

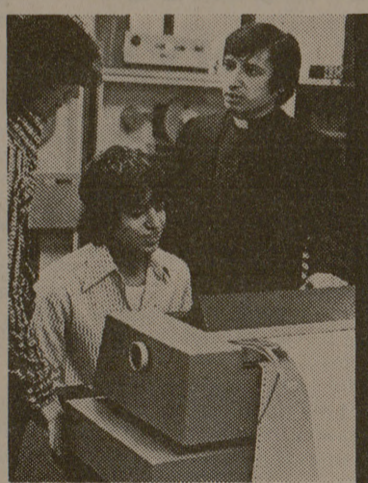
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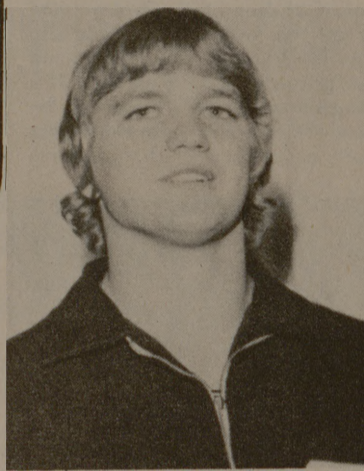
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Floyd, Erwin: quickness to spare

By DAVID WALKER
Staff Sports Writer
Shelby Metcalf is all smiles when he talks about guards Mike Floyd and Gates Erwin.
Floyd is a starter and Erwin is his chief replacement on the Aggie team that is currently leading the Southwest Conference with an 8-1 record.
"Let's call them quick and re-quick," said Metcalf. "They really complement each other and they're both fierce competitors." Assistant



GATES ERWIN

\$170,000 requested by IM

Second part of a three part series on the Intramural Budget.
By TONY GALLUCCI
Staff Sports Writer

Intramural Director Dennis Corrington is backing up his recent budget request to the penny.
Corrington and the IM department has requested an additional \$100,000 for next year's program and increase of 140 percent. The figures however should bring A&M to within the standards set by other state supported schools in Texas in their intramural programs.

The \$170,000 proposed budget will raise the expenditure from \$3.33 per person enrolled at A&M to \$7.73 per person. This compares favorably with the present expenditure of \$6.45 per person at Texas Tech and \$9.75 per person currently spent at the University of Texas.

A&M plays over twice as many games in the four major team sports and handles twice as many teams as Texas Tech.

A major difference in expenditures is the money spent for recreational facilities supervision. Tech spends about \$2.01 per person for supervision compared to A&M's \$3.1c per person expenditure.

Corrington complains that the facilities are overcrowded. "We have twice the participation and half the facilities." He explains that the determining factor for expenditures is the number of contests.

Corrington is worried about the extent of the program next year. "We'll run as good a program as we can on the money that we get. I may have to shut down in the middle of the semester." The first cut will come in salaries. "There will not be enough money to pay salaries," said Corrington, if the budget does not increase.

The next part of the series will be a wrap-up featuring further comment by Corrington as well as by upper administrators and personnel concerned with the budget.

coach Bob Gobin added that he thought Floyd and Erwin help each other. "They help each other because they make each other better players."

"I agree with that," Floyd said. One of the toughest assignments now for Floyd and the rest of the Aggies is not to look ahead. "I say that I don't look ahead, but that's really impossible, everybody looks ahead. It's hard to really tell. Every day is so different in basketball because you are getting ready for the next game and that game changes every Tuesday and Saturday so things never are the same."

"Just like the Baylor game," Floyd went on, "we knew it would be tough but we weren't looking ahead, but it looked like it because we had beat them 30 points here and we only beat them seven there."

Floyd, like Erwin, is from a strong basketball state, Illinois. He compared the two contrasting styles of basketball by stating that they are not contrasting. "There isn't really but one difference in the two styles of basketball in the two states, that's officiating."

"Basketball isn't any different here than up there," Floyd said. "The players here aren't any slower or any farther behind those up north but the game itself here is slow because the tempo is slowed down because the officiating slows it down."

Floyd admitted that he had to change his style of play when he came to A&M. "I had to change my

freshman year because I had a tendency to push a little more than they would let me."

Floyd plans on going into coaching when he graduates from A&M next year. "I can't decide if I want to stay here or go back north to coach," said Floyd. "Down here basketball is number two, up there it's number one. So I'll probably go up there because a person wants to coach where his sport is number one."

Erwin on the other hand can't decide what he wants to do when he leaves TAMU but he has plenty of choices. "I can't decide if I want to go back to Florida and go to law school or play pro baseball," Erwin said.

Erwin has plenty of time to make up his mind because he has one more year left at Aggieland plus the rest of this season. The rest of this year is going to be a busy one for him because when the Aggie basketball team is finished with its season he moves over to Kyle Field to join the Aggie baseballers.

But now basketball is the main thought in Erwin's mind. "We're having a great year but I knew we would as soon as the season started, I saw what talent we had and I knew all along we would win. We've had great practices all year, I really don't think we've had a bad one all year."

Erwin compared the major college basketball at A&M to his junior college days at Florida Junior College. "There's not that much difference now between major and junior college basketball. The step wasn't

that big. Now a lot of good college basketball players come from junior college," Erwin said.

While Erwin is happy with the team's performance this year he is highly dissatisfied with his personal performance. "This is the worst year I've had in basketball as far as my personal performance is concerned," said Erwin.

If Erwin is having a bad year then the SWC had better hope for some help in the future against the little guard. A large Texas daily newspaper said of Erwin after the Texas Tech game in Lubbock, "When the Aggie starters were in the game, Tech dribbled the ball down the floor, but when Erwin was in the game they backed it down the court."



MIKE FLOYD

Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Roundballers to confront Owls on game of week

By TONY GALLUCCI
Staff Sports Writer
Once again it'll be the best against the worst as the league leading Aggies host the cleanup crew of the conference, the Rice Owls.

In the first game of the conference race, the Ags escaped with a narrow 64-61 win in what Head Coach Shelby Metcalf has described as "our worst conference game of the year."

Mike Floyd and Gates Erwin were the heroes of the first game in Houston each hitting two pressure free throws to give A&M the final

winning margin.
The Ags, after their seven point win over Baylor, boosted their SWC record to 8-1 contrasted with Rice's obnoxious 1-8 record. A&M is 16-5 for the season compared to Rice's conference worst of 4-16.

Sonny Parker led Ag scorers in Houston with 14, followed by Floyd's ten and Barry Davis' nine. Rice's James Daniels led all scorers in the first matchup with 23.

The game Saturday at 2 p.m. will be broadcast regionally over the TVS network. No closed circuit will be shown for this game only.

Metcalf will start Floyd, Davis

and Jerry Mercer at the posts and Parker and John Thornton at forward. Metcalf says he is "concerned, very concerned about Rice." About the win earlier this year over the Owls, he said, "It was our passing game that won it. It saved us."

Metcalf's concern could be that last year, Rice won only one conference game. In College Station, on TV.

The crowd has been an important factor in this year's home victories where the Ags are winning by 17.2 points average while winning by 3.4 points away. Metcalf has praised the crowd as "the class crowd of the nation."

Metcalf is expecting a full house on Saturday so that people can compare our crowd to the Arkansas crowd to weeks earlier.

Ira Terrell, former SMU star commented last week that G. Rollie White "is a tougher place to play than Pauley Pavilion (UCLA)."

The Owls will be starting Danny Carroll, Dave Louwerse, Tim Moriarty, McDaniels and James Simmons against the Ags in an effort to gain their second win of the season.

Both teams are known to use a stall game in an effort to win and it will take something fancy from Coach Bob Poll's birdies to win this one.

Look for a low scoring defensive game with the Ags ending up on top by 10 or better.

Swimmers to compete at SWTSU

Texas A&M's women swim team travels to San Marcos today to tread water against Southwest Texas State University.

The two met last weekend at the TCU Invitational where Southwest finished sixth. "They aren't too bad," says A&M Swim Coach Dennis Fosdick. He says Southwest is strong in the backstroke, breaststroke, distance freestyles and individual medleys. They're main weakness seems to be in the sprints.

Fosdick said, "I look for it to be a pretty close meet. It's the big meet of the year for them (Southwest)." The meet will be a measuring stick of sorts as Fosdick is still experimenting with his personnel to ready for the Southwest Conference Meet.

Warren Trahan inks three-year Dallas contract

Warren Trahan signed with the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League Wednesday night. Trahan signed a three year contract with the club. Trahan is the second free agent from A&M to sign with Dallas. Randy Haddox had signed with Dallas earlier.

Other teams that showed interest in Trahan were the New York Jets, Pittsburgh Steelers and even the Canadian Football League.

"I'm happy I signed with Dallas," Trahan said. "Everyone's glad I'm staying in Texas."

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