Basketball stars declared ineligible

By TONY GALLUCCI and PAUL McGRATH

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statement was issued yesterday ng by Southwest Conference (SWC) ent Kenneth Harrick. It followed a

Karl Godine



basketball players.

Jarvis Williams

pronouncement in the disclosure of alleged

There is speculation that recruiting vio-

lations were involved in the case of the pair.

However, as of this morning, conference

officials had made no clarification. Both

Godine and Williams attended Houston

Kashmere High School last year. A&M of-

ficials could make no comment as they are

specially-called Sunday meeting in Dallas of conference officials. It is the only official ference.

A&M's official response came late yesterday when Dr. Charles Sampson Jr., chairman of the A&M Athletic Council, wrongdoing by the two Aggie freshmen served a notice of appeal to the conference. The SWC member representatives must now meet to discuss the Aggies' response.

Of immediate concern to the team, which leads the SWC standings, is the possible forfeiture of past games. Conference spokesman Bill Morgan said that during the Sunday meeting "forfeitures were not even

discussed."

Media speculation about the type of violations was triggered by a release by the Houston News Service yesterday.

The story, written by Dennis Tardan, said that the players were driving 1976 cars. Tardan also said the two got special privileges such as being allowed to drive to Houston for the Bluebonnet Classic while other team members were forced to ride on

said Williams drives a 1974 Cutlass and Godine drives a 1975 Camaro.

The news service statement continued: "Two Southwest Conference recruiters were told (last year) by ex-Kashmere head coach Weldon Drew that the team that gets Godine and Williams will have to come up with some cars and some cash.

Drew, contacted by The Battalion at New Mexico State where he is now an assistant coach, flatly said, "That is a lie."

"As far as I'm concerned there were no illegal tactics used. They were recruited in the manner that they should have been,'

Drew said that heavy recruiting of the pair made it inevitable that such rumors would surface. He said he had told the pair that anywhere they went they would be investigated.

The Dallas Times-Herald said in a story yesterday that Godine and Williams were asked to take lie detector tests on Friday by

A&M Athletic Director Emory Bellard SWC investigators. Godine confirmed the

Although no official announcement was made, Godine and Williams apparently were investigated earlier in the season. At that time they also apparently took a lie detector test. Conference sources reported that the two passed with "flying colors."

Dr. Sampson said he could not comment on any aspect of the investigation.

One SWC official told the Associated Press that no criminal acts are involved.

Williams and Godine have both started for the Aggies during the conference season. The 6-foot-2 Godine is averaging 13 points per game and 2.7 rebounds. Williams, a 6-foot-6 forward, is averaging 7.7 points per game and 5.4 rebounds.

Godine hit seven of eight shots in the second half of A&M's televised bout with Texas Tech Saturday to spark the Aggies to a 73-64 win and the conference lead. The Ags have compiled a 10-2 SWC record and

are 17-5 overall.

The squad has been cut to seven scholarship players. Seniors Barry Davis, Sonny Parker, Ray Roberts and Gates Erwin remain. Also junior Steve Jones, and freshmen Wally Swanson and Joey Robinson are still playing. Junior walk-on Kevin Jones may see more action and former junior varsity player Brian Barrett has been asked to accompany the team.

The starting lineup is currently up in the air, although Gates Erwin and Wally Swanson have been the chief substitutes for Godine and Williams.

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per 70's; tonight's low, 55.



Nibble, nibble

What is it, an experimental lawnmower? No, it's Moonshadow, a guest at A&M. Moonshadow is

staying with Brent Thorpe of Legett Hall. Let's hope Sbisa doesn't catch the cute little critter.

chool Board meets

Suggests school bond issue

ended a \$6.43 million bond issue to M Consolidated School Board last

Board will consider the committee's in preparation for a potential bond later this spring.

committee recommended that a ontaining grades five and six be d in the old middle school building at

projected cost of renovations, site when the shoot building is \$1,785,600. e committee also recommended ing \$1,545,600 for a new vocational ding at A&M Consolidated High

Expansion of physical education facilities, cafeteria expansion, a service drive, correction of existing building problems and other equipment at the high school would total \$835,600, according to the committee suggestions.

The committee advised the school board that \$774,900 is needed at College Hills Elementary School and \$710,000 at South Knoll Elementary School for additional classrooms and improvements.

An expenditure of \$396,500 was also suggested by the committee for building and salvage work on maintenance facilities in the district.

The committee advised the board to begin studying the possibility of acquiring property for future building sites.

Committee chairman Alvin Iones said the committee did not recommend using any funds from the forthcoming bond election for land acquisition.

The Professional Consultation Committee of the College Station Education Association (CSEA) presented the board with a statement of needs as seen by the teachers in the district.

The consultation committee's perception of school needs was included in the advisory committee's information used to calculate the recommended building prog-

Betty LeBlanc, chairman of the consultation committee, said the need for a vocational building has been evident since the high school opened.

A field house was also needed for the high school, LeBlanc said.

She said currently there are no facilities for girls' athletics in the high school. The athletic teams are now using the high school's physical education classrooms

and lockers LeBlanc said with the addition of a field house, overcrowding in the physical educa-

tion facilities would be eliminated. LeBlanc said the teachers also felt there was a need for general improvement at the Middle School, including drainage, light-

ing, ventilation and security. Additional classroom space and expansion of the library and cafeteria are needed at the Middle School, LeBlanc said.

Aggies to file suit to retain eligibility

Texas A&M was ready to file suit for an injunction today, a lawyer said, to keep two of the school's freshman basketball stars from being declared ineligible by the Southwest Conference.

He asserted the league ruling Monday against the players — Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams — "was made on hearsay and erroneous information" that failed to substantiate charges of recruiting violations on which they were cited.

The Aggies already had appealed the matter officially to the conference. Texas A&M faculty representative Charles Samson Jr. served notice of the appeal late Monday afternoon, a few hours after the SWC office in Dallas disclosed the two players had been held ineligible for the rest

Lawyer Hugh M. Smith told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times from his Dallas office, where he worked on the case past midnight, he would file the injunction suit on behalf of Godine and Williams during the day in state district court.

After asserting the ineligibility ruling was based "on hearsay and erroneous evidence," Smith added, "No one has even advised us of the charges against them. The Southwest Conference has not informed me of the charges against them and has

refused to divulge any charges."

The lawyer said the hearsay to which he referred was contained in a report on an independent investigation performed for the conference and submitted to Smith Jan. 2. He said this report grew out of allegations made against the two players and it did not back up the charges.

Smith said the independent investigators looked into charges that:

Each of the two A&M players received a new automobile

— These cars probably were registered in the name of a "Coach Boyd," which the lawyer said he understood is the name of a junior high school coach in Houston.

— The two players received bonuses placed by speculation as high as \$6,000. Mothers of the pair received electric washing machines and dryers.

— The two freshmen were furnished jobs in which they were paid well above the normal amounts which would have gone to other employes in those jobs.

Smith said the report further stated that the automobiles in question were purchased by the parents of the players and payments were being made by members of each family; that Williams' mother, Mae Frances Williams, has a washer and dryer which she bought at a department store, while the Godines have neither a washer nor a dryer and that the two athletes had

received no bonuses or anything of value. Smith said, "I was told by a committee of three people affiliated with the Southwest Athletic Conference that unless they, Godine and Williams submitted to a polygraph examination, the conference probably would rule against them.

This led the players to undergo polygraph examination Friday, he said.
"On one of the tests," Smith continued,

"there were no discrepancies but on the other test there were some. I was then permitted to appear before Southwest Conference officials, and Dr. Ken Herrick of Texas Christian University, who is the conference president said I had 20 minutes to

review the results of the polygraph tests."

There was a precedent for the A&M players' court move last season, when Southern Methodist University football player was declared ineligible by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. He still played several games, however, after a state court in Dallas issued a temporary restraining order against the NCAA.

Faculty representatives of the conference acted against the Texas A&M players after a meeting Sunday at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

CS Council finds problem in amendment

The College Station City Council in a special meeting yesterday sent a proposed city charter amendment back to the Charter Revision Commission.

A referendum planned in conjunction with the city elections on April 3 asks College Station voters to choose from three systems of electing councilmen: the atlarge system, the ward system or the combination ward-at-large system.

Councilman Larry Bravenec said a problem arose which will not allow the amendment to be placed on the ballot as planned.

Bravenec said that according to Texas law, voters must vote yes or no on every proposition on the ballot. The way the election had been planned, if voters decided to retain the at-large system, the two other items on the ballot would not need to be answered.

The council submitted several suggestions to the Charter Revision Commission on how to rework the proposed amend-

ment so a referendum can be held in April. Time is also becoming a major consideration, Bravenec said. The council must submit the ballot to state officials and to the voters at least 30 days prior to election day. sion Commission and the council to take

The council also added the place 3 vacancy to the April ballot. The vacancy was created by the resignation of Councilman Bob Bell, effective March 31. Bell has announced his candidacy for mayor.

Three other councilmen positions are up for election on the April ballot (places 2, 4

Politics seen through eyes of second graders

By PAUL ARNETT

and CAROL MEYER

Another election year is upon us d the second graders of College lills and South Knoll Elementary ools already have a favorite in nd. President Ford is the unanimchoice, with Ronald Reagan

None of the children knows any of e individuals running on the mocratic

1968, that's when I was born," s the response of one boy when told that Hubert Humphrey, a possible candidate for this year's elecion, had run against then-President Richard Nixon in 1968. Local politics eemed to interest the children the east. Very few of them knew that Dolph Briscoe is the governor of exas. A girl responded to the queson with, "Isn't George Washington the governor?" Other answers anged from God to Abraham Lin-

Teachers Cherry Burnett of South Knoll and Julie Click of College Hills ppeared to have done an excellent b teaching their students about nerican history and its governent. All the students had a strong

ling, of nationalism. "My favorite thing about America is the flag because it's cute," one girl

Another added, "I like the presi-

dent, the police and electricity There were varied replies to the question of who runs the country. Some responses were God, Jesus, firemen and the police.

When asked about the President of the United States, a quick "I hate him" rose from a boy in the crowd. That boy changed his mind when he found out that Ford was the President, not Nixon.

The Pledge of Allegiance is an everyday occurrence for second graders. Parents often wonder if the children know exactly what they are

"I pledge my allegiance to God and to the flag," was one girl's ans-

Another said, "I pledge my al-(See Children, page 3)

Early views remain

In high school, Chuck is president of the student council, vicepresident of his class, and once helped campaign for the senator from his hometown.

Most people would say Chuck displays the first signs of an interest in politics. However, a pair of researchers maintain that this interest actually was kindled in elementary school, where a child begins formulating his political attitudes and

Early impressions acquired in childhood are likely to change much more slowly than those developed through later experience, espeicially in maturity," say David Easton and Robert D. Hess. Their study of more than 12,000 elementary school children is related in their essay, "The Child's Political World.

The Easton and Hess findings correlate with the attitudes of second graders whom The Battalion talked with at South Knoll and College Hills Elementary Schools in College Sta-

For example, the children realize, as Easton and Hess learned, that 'they are different from other members of a society." One boy in The Battalion's interview said he was glad all the children didn't have to wear

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"I like the President, the Police, and Electricity"

Paul Arnett