen enough to evaluate pretty well at this point," he said. "I don't think anyone will go up or down on the basis of one performance."

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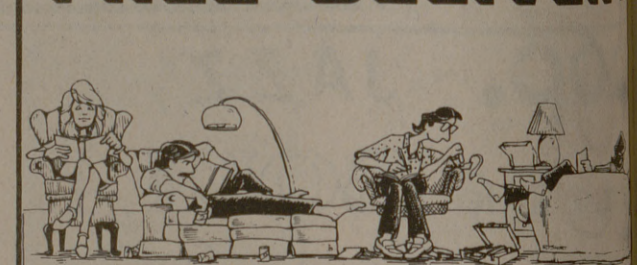
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Applications are available in 216 MSC from the secretary. All applications are due by Tuesday, April 24th no later than 5:00pm. Applications can be handed in to the secretary or placed in the Career Development mail box in the back of SPO.

Interviews will be held Wednesday, April 25th and Thursday, April 26th.

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