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It was a shock to hear that Southwest Conference basketball was under suspicion. The conference had weathered the backwash of scandals in other sections and apparently had taken every precaution known to man to stay clean.

But there came a report out of New York—from a sports writer—that the league was doing so many illegal things even the bookies were holding down the amount of bets that could be placed. The players were not involved but some officials might be, was the way the report came.

**SWC Turned Over Info**  
The Southwest Conference immediately turned over all information it had on the games in question to state and federal authorities. Then it clammed up—in typical fashion it turned to its "gag rule" although it was in an indirect way.

This probably is the best plan. The conference wants to be sure somebody is found guilty before it releases any information. It doesn't want anybody to be hurt if they are innocent.

It is ironical that this hint of a scandal should come in the very year that most precautions were taken. Authorities were called in to talk to the squads before the current season opened. The players were told about the pitfalls that awaited them, that they must not make themselves available to strangers, etc.

The coaches did everything they possible could to prevent any player being contaminated.

The conference thought its officials were above suspicion. Only men with steady incomes from business are used to officiate. It was reasoned that if a man didn't need money he would be able to better withstand the blandishments of the crooks even if so inclined.

**\$75.00 Per Game**  
Officiating in basketball doesn't pay enough to furnish a living and those who do it have other sources of income. In the Southwest Conference the pay is \$75.00 per game plus expenses. Generally the men who officiate say they're not doing it for the money—they could make more of that doing something else or staying on their private jobs—but that it's the love of the game and the desire to be near it.

Basketball probably is the most difficult sport in which to uncover wrong-doing since there is so much action, so many ruling—practically all of them matters of judgment—and the fact that no two men ever see anything exactly alike. But the fixes have a way of getting out in the open by somebody talking. It's difficult to imagine anybody taking a chance even if they were inclined toward crookedness in the first place.

## Gymnastics Team Meets TU

A dual gymnastics meet between A&M and Texas University will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Gregory Gym in Austin, Henry Walton, sponsor of the A&M Gymnastics Club announced.

Ten Aggies will compete in nine different gymnastic events. The events and entries listed on the program are free exercise, Leland Jackson and Pat Higgins; side horse, Jim Ellisor and Richard Sullivan; long horse, Jackson and

Woody Powell.  
Also, rope climb, Mike Beaumont, Butch Prather and Buck Hammond; horizontal bar, Hammond; tumbling, Jackson; parallel bars, Powell and Higgins; still rings, Beaumont, Dave Sandefer and Tom Cory; and trampoline, Jackson and Powell.

The final meet will be the Southwest AAU Championships in Dallas on Apr. 13 and 14.

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## McCabe, Carll In Gym Meet Firsts

Tom McCabe, a freshman from B-2, and Pinky Carll of F-3 dominated last night's competition in the first Open Gymnastics Meet on the third floor of G. Rollie White Coliseum. Freshman George Sprague took first in the free exercise event.

McCabe entered every event of the evening except the side horse. This lad had also wrestled a full, six-minute bout in the afternoon Class B competition.

Carll entered all except the parallel bars and he took second in the free exercise without even having practiced the routine.

Results of last night's competition are: parallel bars, McCabe, B-2, 14.8 points; John Killingsworth, Sqd. 13, 13.2; John Gray, A-3, 12.6; Leon Perry, Sqd. 13, 11.5 and Ronald Furder, Sqd. 12, 11.0.

Long Horse: McCabe, 15.4 points; Carll, F-3, 15.3; Tommy Whittlesey, Sqd. 13, 14.4 and E. V. Smith, Sqd. 14, 13.8.

Rings: Carll was first with 15.0 points and McCabe second with 14.0.

Carll scored 15.0 to take first place in the side horse.

Free Exercise: Sprague, Sqd. 13, 12.5; Carll, 11.2; Killingsworth, Sqd. 13, 10.7 and McCabe, 10.0.

The meet was carried out by gymnastics instructor and team coach Henry H. Walton and the judges were members of the gym team.

The second part of the meet, which includes competition on the trampoline, horizontal bar and the tumbling mat, will be held in the gym room at 7:30 tonight. Individual winners in the meet are given intramural medals. Students may enter on the spot if they failed to register back in February.

## Ag Golfers Go To Laredo

Having won its opening match 6½-2½ against Lamar Tech, the A&M varsity golf team goes to Laredo Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the Border Olympics.

Coach Henry Ransom will take a six-man team consisting of Jim Fetters of Port Arthur, John Lively Jr. of Athens, Harry Hoskins of Fort Worth, Dickie Duble of Galveston, Wayne Stroman of Mission and Johnny Johnson of Harlingen.

Fetters will play the number one match after posting the best score in qualifying rounds on the A&M course.

The Port Arthur senior shot a 23-over-par 723 for 180 holes, followed by Hoskins, 786; Lively, 742; Duble and Stroman, 748; and Johnson, 752.

The Aggie golfers will open Southwest Conference play against Arkansas here on Mar. 24.

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