### THE BATTALION

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## Lesson to be learned from nasty Rice students

Tuesday night's floor show by e Rice student body brings to ind a few ideas for Aggie fans G. Rollie White Coliseum Sate Texas Tech Red Raiders. dist are tied for the lead in the Southwest Conference basketball possible. race, and the battle is crucial, to

say the least. With the Aggies picked to finsh last in the conference in preeason polls, chances to do well league play cannot be jeoparlized by poor conduct on the part f supporters.

The crudeness shown by the easy for a 17-year-old high school )wl fans drove this point home, n that the reputation of the chool in the future is damaged. The athletic fortunes of the present don't do too well, either. The Aggies proved that in Autry Court.

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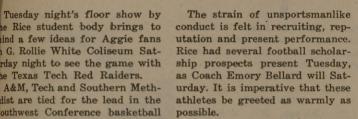
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For the fans in the bleachers, it may be cute to shout gross remarks, but for the young men visiting the campus, incidents like that may turn them away forever. High school rivalries are strong, but prospects hear boos from the ability. crowd as personal cuts. It is not senior to stand in front of 7,000

people, and verbal abuse, regardless of intent, will not sway him to Texas A&M. Reputation is a big thing in

college sports. Tech has a reputation for throwing turkey eggs

and Rice for obscenity. Such Referees have the hardest job things are on the minds of opponents, fans and referees. The Aggies got fired up when the Rice people got malicious, and the same could happen here if care is not taken. warding.

Crowd noise is a factor in basketball, but volume should be positive. The nearest thing to positive noise in Houston was cursing of the referees instead of the Aggies by Rice. In the case of Tech, it is best not to rile them up, because they are blessed with

It has been three years since the "Baylor incident" in 1969, but those of us who were here can never forget the amount of coverage the fight received and how it hurt A&M. Another riot could be disastrous.

in the world, next to digging wells in Montana in the winter months. Some people will take almost any job for money, but officiating is one of the least popular and re-

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The officials in Tuesday night's game were personally abused more by the Rice student body than anyone in the gym. They blew a few calls, which was understandable. No official gets them all perfect.

Something A&M must avoid at all cost is infuriating the referees. All we need is to make an official mad at us, and we can kiss championship hopes goodby. Technical fouls mean more than just a free throw and an inbounds play.

When the race is close, close calls become much more crucial. The Aggies cannot afford to cause a referee to blow any judgments at any time.

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Booing is important here. It would be interesting to note the result of applauding the officials when they are introduced Saturday night. It might psyche Tech out just enough. It would also increase the value of our stock with league referees.

First place is on the line here at 8 p.m. Saturday. We owe it to the efforts of our basketball players and coaches to show the Raiders what positive incentive is. We owe it to ourselves to support our school in a way that will bring victory, not notoriety, upon us.

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### Unique golf tournament

HARLINGEN (P) - Defending No. 17 with a par. However, the champion Maurice Wilson of Dallas outlasted Lou Button of San Antonio for a 1-up victory Wednesday to highlight second round championship flight matches in the 20th annual "Life Begins at 40" golf tournament.

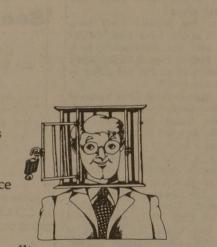
Wilson was even ar for the day. Most quarterfinalists had battles on their hands. However, former three-time winner and

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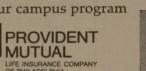
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