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#### By CLIFFORD BROYLES ttalion Sports Editor The Texas Aggies continued

eir terrible outside shooting and added ice-cold foul shooting to t at Moody Coliseum in Dallas esday night as the SMU Musegional ngs stayed in the Southwest ork with the Conference race with a 85-78 win. sistance & A&M has hit on less than 40 hnical adv per cent of its shots in the last ringhout hree games, and the Ags made ject funct it four in a row, while adding which \$30,00 to that to only 10 of 24 foul shots.

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unity least Mustangs 60-31 in their first regional as meeting at College Station. But ses, seminan proved work inside by the Musses, semining any proved work inside by the mus-ial investing any trio of David Miller, Steve services. I putnan and Clayton Korver help-ct is finance of them outrebound the Aggies

the game with 62 rebounds to 50 for the Ags.

Late in the contest the Aggies were forced to foul the Mustangs, who began to sit on a nine-point

lead in the final four minutes. But SMU, with a 76 per cent team average at the foul line, hit on eight of nine and the closest A&M could get in the second half was a game-ending seven points. SMU won the game at the foul line where it hit 29 of 35. In the two games with A&M this

year they hit 62 of 70 free throws. Wayne Howard put on a late spurt by hitting 11 points in the final four and one half minutes but two free throws by Miller, two by Delzell and four by Phillips nullified that.

SMU started quickly and jumped to a 9-0 lead and threatened to make it a runaway before the 6,893 crowd.

A turn-around baseline jumper will assister SWC race still close

rowed the gap with two straight buckets and Overhouse added a

field goal as A&M ripped off seven straight points to trail only 13-9 SMU jumped to its biggest lead

of the half with just over a minute to go when Delzell popped a jumper to end a string of six straight in A&M points and give SMU a 46-30 lead. Buckets by Bob Gobin and Bill Cooksey cut the lead to 46-34 at the half. Cooksey hit a hot streak mid-

way through the first half to keep the Aggies going. He hit three straight field goals as they battled from a 23-16 deficit to narrow the SMU lead to five. In the second half, the Mus-

tangs began to work their fast break with crisp passing.

Early in the half, for example, Miller got a layup on a pass from Phillips; the next time down the floor it was Delzell on an asby Rick Duplantis got the first sist from Phillips. Then on the n federal sty seven in the first half as A&M points and then, after SMU next SMU possession Phillips ze-

and Miller exchanged passes twice until the Aggies were to within while driving down the floor.

Korver then got two short buckets shortly thereafter and the Mustangs had equalled their biggest lead of the night with a 61-45 bulge.

Steve Niles, who has been having his problems in the last three games — having scored only 17 points in those contests — sat out much of this one for a similar reason and Coach Shelby Metcalf inserted him in the lineup midway through the second half to stop some of the work in the middle.

The Aggies also went to a full court press which did little more than slow down the Mustang pace.

With Niles in the middle, the Aggies were able to keep the Mustangs out and quickly narrowed the SMU lead by eight, to 61-53, before Mustang coach Bob Prewitt-seeing things get a little out of hand-called for a time

7 at 77-70.

The improved play of the big men for SMU had to be a key factor in this one. In the first meeting of the two teams Putnam, Miller and Korver scored between them 16 points and had six rebounds. Tuesday night, Putnam scored eight and had 11 rebounds, Korver scored 9 and 11 rebounds and Miller scored 11 and had 5 rebounds.

Their work inside slowed down the Aggies. By comparison Duplantis had 20 points and seven rebounds in the first meeting and 15 points and five rebounds last night. Jeff Overhouse had nine points and 13 rebounds in the first game and 12 points and 6 rebounds last night. Niles had 15 points and seven rebounds in the first meeting and six points and six rebounds last night.

Chuck Smith, playing despite a sprained ankle suffered in the Rice game had only one point and The lead stayed at between 10 three rebounds as compared to a

Foreman indicated that the

tators and fans, and that the two

teams use different offenses and

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first time around. The loss mathematically elim-

inated the Aggies from any Gobin 5, Bill O'Brien 4, Bill Cookchance at the Southwest Confer- sey 10. ence crown and leaves the Mustangs as one of six teams with a shot at the league title. Scoring in the SMU game.

A&M — Chuck Smith 1, Jeff 9.

# this Owl is really an Aggie five inches, wearing his blue

**Assistant Sports Editor** Fans at Saturday's game with Rice probably couldn't help but notice the tall Rice assistant coach.

In fact, many people know him as the guy who's always standing up, protesting a call by the officials or encouraging his players.

But what few Aggies realize is that George Mehaffey is one of us. A 1957 A&M graduate, Mehaffey was cage captain and second team All Southwest Conference that year. In addition, he was a Distinguished Military Student.

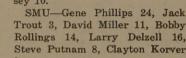
Mehaffey is in his second year at Rice. His freshman team was 9-3 last year, and so far has lost but one in this campaign. Before going to the Owls, he was the head coach at Lee High School

in Houston for seven years. He graduated from another Houston high school, St. Thomas, where he was All-State TCIL. Mehaffey served in the Air Force from 1958-60, at which time he played pro ball in the Eastern League in the Pennsylvania area. His service obligation interfered with any plans he may have had to play for the St. Louis Hawks, who had drafted him for the National Basketball Association.

Here's the true test of an Aggie: How can one coach for another SWC school but still remain true to his alma mater? This is an interesting problem, particularly in light of the reputation for loyalty which Aggies are supposed to have.

Well, on Jan. 23, those who noticed found out. TCU was in G. Rollie White for a televised game with the Aggies. Rice had an open date that night, so Mehaffey and Don Knodel, the head coach at Rice, were here to scout

the two clubs. Before the opening tipoff, Mehaffey rose to his full six feet,



Charlie Jenkins 2, Wayne How-

ard 23, Rick Duplantis 15, Bob

George Mehaffey, Rice coach:

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blazer with the Owl emblem on "Spirit of Aggieland." Here he was, obviously a rep-

resentative of another school, here to do a job for that university, but he still had the love for A&M to stand and sing with the rest of the Aggies.

A&M doesn't play Rice again this year, but when the two teams meet again, the tall guy in the blue coat will be as vociferous as ever in pulling for his charges and admonishing the referees.

But he's proven more than once, that regardless of where he works, he's still an Aggie.



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#### TCU, Baylor, Tech and SMU all win the fourth loss for the Houston lor, SMU or Tech would eliminate By JOHN CURYLO

school. TCU stayed out in front of the The winning margin for the sion Serie pack and Rice was virtually elim-Bears came as guard Tom Stanated from the race as the Southton was good on a layup after west Conference picture cleared dustrial Consomewhat after being cloudy for dribbling through all five of the Rice Owls with four seconds remaining.

d with The Horned Frogs of Fort t program Worth had a 34 point lead at one nder \$18, ime in the second half, but Coach ime in the second half, but Coach ohnny Swaim cleared his bench nd TCU finished with a six point tory over winless Arkansas,

Eugene "Goo" Kennedy broke he SWC rebounding record with 28 caroms, and added 13 D to points to his team's total. Simpon Degrate was the leading rer with 29 tallies. TCU hit in 54.4% of its shots from the

junior jos While SMU was moving its been name record to 6-3 with the 85-78 win 0 scholard over A&M, Baylor and Texas er Fund. Tech were assuring themselves ith the school a second place tie with the een givent Mustangs by beating Rice and k as a on Texas, respectively.

on one of a As a result of its 73-71 win vspaper over Rice, Baylor all but shut of Mn m off the Owls' hopes of repeating of Hamilton last year's championship. It was is important, since a loss by

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The leading scorer for the Bears, now 6-3, was William Chatmon, who scored 27 points. Gary Reist, the Owl senior guard, led his team with 24. Texas, already thwarted of any title hopes, was shoved further from the top by Texas Tech in

Austin, 70-55. The Longhorns went almost nine minutes without scoring after tying the game in the second half, and this was the downfall of Texas. The Red Raiders hit 52 percent of their floor shots, place. while the 'Horns were good on

only 38.3%. Greg Lowery was Tech's h point man with 20. His teamm Gene Knolle, had 17, Billy B

led the opponents with 12. win was Tech's fifth straight Texas. Their all-time serie now even at 20 games each. Each of this Saturday's ga

that team from the race. Also, if TCU loses, that means that they would be tied with any of the three second place teams that wins.

SMU and Baylor clash in Waco, and the alternatives for the two squads are simple: the winner is still a contender and the loser is no longer in the race.

Texas Tech will be on its home court in Lubbock for a televised battle with the Aggies. If the Red Raiders cannot handle A&M, whom they beat a few weeks ago, they are out for the year.

To stay ahead, TCU needs to win against Rice, who won over the Frogs two weeks ago. Should the Owls do the trick again, there could be a three-way tie for first

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## **Consolidated vs. Carver tonight** in schoolboy playoff game The A&M Consolidated Tigers adults. Texas A&M students will

take on Aldine Carver tonight at not be admitted on their activity 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coli- cards. seum in the second game of a best-of-three playoff for the Disgame should be good for spectrict 10-AAA championship.

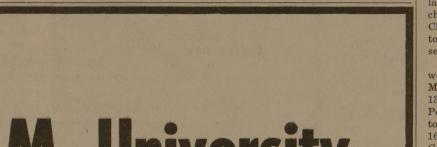
Carver won the first game, 65-49, but tonight's contest should prove to be interesting, since the Tigers defeated Aldine earlier in the year in a tournament game.

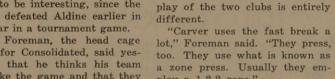
Jim Foreman, the head cage coach for Consolidated, said yesterday that he thinks his team can take the game and that they will be prepared for Carver.

"When they beat us, we just had a poor night," he said. "I guess they were just better prepared than us. I think things will be different this time."

Should Consolidated win, the third and final game will be played at Prairie View A&M. If Aldine Carver comes out victorious, they will be the district finalists.

Tickets for the game were sold at a reduced price until 3:30 this afternoon at the principal's office at Consolidated High School. All tickets at the gate are \$1.50 each for both students and





ploy a 1-2-2 zone." The Tigers, on the other hand, have a disciplined offense. They try to play for the percentage shot. Their defense is a pressing man-to-man.

The outcome of the contest should be determined by A&M's ability to slow down and confuse Aldine Carver. Shooting percentages should be a factor, and execution of the game plan is most important for both squads.

#### A and C Wrestling champsannounced Class A and C wrestling ended last Thursday with 10 individual champions being determined.

Class B and D wrestling begins today in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The champions, according to weight class, are: 123 lb., Mike Mahone; 130 lb., Mike Bavaro;

137 lb., James Paryzek; 145 lb., Pete Amaral; 152 lb., Bill Compton; 160 lb., Robert Fitzpatrick; 167 lb., John McNevin; 177 lb., George McCarroll; 191 lb., Joe Russo; heavyweight, Orlin He-

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championship last week by ousting G-1.

The intramural office announced Monday that an open soccer tournament will be held. Anyone wishing to enter a team must do so by March 1. They added that no team points will be given to the winners.

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