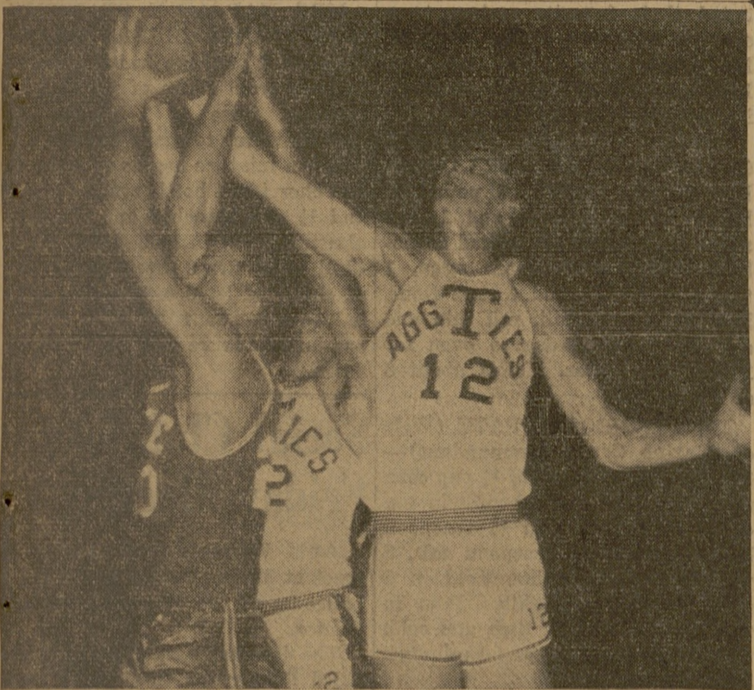


# Myers Withdraws In Surprise Move



Aggie Rebound

Wayne Lawrence and Neil Swisher are shown in the process of stealing a rebound from an unidentified Rice Owl. There weren't quite enough rebounds—or points, either—for Rice won a close one 62-59.

## Navy's Erdelatz Sudden Favorite; Visits A&M

By GARY ROLLINS

As fickle as a 13-year-old girl at her first formal dance, the Texas A&M Board of Directors suddenly directed—or misdirected—their efforts to obtain a head coach and athletic director yesterday afternoon.

In a rapid move, shortly after one o'clock Monday, it was announced that Iowa State's Jim Myers had asked that his name be withdrawn from consideration.

Even while the three-hour meeting was in progress, Navy's Eddie Erdelatz was winging the way southward with three of his assistant coaches to meet with Texas A&M officials and "view the campus"—which might suggest the Iowa State coach never had a chance at the job he wanted.

proached by the school with any salary offers or contract offers, but should he be offered the job, the money angle would not enter into it. "If I had wanted more money, I could have accepted a job coaching in professional football several years ago," he said.

It is interesting to note that Erdelatz has made it a professional habit to coach at all-male in-

situations. When asked if he preferred a co-educational school, he said "Absolutely not."

Furthermore, he suggested his recruiting might not be up to par with rival coaches, but he silenced further comment.

A meeting of the Athletic Council was tentatively scheduled for this morning at 10, but whether or not it would come off as planned

was debatable. Time and time again, it has been emphasized that Eddie Erdelatz is merely visiting the school, just as former prospective coaches have.

And time and time again, the implication has leaked out that the time for action is now—before it is too late. In some Southwest Conference schools, spring training is less than a month away.

Erdelatz said that he would remain at Aggie land overnight and did not know when he would return to Annapolis. He also said he was in a position to accept an offer if it should be made during his visit here.

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## Owls Win In Overtime, Ags Test Bears Tonight

With victory so close, but yet so far, the Texas Aggies fought the highly-ranked Rice Owls through an overtime battle before gamely bowing 62-59.

Once again it was soph Wayne Lawrence who paved the way for the Cadets with 18 points. Rice's Dale Ball was high man for the game with 19.

With 40 seconds remaining in the extra period, Rice guard Gary Griffin drove half the court to sink a layup that settled the issue, giving Rice a 60-59 advantage. A last-gasp foul by Lawrence broke up the Owls freeze, but Dale Ball sunk the two charity tosses to widen the gap.

The Rice Owlets made it a clean sweep for the Houston school in the semi-final game by tripping the Fish, 45-40. Malcolm Lawler was high production man for John DeWitt's crew with 12 points.

The Cadets journey tonight to Waco, to once again meet the Baylor Bears in their quest for a conference victory. In the Southwest Conference tourney, Coach Bob Rogers' Aggies outraced the Bruins 80-63.

The Fish and Cubs tangle at 6:15

in a preliminary game.

RICE (62)				
	Fg	Pt	Pf	Tp
Tucker	3	2	0	8
Ball	7	5	0	19
Thomas	5	1	2	11
Robitaille	6	1	4	13
Melvin	1	2	1	4
Griffin	2	1	4	5
Higgins	0	0	0	0
Preston	1	0	1	2
Total	25	12	12	62

A and M (59)

	Fg	Pt	Pf	Tp
Johnson	0	0	1	0
Lawrence	7	4	4	18
Swisher	8	0	0	16
Connally	1	0	5	2
Carroll	6	2	2	14
Turner	2	5	2	9
Collier	0	0	0	0
McNichol	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	11	14	59

Half-time score: Rice 24-21. Officials: Watson and Williams. End regulation game: 33-33.

Free throw missed: Tucker 3, Ball, Thomas, Higgins, Swisher, Carroll, Turner 2, McNichol.

Owlets (45)

	Fg	Pt	Pf	Tp
Totals	18	9	7	45

FISH (40)

	Fg	Pt	Pf	Tp
Totals	18	4	13	40

### Baseball Bulletin

All varsity baseball candidates will meet Wednesday afternoon at 4 p. m. at the south side of DeWare Field House.

Freshman baseball candidates will hold their meeting at 5 p. m. Wednesday at the south side of DeWare Field House.

### Bulletin

Coach Eddie Erdelatz, of Navy football fame, asked at noon today that his name be dropped from consideration for the coaching vacancy at Texas A&M. An Athletic Council meeting was called off this morning when Erdelatz indicated he would not meet with Texas A&M officials.

It was common knowledge that Jim Myers was by far the choice for the position—the Athletic Council recommended him heartily, but the sudden turn of events suggested the quest for a big name had suddenly over-ruled his bid.

This "never-ending" search for a "big name" has suddenly settled on the Middies' Erdelatz, a very successful and likeable man whose last six squads have possessed the winning habit—losing but 11 games total.

In connection with financial affairs, he said he had not been ap-

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