

### Parker makes All-tourney team

# Ags fall to Cougars in Bluebonnet

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Texas A&M Basketball Coach Shelby Metcalf had a plan. It was one that he is not well known for but one that he likes to be able to use. It was one that gave A&M second in the Bluebonnet Classic played at Houston.

Metcalf's plan was to play as many players as he could and try to tire the other teams with the tremendous depth that the A&M team has this year. It worked on the University of Nevada at Las Vegas with A&M winning that first game 80-78.

A&M got off to a slow start and at one time early in the first period was down by eight points. The defense started to work and with 3:57 left in the first half, A&M took the lead that it kept the rest of the game.

Metcalf took 12 players to Houston and played them all. They all scored except Doug Mezger who played the last seven seconds against Nevada but never got to the other end of the court.

The University of Nevada at Las Vegas is a powerhouse basketball team coached by Jerry Tarkanian. Tarkanian left Long Beach State two

years ago to take the job at Nevada and brought some outstanding talent with him. A majority of the team is sophomores and the team has a great future.

Sonny Parker led the scoring for A&M with 14 points and his combined effort against Nevada and the University of Houston earned him all-tournament honors. Mike Floyd had one of his best showings this season with 13 points.

The University of Houston had other plans for A&M. They came out and played their best game of the season. They defeated the Uni-

versity of Hawaii 105-96 to get into the play-offs.

A&M scored first, lost the lead, and then jumped ahead 19-18 for the last time. Houston held complete control of the backboards which led to their 92-72 victory.

Houston's all-star player Louis Dunbar raised havoc on the A&M team on both offense and defense. He scored 27 points and had 11 rebounds. He was named the tournament's most valuable player.

John Thornton led the Aggies with 18 points and only three other players managed to get into the double figures. Barry Davis came down with 13 rebounds.

Houston played flawless ball. They came to win and that they did.

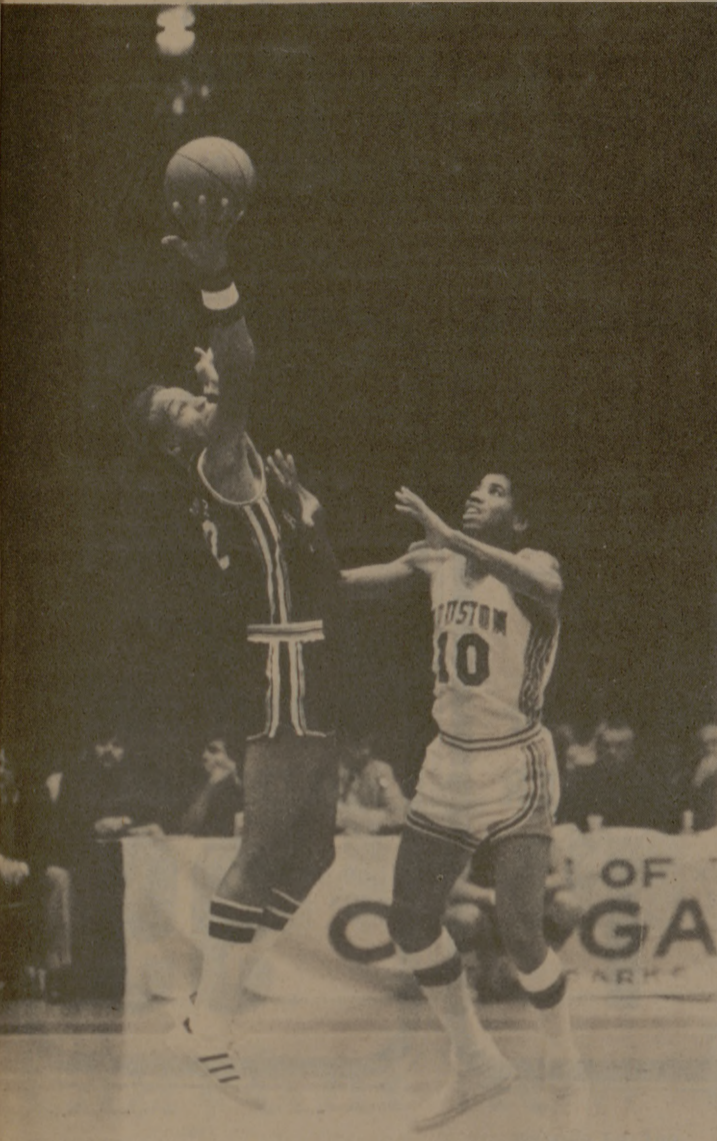
Metcalf had a plan and in all ways it should have worked. He just needed to convince the University of Houston.

### Pizza Hut ballot includes Thornton

Texas A&M's John Thornton is on the ballot for the national Pizza Hut Basketball Classic.

Thornton and 12 other Texas players were selected by national balloting of coaches and the media. If elected, Thornton will represent the West.

The balloting is underway at Pizza Huts and the A&M basketball games.



Sonny Parker intercepts errant Cougar pass

## Knight's crew reaches top; UCLA moves into second

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Four years of recruiting, five returning starters, seven other lettermen and 12 straight triumphs add up to No. 1 in the weekly Associated Press major college basketball poll.

But when Bobby Knight, coach of top-rated Indiana, calculated it all, he found only added pressure.

"It's something we have to live with," he said after the ratings were released Tuesday.

"Being ranked No. 1 is just high incentive for other teams."

Indiana was runner-up to defending champion North Carolina State until the Wolfpack fell prey to Wake Forest in the Big Four Tournament last week and dropped to fourth place with a 9-1 record.

But Knight's Hoosiers, who won the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu Dec. 30 then clobbered Michigan State's make-shift squad 107-55 Saturday after 10 varsity players were suspended for insubordination, have no intention of being clay pigeons for any marksmen.

"We're not going to let it go to our heads," said Steve Green, who led Indiana with 26 points in Monday night's victory over Michigan for triumph No. 13. "As the coach emphasized, we'd love to be ranked No. 1 on April 1." That's after the NCAA Tournament.

Indiana edged UCLA in the AP Poll by 32 points in the balloting by a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters, based on games through last Saturday. The defending Big Ten co-champions received 36 first-place votes and 1,020 points, compared with 14 No. 1 votes and 988 points for the Trojans.

UCLA, 10-0 and winner of three straight titles until last year when deposed by North Carolina State, finished a healthy 212 points ahead of unbeaten Louisville, which had the other two top votes and 776 points.

The Wolfpack had to settle for fourth with 762 points and Maryland, also 9-1, was fifth with 558, up from seventh after a triumph over Notre Dame, which was dropped from the ratings along with Pennsylvania, Purdue and Memphis State.

The second five was led by Southern California, 10-1 and taken down a notch after being beaten by Fordham in the final of the ECAC Holiday Festival. Kentucky climbed to seventh from ninth after stretching its record to 8-1 by thumping Louisiana State; Alabama, handed its first setback by LaSalle, dipped two notches to eighth with a 7-1 record; Oregon, the only other unbeaten team in the Top 20, climbed to ninth from 11th

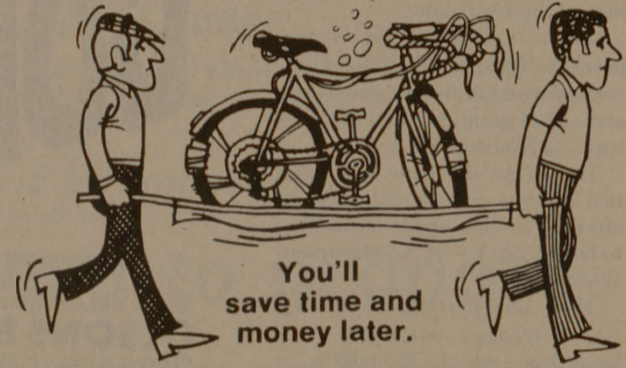
and Arizona rallied four places to 10th after triumphs over Stanford and Texas Tech.

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1. Indiana (36)	12-0	1,020
2. UCLA (14)	10-0	988
3. Louisville (2)	8-0	776
4. N.C. St.	9-1	762
5. Maryland	9-1	558
6. S. Calif.	10-1	502
7. Kentucky	8-1	479
8. Alabama	7-1	429
9. Oregon	9-0	425
10. Arizona	10-1	221
11. Michigan	9-1	206
12. Arizona St.	11-1	171
13. Marquette	6-2	150
14. LaSalle	10-1	83
15. N. Carolina	5-3	70
16. S. Carolina	6-3	66
17. Minnesota	9-1	36
18. Tennessee	7-1	26
19. Providence	7-3	24
tie Wake Forest	7-3	24

Others receiving votes, listed alphabetically: Bradley, California, Centenary, Central Michigan, DePaul, Florida St., Fordham, Houston, Illinois St., Kansas, Memphis St., Miami, Minnesota, New Mexico St., Notre Dame, Oregon St., Penn. Penn St., Purdue, Rutgers, St. John's N. Y., San Francisco, Southern Illinois, Tennessee, Texas-El Paso, Utah, Washington.

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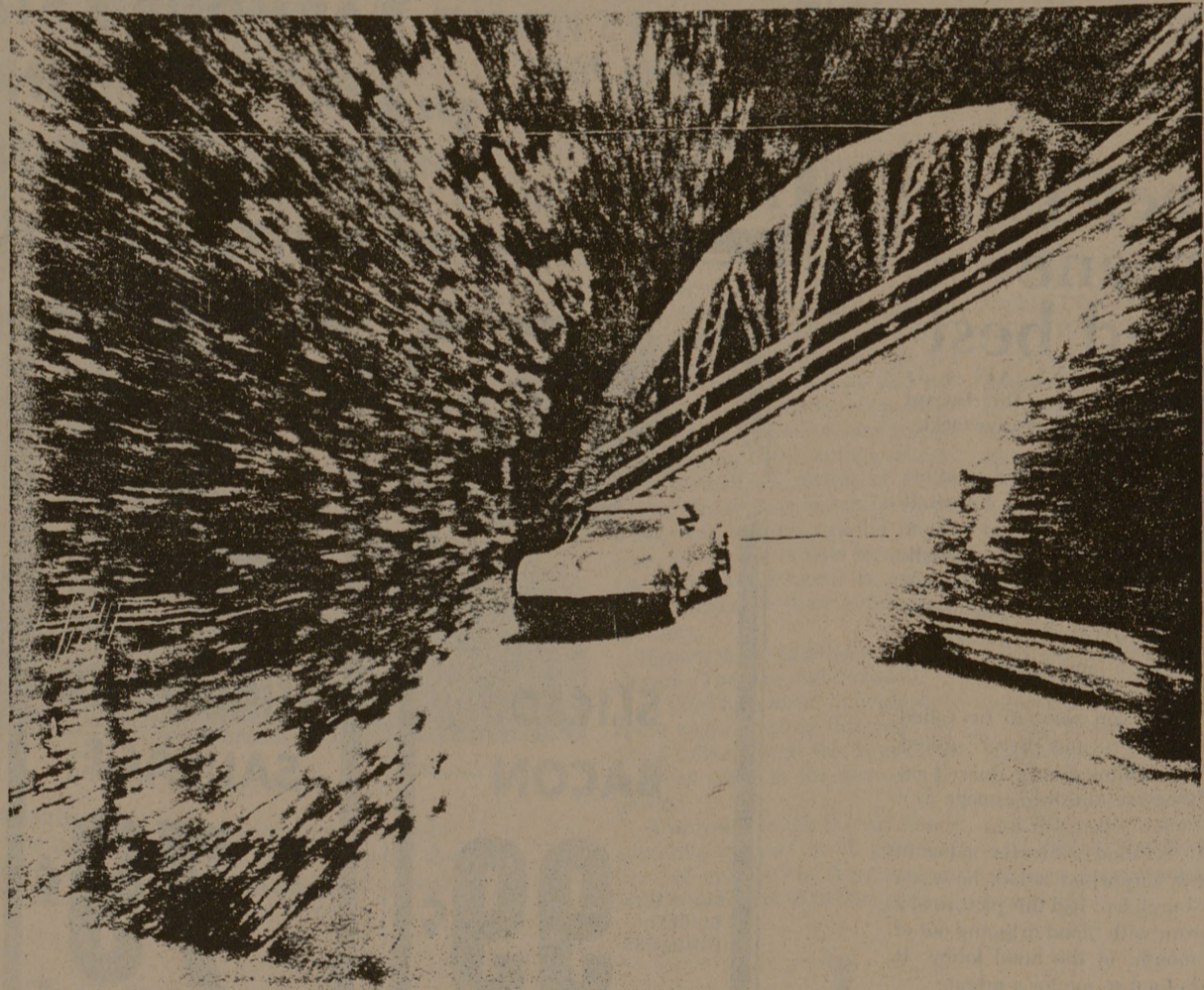
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