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Texas A&M track teams return to Myers Stadium for Quad

BY TOM KENNEDY The Battalion

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The Texas A&M Women's Track Team is probably wondering what it has to do to earn some respect on the national scene. After a weekend in which the women broke the Anderson Track record in the 4x100-meter relay, had 11 NCAA provisionally-qualifying performances and set two school records, the women dropped one spot, from 14th to 15th, in the latest Trackwire Online national poll

Both the men and women will travel to Austin Saturday to compete in the Texas Quad Meet at the Mike A. Myers Stadium, where the women will get their chance to disprove the pollsters against Rice University, the University of Houston and secondranked University of Texas.

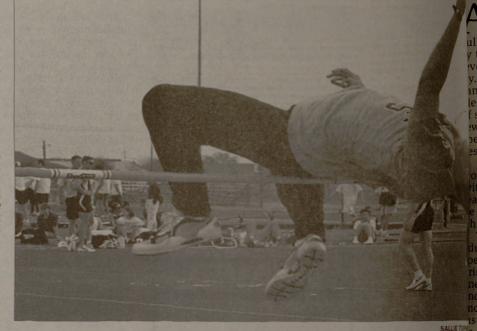
The Texas women, who trail top-ranked Louisiana State University by one point in the polls, will be running their athletes at their best for the first time this season, meaning the Aggies will get to see where they stand on the national level.

A&M track and field coach Ted Nelson said although Texas is running its full squad, he will not do the same with his teams.

"We've got some people that we're going to hold out, probably three or four," Nelson said. 'We'll try to be at full strength for the Big 12 [Championships].

The highlight of the meet could be the women's 4x100 relay, which will send the Aggie women up against a Longhorns squad that just covered the relay in 42.90 seconds, the fourth-fastest collegiate time ever. A&M is coming off a qualifying performance of 44.69 seconds with which they placed second while breaking the previous stadium record. Nelson said he expects that competing against a faster relay unit will help the women improve.

Texas has some super sprinters on their team," Nelson said. "We're going to run better with them out there.



A&M senior Christine Calahan clears the bar during the women's high jump or Baylor Invitational March 20 in Waco. The Texas A&M Men's and Women's Trackar will travel to Austin this Saturday for the Texas Quad Meet.

The women also take some individual national rankings into the meet. Junior Chimika Carter currently is fourth on the NCAA qualifying list after last week's win in the 100-meter hurdles, while sophomore Esther Eisenlauer and freshman Katy Doyle are ranked fourth and sixth, respectively, on the NCAA pole-vault list.

The men, who currently are unranked, also will get their chance to go up against nationally ranked squads as fifth-ranked Texas and 17th-ranked Houston will compete along with The meet also holds significa be the first scored meet held in the dium. The Texas Relays, held two the first meet on the new oval. It

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STORRS, Conn. (AP) — An emotional Khalid El-Amin apologized Thursday to his family, his teammates and the people of Connecticut and Minnesota for his arrest on mariiuana possession charges

The Connecticut point guard, joined by coach Jim Calhoun at a news conference in Gampel Pavilion,

called the actions leading to his arrest Tuesday evening "a gross error of judgment.'

'I have earned the respect of this state, and I want the chance to prove myself," he said. "To all the people who have supported me ... I am very sorry for this incident. The 19-year-old Minneapolis native, a sophomore majoring in communications, was stopped for a trafamount of marijuana was discovered during a pat-down search.

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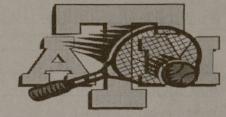
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