

ggie Coach Shelby Metcalf is pictured a much calmer mood than was his mperament Tuesday night in Dallas.

The Ags face Texas Tech here Saturday in a crucial match.

### Baseball negotiators meet

EW YORK — Negotiators for league baseball owners and Players Association met again dnesday with the owners pre-ting a new proposal on the con-ersial reserve clause.

They presented an idea. to consider," said Marvin Milecutive director of the Players

m Gaherin, chief negotiator for owners, termed the atmosphere Wednesday's meeting as "con-

old that mean progress had been

i's hard to say," said Miller. leanwhile, time is becoming a pr factor in the start of spring

ne owners have played it coy so refusing to announce camp re-ting dates but denying that they ising the opening of training as a

rivately, however, some of them point to 1972 when camps ned while negotiations coned and the players struck just ore the start of the regular season. f camps do not open on time, ibition games could be canceled, ing into an important source of me for the clubs. At the same e, however, the teams would e training camp expenses by

The Players Association is aned at the cat-and-mouse game ng played over spring training. ller has scheduled a six-city, week tour beginning Monday to ate players on the current status

The player relations committee said Wednesday it would follow Mil- litigation would delay the negotialer to continue negotiations. Sessions have been set for Friday in New York, termed by the owners as "lucky Friday, the 13th." Then the two sides will meet in Los Angeles hey presented an idea . . . not next Monday and Wednesday, and prehensive one, but something back in New York on Saturday, Feb.

> Talks so far have been monopolized by the controversial reserve clause, an issue that has kept the players and owners constantly at odds over the last few years. At the heart of the matter is the decision of arbitrator Peter Seitz granting free agent status to pitchers Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally. That decision was upheld by Judge John W. Oliver in Kansas City last week, but the owners have said they would appeal that ruling to the Circuit

The players have suggested that all other matters involved in the expired basic agreement be negotiated first with a reopener clause in the agreement enabling the parties to e pledged not to open camp until deal with the reserve clause later.

The owners have rejected that idea. preferring to deal with the most troublesome issue first.

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Metcalf talks about shootout

By TONY GALLUCCI

Battalion Staff Writer

'I'm sure it'll be a real good ballgame. There's a lot at stake," was the appraisal of Head Basketball Coach Shelby Metcalf at a press conference Wednesday afternoon.

Metcalf did not comment at length on the proceedings of the night be-fore when the Aggies lost a hard-

## Injunction blocks

board of directors, is a close friend of National League President Chub

Short and Lurie met with a Giants'

attorney, James Hunt, immediately

after the court hearing. National League owners are scheduled to

meet next Wednesday in Chicago,

and 9 of the other 11 owners in the

league must give approval for accep-

Short moved the Washington

Senators to Texas in 1972 and sold his interest in that franchise in 1974.

The City of San Francisco, in seek-

ing the preliminary injunction issued

Wednesday, had cited the Giants'

35-year lease to play in city-owned

Candlestick Park, specific wording in which Stoneham promised the

team would play nowhere else

be equal partners in ownership of the Giants and would start interviewing

candidates for the vacant manager's job as soon as possible. Spring train-

ing is scheduled to open in two

Short and Lurie said they would

tance of any sale.

transfer of Giants

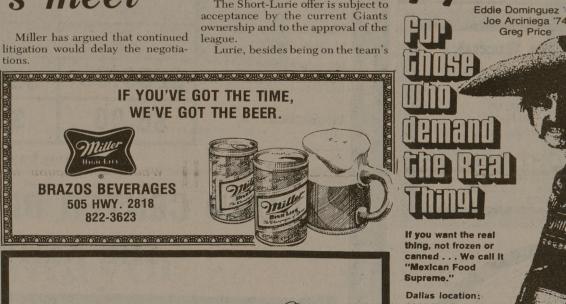
SAN FRANCISCO — Former major league owner Robert Short and San Francisco businessman Robert Lurie brought an \$8-million offer for the San Francisco Giants to court Wednesday and Judge John E. Benson issued an injunction blocking the proposed transfer of the baseball team to Toronto.

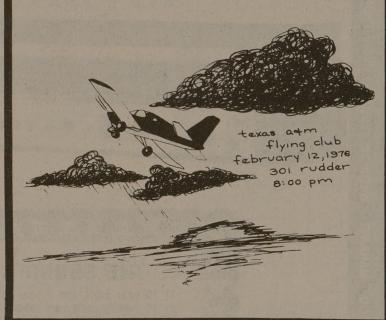
Short and Lurie were brought together at the last moment by San Francisco Mayor George Moscone, who took the stand first in Wednesday's Superior Court hearing and revealed their bid, which would match the basic offer of the Canadian group that includes Labatt's Breweries.

The offer by Short, former owner of the American League's Texas Rangers, and Lurie, a member of the Giants' board of directors, was not available in writing at the hearing. But Short said from the witness stand, "I'd be glad to do that if you'd give me four or five minutes.

The Canadian offer of \$13.25 million — including \$5.25 million set aside for court costs - was accepted in principle Jan. 9 by Giants President Horace Stoneham and the team's board of directors. But a temporary restraining order obtained by the city three days later prevented the Giants from taking the offer to other National League owners for

The Short-Lurie offer is subject to







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fought game against SMU appagains first place numerically by virrently due to the inadequacies of the tue of a one game advantage in the win column.

Metcalf reiterated earlier comments about the Tech game being playing range of Tech, "They're rethe game that mattered, ie; the game of the season. It is the big matchup yet to be played this year with the two teams in a virtual tie for first place, each with two losses. Tech

and he didn't play against us up there (Lubbock). In answering a question about how the teams will match up, Metcalf re-plied, "Well, I don't know how Tech's gonna start." Two Red Raider starters have been hospitalized recently with the flu. Rudy Liggins and Grady Newton however did get

Metcalf emphasizes the wider

ally deep. Geoff Houston's playing

good which gives them additional

depth at guard. And this kid, J.C.

Eakins has really come on for them.

He wasn't eligible until the term,

on Tuesday and might conceivably be back in the starting lineup against

'There's no doubt it'll be more deliberate. I look for it to be one of those games where both teams get down in the trenches and battle it out," said Metcalf.

Bullock? "I think Bullock is one of the premier players in the conference. He's always played well against us," concluded Metcalf. Bul-lock scored 31 in a losing effort against the Aggies in Lubbock. The game will be the second televised game for the Aggies this season, both against Tech, and according to Metcalf, "It's gonna be a close ballgame.

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