

Faculty Committee Reprimands A&M

By JOHN PLATZER

Aggies everywhere heaved a huge sigh of relief Saturday as the Southwest Conference Faculty Athletic Committee cleared A&M's football program of 13 of 17 charges lodged against it and issued a reprimand on the other four.

The reprimand amounts to little more than a slap on the wrist and carries no sanctions against A&M.

The violations were all concerned with the giving of complimentary tickets to prospects for away games and for the paying of travel expenses to places other than the athlete's home or the campus.

A&M's violations were of a minor nature, thus calling for the relatively light penalty, according to Dr. Monroe S. Carroll of Baylor, the SWC president.

"We considered the offense much lighter than the one in 1965 and the penalty was in perspective," Dr. Carroll said.

Coach Gene Stallings, Aggie athletic director, and Dr. O. D. Butler, A&M's faculty representative, were both praised by Dr. Carroll for their cooperation in the investigation.

"No one has ever been more diligent in seeking out the truth than Dr. Butler; and Coach Stallings was very cooperative when he appeared before us, answering questions in a very forthright way," Dr. Carroll said.

The reprimand was approved unanimously by the Conference, with A&M voting to accept the statement.

Howard Grubbs, executive secretary of the SWC, said the chances appear very slim that the NCAA will review the case or request the files.

"You will have to ask the NCAA if they are going to investigate the case," Grubbs said.

"But I cannot think of any

time in the past in the SWC when the NCAA has requested our files or has ever increased the penalty and I don't see why they would do this time."

Grubbs said that he couldn't comment on whether or not any "private reprimands" were issued. Writers attending the Saturday press conference, however, learned that Texas violations were found guilty of violations and reprimanded.

Southern Methodist had two charges leveled against them but was not found guilty on either one.

TRACK

A surprise first place in the broad jump by Lonny Noel paced Coach Charley Thomas' trackers to a fourth place finish in the SWC Track Meet this weekend at Farrington Field in Fort Worth.

Texas won the meet with 66 points followed by Baylor with 54, Rice at 37 and A&M with 34.

Noel's winning effort was 24-6 1/2, bettering his best previous effort for the year by almost a foot.

Martin Rollins furnished A&M with its only other first for the day with a 15-8 effort in the pole vault. It was the second major victory in a row chalked up by Rollins, who won the Drake Relays last weekend.

In probably the day's most exciting event, Dave Morton of Texas edged the Aggies' Curtis Mills in a battle of freshmen. After Mills had led the 440 event for 330 yards, Morton came on to win with a great closing spurt. Both Morton's time of 45.5 and Mills' of 46.1 were under the old SWC record of 46.4 set by Jim Bankhead of SMU in 1964.

George Resley and Ronnie Lightfoot provided the Aggies with a second and third showing in the shot put.



Winning pitcher Doug Rau tags out Rice Owl centerfielder Darrell Holloren in a run down play during the Aggies' 6-2 Saturday victory over Rice. (Photo by Robert Barker)

Ag SWC Batting

Name	G	AB	R	H	Avg.	2B	3B	HR	TB	BI	SB	SH	SF	HP	BB
Maida, 2b	12	33	13	13	.394	2	2	1	22	8	4	0	0	4	8
Staples, c	15	46	16	18	.391	3	1	3	31	10	0	0	1	0	16
Elmendorf, lf	15	55	16	20	.364	3	0	5	38	21	1	1	3	2	2
Raley, ss	13	34	7	12	.353	0	0	1	15	6	2	0	1	1	8
Dailey, 3b	14	47	13	16	.340	4	0	3	29	13	1	0	0	2	15
Long, cf	15	58	16	19	.328	2	3	0	25	7	5	0	0	1	15
Arnold, rf	14	41	11	12	.293	3	0	1	18	10	3	0	2	1	4
Schwartz, p	9	16	4	4	.250	2	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	3
Thompson, p	6	8	3	2	.250	0	0	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	2
Hadaway, 1b	12	41	7	10	.244	2	1	0	14	4	0	0	1	0	5
Backest, 2b	5	13	1	3	.231	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
Stelley, 1b	10	20	3	4	.200	1	0	0	5	2	0	1	0	0	0
Vaughn, 1b	15	34	3	6	.176	1	0	0	7	7	0	0	1	0	6
Rau, p	4	6	0	1	.167	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
Benesh, p	5	7	0	1	.143	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1
Ghutzman, 2b	12	23	1	3	.130	2	0	0	5	4	1	0	0	0	2
Larson, p	5	1	1	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sanders, p	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robins, 2b	2	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walker, p	2	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bars, of	1	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lamonte, ss	1	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Varvel, p	1	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	15	488	115	144	.295	25	7	15	225	101	17	3	9	11	84
Opp.	15	467	64	118	.253	24	2	6	158	48	12	5	6	3	55

Aggies Out Of Baseball Race

Two things: Texas Christian's three-game sweep of Texas Tech, and last-but-not-least, the SWC rules? makers, caused the Aggies' plight.

The Horned Frogs finished their SWC games Friday and Saturday by taking three games from the Red Raiders. TCU finished the season at 13-5. The best the Aggies can do is 12-5, thus the elimination of the Maroon and White.

All that is left for the Aggies now is to sweep this weekend's two-game series with Texas A&I in Austin and by doing so, knock the Longhorns from a chance at the title.

But, the real culprit in the Aggies' case is the SWC Rules Committee (or whatever name they go by).

At the start of the season, a ruling was made that any rained-out single game of a three-game home-and-home series would not be rescheduled.

Due to the frequent rainy weather early in the season, there were several cancellations. Thus, the SWC moguls put out a new decree. This time, they said, that four rained out games would be replayed. This caught everybody up at the time. However, later in the season, the Aggies lost their last game with Baylor to the elements. This time, the rule stuck. No replay.

Friday afternoon, the Aggies came from behind to top the Owls 10-5. The league-leading hitting attack of the Aggies was in evidence all weekend as they added 10 hits in Saturday's 6-2 win to the 13 hits in Friday's game.

In Saturday's game, Doug Rau tied Rocky Thompson for most pitching wins, as the freshman hurler posted his fifth victory. The Aggies now possess the best overall record at 21-7 (Texas and TCU are 20-8).

Now everyone will await this weekend's Austin results. If the Aggies sweep the series, TCU is the champion. If there is a split, Texas and TCU tie. If Texas takes both games, Texas is champion.

Whatever happens, the 1968 SWC baseball season will probably go down as an anti-climatic one.

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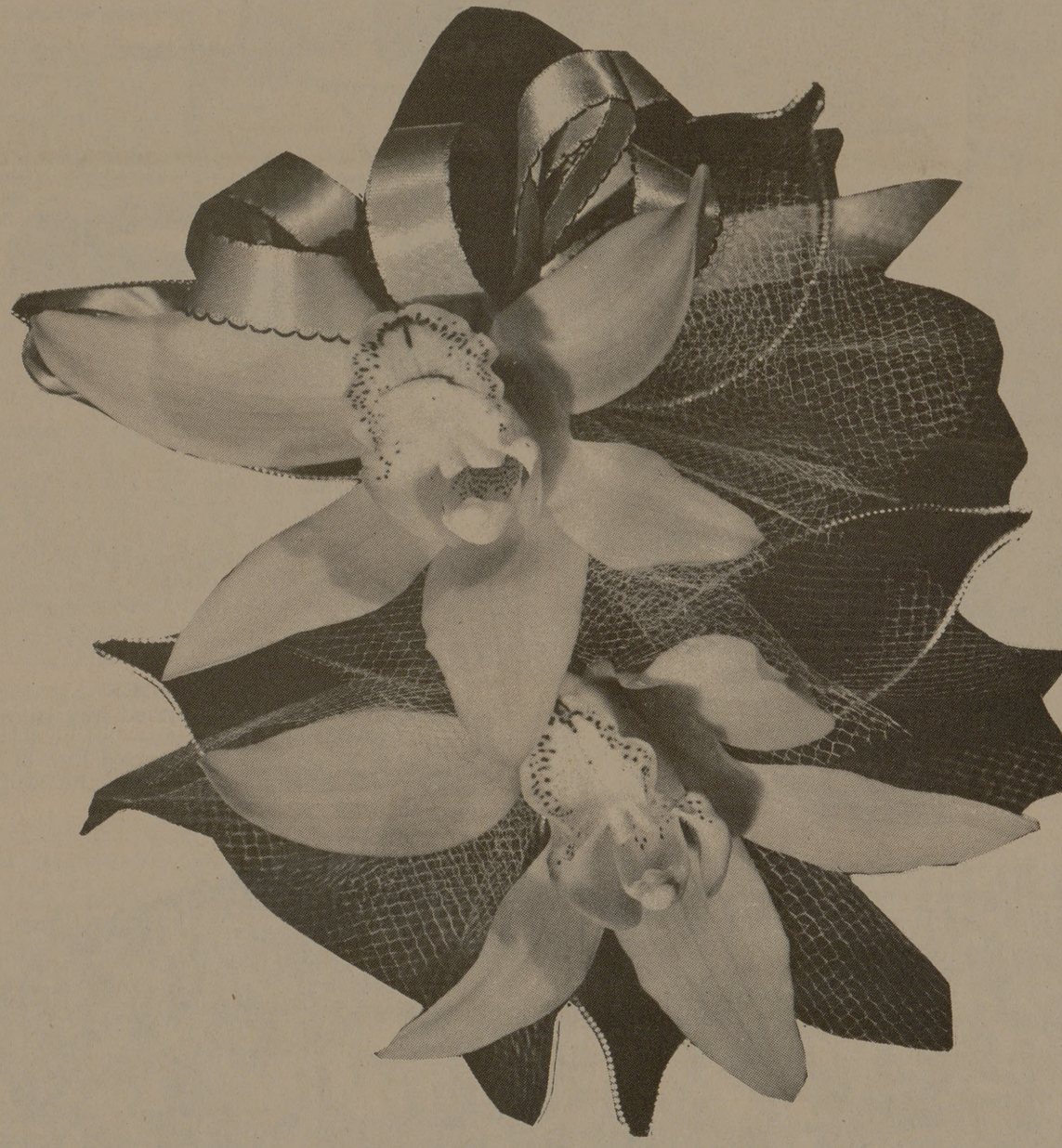
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