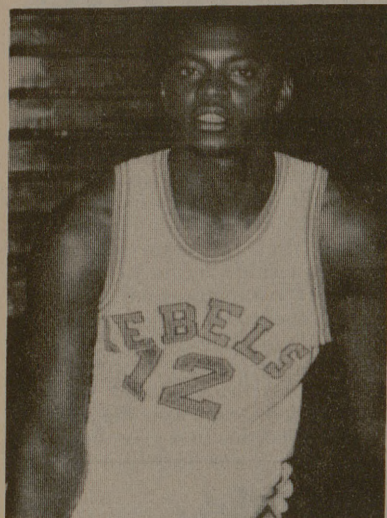


## Basketball inks first recruit



Barry Davis

A&M basketball coach Shelby Metcalf has announced the signing of Barry Davis, a 6-4 guard from Hill County Junior College.

Davis, who played his high school ball at Galveston Ball High School, led Hill JC to fifth place in the National Junior College Tournament and was named to the All-Tournament team averaging 21 points per game in the national tourney.

Davis was named the Most Valuable Player in the Region V Tournament which Hill won to advance to the nationals. Davis was also named to the Region V all-star team.

Last season at Hill, Davis averaged 18.8 points and 10 rebounds

## Fosdick signs CS swimmer

A&M swimming coach Dennis Fosdick has announced the signing of Bob Leland, a standout swimmer from A&M Consolidated High School in College Station.

"We are tremendously pleased to get Leland," Fosdick said. "He will be primarily a breaststroker for us and will give us two summers of national calibre in that event."

Leland was a three-year All-American in water polo and was All-America in swimming his senior year.

# Kevin's Korner



By KEVIN COFFEY, Sports Editor

In the two years I've worked at this desk, I've learned two things. First, Perseverance. Second, God is not an Aggie.

Anyone who followed the Aggies through the four years that Saturday's graduated did, learned perseverance. A&M did not win a Southwest Conference team championship since September of 1970. Track won the title that June.

I really don't know how objective I can be, but I think I've seen the Aggies get some funny bounces through all these years and games. Mike Schraeder, a shoo-in all conference second baseman gets hurt in practice and the baseball team falls in the last 12 games.

Mike Floyd's ankle injury hurt the basketball team this year. Carl Swierc's touchdown run in Rice's win over the Ags. How he ever got through that crowd, I'll never know.

There are many, many more. It just seems that Aggies get the short end of the stick more than their share of the time.

I'm convinced that God is a tease. Up in Heaven, he sits on an orange and white throne, and sends Darrell Royal's to Austin. Then he takes defensive backs and turns them into Wishbone quarterbacks. Royal is good, but he's got to have help from someone, somewhere.

Texas has dominated sports in this conference as long as I've been watching. During the class of '74's tenure, UT has won the football title all four years, baseball all four years, basketball twice, track three times (including this year), golf three times. Quite an impressive record.

A&M has not done so well but I loved every minute watching the Ags in action.

Football posted a 15-29 record during my tenure. No doubt that Emory Bellard will turn the program around.

I remember losing to Cincinnati 17-0 and knowing that Gene Stallings was through. I can't say I was sorry.

Basketball fared better but alas no titles. Shelby Metcalf posted a 57-47 record and only one losing season.

Tom Chandler was perhaps the most successful with his baseball teams. Aggie hardballers were 116-44 during my four years. I think baseball provided my most exciting memories.

Swimming has to be the most improved team. Since 1970, Dennis Fosdick has established a national caliber water polo team and a swimming program that is creeping up on SMU and Texas.

Tennis has been steady and golf has sent individual stars through Aggieland but again, no championships.

Rugby might not be a SWC sport but they are the biggest winners with a remarkable 97-7 four year span.

Track has come the closest to winning a title. Just before the class of '74 entered, Charlie Thomas and company won the title. They fell 1/2 point short of Rice the following year.

A&M might not win a championship next year but football which never posted a winning season for the seniors, will win big. They should go to a bowl game.

Basketball could battle for the title, if a big, fast forward is recruited.

Tennis returns a good contingent, swimming is still growing, track won't lose anyone to graduation.

This should provide me with a chance for some immortality. I will be the last Batt sports editor to suffer through four years without a title and love every minute.

# Dawson nurses injury as SWC meet nears

By TED BORISKIE  
Assistant Sports Editor

As Charles Dawson looks towards the Southwest Conference Track and Field Meet two Saturdays away, his vision is filled with question marks.

Dawson is nursing a sore leg with hopes he can be healthy enough to match his early season promise at the conference meet.

"My legs are feeling better than they have in a long time," said Dawson. "I think I'll be ready to run at conference."

This season has been a series of ups and downs for Dawson, a junior college all-America transfer from Blinn. He was frustrated in his attempts to enter the 100-yard dash in the prestigious Astrodome Federation Meet in February because he wasn't well enough known. The next weekend, opening the outdoor season in a dual meet at Rice, he suffered a terrible start and was edged out by the Owl's Zoe Simpson.

The following weekend at the Border Olympics, Dawson relinquished all doubts anyone may have had about his running ability by taking the 100-yard dash with a 9.5. It was a more impressive victory than the time suggests as Dawson was leading the strong field by a large margin when he threw his hands up in victory at the 90-yard line, thinking it was the finish. He had such a lead that he was able to regain his composure and still win the race.

A month later at the Dallas Invitational, Dawson injured his leg running against another strong field.

After a week's layoff, he aggravated the injury at the Texas Relays which forced him to the sidelines until he was again able to run the 100 at Thursday's quadrangular meet in Austin. He finished fourth with a 9.7 after obviously letting up the second

half of the race to keep from straining his legs.

"I think I'm ready to run again," said Dawson. "I'm going to go all out at Baylor Saturday to test my legs and make sure I'll be able to meet the conference meet."

## All-star game setting squads

LUBBOCK (AP)—Joe Barnes and Kenneth Wallace, who helped key Texas Tech to an 11-1 season and a win over Tennessee in the Gator Bowl have signed to play in the 14th annual Coaches All America game along with All America center Bill Wyman of Texas University.

The game is set for June 22 in Texas Tech's Jones Stadium.

Signing with the Southwest Conference stars were 10 other players including Richard Williams, wide receiver, Abilene Christian; Paul B. Vellana, defensive lineman, Maryland; Billy Howard, defensive lineman, Alcorn A&M; Barty Smith, running back, Richmond; Jim Cagle, defensive lineman, Georgia; Chuck Ramsey, kicking specialist, Wake Forest; John Holland, receiver, Tennessee State. Also, Donald Reese, Jackson State; Rod Kirby, line backer, Pittsburg; and Tony Bell, defensive back, Bowling Green.

Barnes, Wallace, Wyman and Williams will perform for Coach Barry Switzer's West team and the remainder of those signing Tuesday will play for Coach Johnny Majors East team. A total of 30 players will be named for each team.

Charles Dawson

By Charles M. Schell

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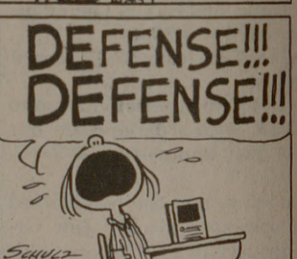
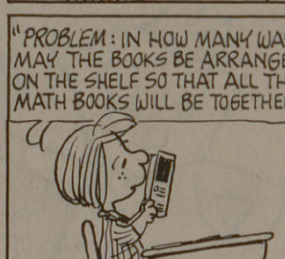
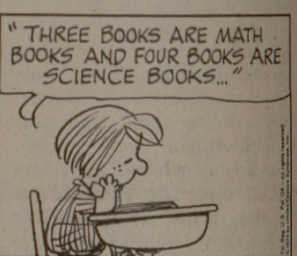
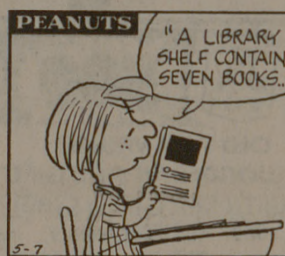
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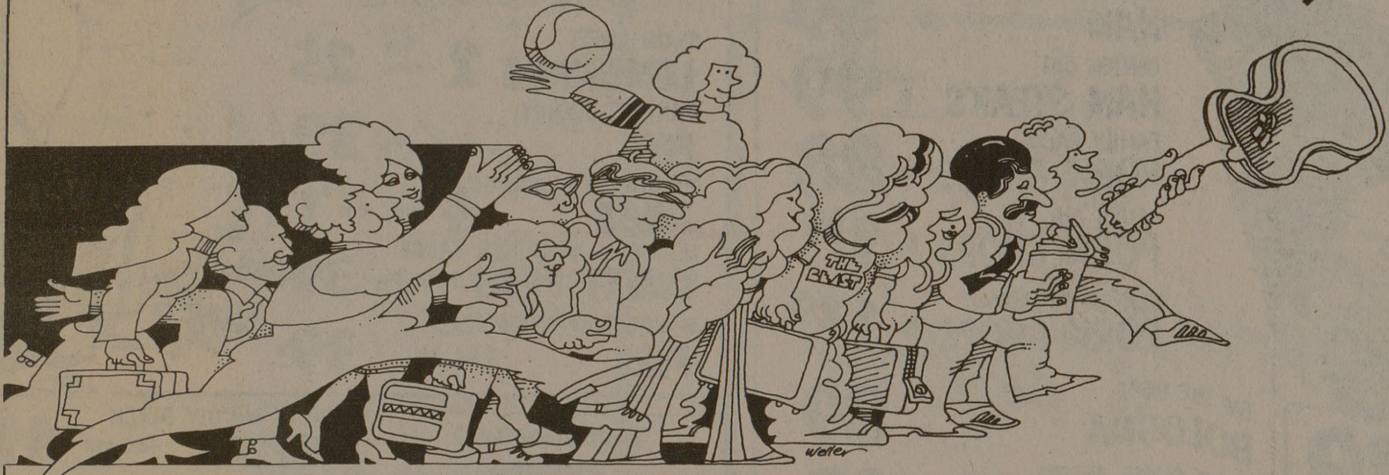
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