

# Sportfolio by Jarvis Williams

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## Innocence claimed by Jarvis Williams

Jarvis Williams, one of two Aggie basketball players recently ruled ineligible by the Southwest Conference, said Tuesday night that he was "satisfied I'm innocent of any charges," and that a SWC coach told him that if he went to A&M the coach would "turn him in."

Williams said that University of Texas coach Leon Black along with assistant Skip Adams both had said months ago that, "If I (Williams) went to A&M, they would turn me in."

"So I wasn't surprised that we (he and Godine) were investigated," Williams said.

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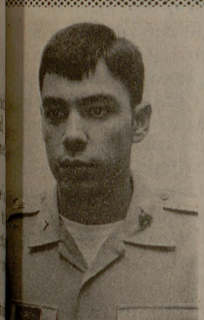
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Texas A&M coach Shelby Metcalf said in regards to Williams' statement that, "I'd say Jarvis is a pretty smart man."

The allegations against Williams and Godine include "new cars", cash payoffs, washers and dryers for their mothers and excessive salaries during summer jobs.

The two have taken polygraph tests administered by the SWC. Although not forced to take the tests, Williams said, "They made out it seemed to me, that if we didn't, it would be tough on us, you know. Like we would be ineligible anyway. That was the idea I got."

"I told the truth, man, because if you don't, that machine's gonna show it. I told the truth both times (two tests were given on different occasions). I've got nothing to hide."



A couple of funny things happened on the way to the Southwest Conference basketball game Monday morning. The Aggies while on the way to the game announced the suspension of freshman stars Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams for an indefinite period.

Secondly, the survivors of the at-home game to utterly trounce the Aggies while on the way to the game announced the suspension of freshman stars Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams for an indefinite period.

As for Tardan's information being the source for the conference investigation, SWC spokesman Bill Morgan said he had never heard of Tardan until Monday morning.

The ruling concerning Godine and Williams was made Sunday afternoon following lie detector tests made on Friday.

Sound strange? Listen to this. It is common knowledge that the last two schools that had a chance to obtain the services of the Kashmere stars were A&M and Houston. The Cougars lost of course.

Tardan, besides working for HNS, is the public address announcer for the Cougar home games. Figure that one out.

A few of the Aggie players, Davis in particular, say that jealousy by rivals is the actual force behind the scenes.

By the way, A&M assistant coach Norman Reuther told Tardan after last night's game that he (Tardan) had better find a lawyer in the near future.

While the exact reason or reasons for the SWC ruling are yet to surface, it is also puzzling as to the timing of the announcement. Also, why the incorrigible "gag rule" which allows no enlightenment about the case? The "gag rule" prohibits universities from releasing information without affirmation by the conference.

Maybe someone ought to interview an A&M basketball shoe. It would probably have a looser tongue than SWC and A&M officials.

The conference has also violated the rights of both Godine and Williams by declaring them guilty before holding a hearing and by not informing them of the charges against them.

As reads a well quoted movie line, "What we have here is a failure to communicate." Brother, if that guy knew the half of it.

Well, enough said about the case. There are other matters to be discussed.

Several major premises have been raised as to why the SWC took action against the Aggie freshmen. Strap yourselves into your chairs because things get pretty interesting here.

Houston News Service reporter Dennis Tardan claims that cars and cash payoffs were part of the enticement to obtain the pair. Tardan also said that after a personal investigation into possible recruiting violations concerning the two that he turned his findings over to SWC officials.

He claims that a witness saw Godine and Williams riding in 1976 Buick Supremes following the Bluebonnet Tournament in Houston. Cash payoffs in excess of \$1000 and special privileges have not been mentioned in regards to Godine and Williams.

Sounds suspicious thus far, right? Now let's look at a few facts.

## Shorts

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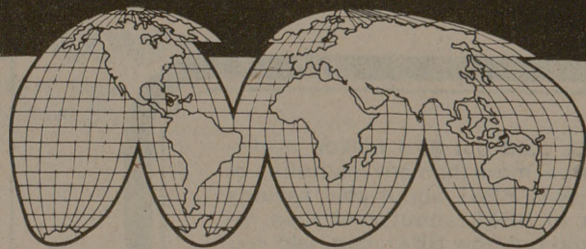
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