

A Texas-sized investment pays off

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Deep in the heart of Texas, there is this Texas-sized computer company named Texas Instruments. Those who know it call it T.I. for short.

T.I., the story goes, has its own track and field complex with a full-time coach. Furthermore, it has been said the only way to get a job at T.I. is to run the mile in less than five minutes.

Well, the truth sure has been stretched from here to Amarillo.

T.I., however, does have a gymnasium with locker room and shower facilities. It does have a 2½-mile running path around its main facility in Dallas and a quarter-mile path around the tennis courts.

"It's real nice," said Kathleen Matustik, a business programmer/analyst at T.I. and a member of the in-company running team, the Texas Striders.

The result of T.I.'s investment in athletics was much

in evidence again Sunday as it rounded up a second straight Corporate Cup national championship at Stanford Stadium.

With Matustik, 23, leading the charge, T.I. won three of the last four events to easily outdistance 111 class AA (large-division) teams with 101 points. Hewlett-Packard was second with 77 and General Electric third at 70.

Matustik ran a blazing half-mile leg on T.I.'s victorious women's relay team and, less than an hour later, finished first in the women's 800-meter team race to a 2:18 effort.

The last event, the executive relay (at the level of manager of managers or above and at least 30 years old), went to a group of T.I. bosses in 17:13.7, 11.4 seconds ahead of the General Electric brass.

Both of T.I. women's victories were Cup records, as was the executive relay mark. In fact, Cup records were the rule, rather than the exception.

In one event, the pyramid relay, the top five teams all finished under the old record of 9:22.8.

It was the 2¼-mile pyramid relay, made up of various distances for five runners (two of whom must be female), which produced the most exciting finish of the day. Pacific Gas and Electric, which took the early lead, appeared to be an easy winner until Bob Moffat of IBM made a move from deep in the pack.

Moffat, a systems analyst for IBM's Santa Teresa plant, brought the team from some 100 yards behind to within 20 when he handed the baton to another IBM systems analyst, Mary Lerner, for the final quarter-mile leg.

Lerner came within inches of pulling the plug on PG&E as she brought the crowd to its feet with a devastating kick in the stretch, only to be leaned out at the tape by PG&E's Carolyn Dunkak of Stockton.

PG&E's winning time of 9:15.2 should have not been .3 better than the 19:15.5 given IBM.

However, IBM, like many other billion-dollar companies in the Corporate Cup competition, could be many tenths, if not minutes, better should it be so inclined to nurture and cultivate the talent from its nearly 300,000 employees.

"I think it will catch on," said IBM's Bob Browne, who ran the third leg on the pyramid relay. "When we get ahold of it, we'll really be able to give it a good effort."

Of course, any company can use a talent like Tom Moreno of the Mostek Corporation of Carrollton, Tex.

Moreno, the 1980 Southwest Conference 5,000-meter champ for Southern Methodist, competed for T.I. last year (he was a summer employee), but this time he was a blue streak for Mostek.

Moreno lapped all but one or two runners as he opened the 6½-mile open relay with a 13:47 three-mile effort and was back on the track again two hours later to win the men's 3,000-meter team race by 100 yards with a 8:27 clocking.

He has a best of 2:18.5 in the marathon and a 10-kilometer road race best of 28:35 and says he'll be looking for a spot on the 1984 Olympic team at either distance.

Also with ambitions larger than the Corporate Cup honors is Mitch Kingery of South Lake Tahoe, who won the men's 10-kilometer road race for Harvey's Casino with a 30:48 clocking. Kingery, 25, a former San Carlos High and College of San Mateo performer, collected \$1,500 as fifth place finisher in the Jordache Jeans Marathon last spring in Los Angeles and may enter the \$25,000 Nike Marathon in September.

Kingery hardly considers himself a professional, however. "I don't make a living off of this like a football player," he said. "I'm just a busboy."

Winning the masters division of the Corporate Cup 10K race was General Electric's Bill Meinhardt in 32:41.

Ex-Kent State star killed in argument

WARREN, Ohio (UPI) — A man and woman were being held in police custody today in the shooting death of Burrell McGhee, the most prolific scorer in Kent State University basketball history.

McGhee, 26, died shortly after being shot Friday night in an argument with a man in a grocery parking lot, officials said.

His sister, Lynette, said the former basketball star knew his male assailant, whom she described as the father of several children by another of McGhee's wives. She said McGhee had told the man to stay