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## SMU tonight at 7:30

# Ags face toughest week yet

By **TONY GALLUCCI**  
Battalion Staff Writer

"Our season is pretty much on the line this week." That's pretty much how Head Basketball Coach Shelby Metcalf summed up the week ahead as the Aggies face SMU in Dallas and return home for a TV date against Texas Tech.

The Aggies finished off Baylor 78-63 in one of their finest conference games of the waning season. Sonny Parker blitzed everything Saturday taking home 32 points, 13 rebounds, three assists and five steals. Parker's family was in town for the game, something which caused him to have a top-flight game last year, also.

The next two games are crucial for the league-leading Ags as they go on

the road against their number one and two threats for the top spot. SMU will be tough at home, having lost only one game there this year, a non-conference affair.

But the Ags won't wait for a loss. Generally picked to finish second or third this year, the Ags took the pre-season favorites, Tech, for a rough ride on their home court in Lubbock. The Ags' only loss in SWC play this year came at the hands of Arkansas in the Hills. SMU not only bopped the Hogs at home but also skinned them in the Ozarks.

The Ags had a good game against Baylor but must improve to take on the streaking Mustangs, who have won five straight. The Ags shot a poor 38.6 per cent in blasting the Bears. They did scrape 53 rebounds from the boards in one of their

tougher rebounding games of the season. The Ags continued to play well assist-wise gaining 12 and cut down on turnovers, losing only 10.

SMU head coach Sonny Allen is adamant about his team's chances, "We just have to win this one. If we

can beat Texas A&M, the race will be decided in the final week. If Texas A&M wins they will be in the driver's seat. Texas Tech must play at A&M and our place. Arkansas also goes to A&M."

SMU officials announced that the game is sold out. The crowd is expected to be the SMU history.

The game will be broadcast on KTAM-AM by Mike M...

## Rogers, Karcher win freebie tilt

Ah, free throws. They appear so easy when made, yet so difficult when missed. They are an inescapable bother to most basketball players.

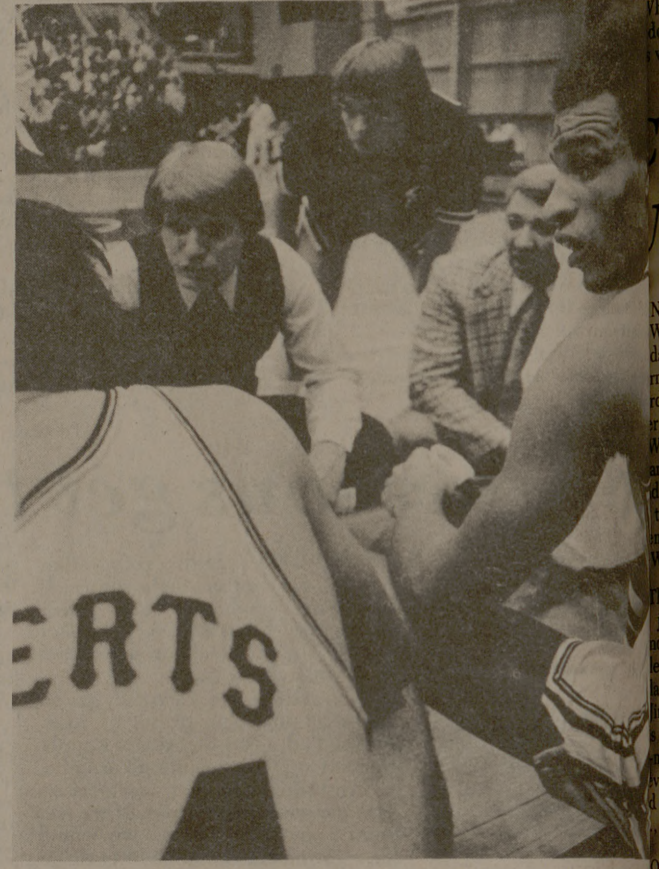
Desperation overcomes the victim at the free throw line. His whole life flashes before him on a clear glass screen. Coaches hope their kid has a crystal clear mind.

Last week, the Texas A&M Intramural held their annual free throw contest.

Larry Rogers won the men's contest, hitting 21 in a row. Ed Pennington made 19 out of 20 to grab second. Dan Welsh was third.

Connie Karcher won the women's contest, hitting 14 out of 20. Yvette Vernor and Laurel Maddox tied for second. They hit 14 out of 20, also, but Karcher made 5 in a row, while Vernor and Maddox made only 4 in a row. Pam Williams was third.

Rogers, Barton and Husak hit 55 out of 60 to win the men's team competition. Jeff Hough, Pennington and Mike Kolar made 50 to place second. James Siegfried, Jim Tyree and Lynn Saha were third.



The Aggie cagers discuss strategy during a short break in last Saturday's Baylor game. The Aggies held the Southwest Conference lead with a 78-63 victory over the Bears.

## Aggies finish third in three-way meet

By **JOHN BIERSNER**  
Battalion Staff Writer

The University of Houston defeated Texas and Texas A&M University in the 12th annual Atascosita Invitational Golf Tournament held in Houston last Saturday and Sunday. Houston finished the 36-hole tournament with a team total of 725. Texas finished in second place at 739 and Texas A&M finished third at

750. The five low scores team were used to determine the third place team total.

Robert Hoyt, a senior at Texas A&M, was the medalist for the tournament shooting a four under par 68. He is an All-America and Texas Amateur Champion.

For the second tournament in a row, Monte Schauer of the University of Houston finished the tournament with a one under par 142.

Texas A&M Coach Bob Schauer has been his most successful golfer in the first two tournaments of the season.

"Saturday, as a team, we practiced very poorly," Ellis said. "Last year we emphasized hitting the ball and didn't work on our short game. It really hurt our play on Saturday."

Ellis said the team shot over par on Saturday, couldn't catch Houston or Texas A&M, along with their respective scores. Rusty Day, 150; Jerry O'Neil, 151; Steve Whiteside, 153; Ter, 153 and Bill Maynard.

The tournament provided with an excellent opportunity against some of the toughest competition in the nation," Ellis also showed us what we need to improve our game."

The Texas A&M golf tournament is in Beaumont, Texas, from February 18-20.

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