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Godine, Williams return to squad

By PAUL McGRATH
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The cast of characters in the Karl Godine-Jarvis Williams case is growing daily. Some of the names are familiar, some are not.

The whole affair was initiated by TCU President Dr. Kenneth Harrick in an announcement declaring

the two A&M freshmen ineligible. The ruling was made after discussion by SWC officials during a Sunday meeting in Dallas.

The defendants, Godine and Williams, were declared eligible again by U.S. District Court Judge Patrick Higginbotham in hearings held yesterday. The two will retain

such status until the conference can arrange for another hearing.

The mystery focuses upon Godine and Williams, both freshman basketball players at Texas A&M. The former Kashmere High School stars are facing allegations concerning new cars, cash payoffs, special privileges and expensive gifts for their families.

Houston News Service reporter Dennis Tardan has said he was given information that Godine and Williams were involved in recruiting violations. Tardan was asked to leave the A&M dressing room following the A&M-Houston game Tuesday night.

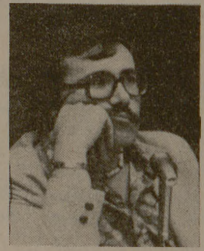
Tardan said he was told to get a lawyer by A&M assistant Norman Reuther. However, Tardan says he will take no action because he says he thought Reuther was behaving irrationally and would reconsider after having time "to cool off."

It was also learned Tuesday night of the possibility that University of Texas head coach Leon Black was the source for the conference investigation. This was confirmed by SWC Commissioner Cliff Speegle during testimony at yesterday's hearing.

Williams said that Black "told me if I went to A&M they would turn me in. I said, 'For what? I haven't done anything wrong.'"

Replying to Williams' statement Black said, "It is a Southwest Conference matter and I can have no further comment. There's no need for me to say anything now. It's all out in the open."

Black submitted a letter last Sep-



Dennis Tardan



Leon Black

tember to the SWC stating the allegations now under consideration. It also named a Houston junior high coach, Wesley Boyd, as being the "bag man" between Texas A&M and the two players. Black alleged that cash bonuses as high as \$6,000 are involved in the case.

Texas A&M head coach Shelby Metcalf said about Black's allegations, "We've been friends for a long time, but a man has to live by his convictions. I would have picked up

the phone and just called him. Metcalf said he was "delighted" to have them (Godine and Williams) back. "Because of the distractions created by the case, said he would not start on freshmen in tonight's game TCU. Wally Swanson and Jones will again act as replacements."

Metcalf only said "hello" to two as they arrived back in Station from Dallas. He said both looked "pretty tired."

Texas coach responsible for SWC actions

Associated Press

DALLAS — University of Texas basketball coach Leon Black blew the whistle on two Texas A&M University basketball stars, alleging they participated in recruiting violations.

Southwest Conference Commissioner Cliff Speegle testified Wednesday.

The two players, Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams, were declared ineligible Monday to play the remainder of the season. Speegle's team came during a court hearing on the pair received an injunction blocking their ineligibility.

Their attorney, Hugh Smith, the SWC never commented on it was removing the players' status and "it's hard to say if the allegations. I know that they are innocent but I do not know the basis on what basis they were. The players have never been confronted with charges or by the user."

Speegle, over the objection of SWC attorney Joe Hill, said he lodged the complaint in a hearing the conference last September.

Smith introduced an independent report which he said outlined the basis for the ruling against Williams and Godine. The report said the allegations concern cash bonuses, cars, high-paying summer jobs and expensive gifts for their mothers.

Joggers Club does own thing

The Brazos Valley Joggers Club (BVJC) latest outing turned into a free-lance operation with each doing his own thing — jogging one to 19 miles.

Originally, the BVJC event included, in addition to the traditional one-mile "fun run," a six-mile and a 19-mile glycogen-depletion run, the latter as preparation for the White Rock Marathon in Dallas Saturday.

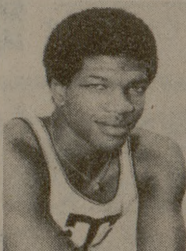
Mike Christiansen, 39, was only runner to go the entire 19 miles. He completed the jaunt in 1 hour, 34 minutes and 43 seconds.

The next BVJC program is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 29, when the group will meet in the Texas A&M parking lot west of the Wellborn Road parking overpass for a five-kilometer open run, in addition to the "fun run."

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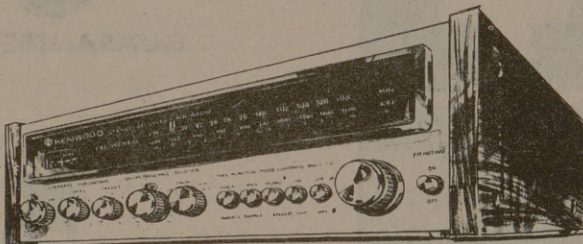
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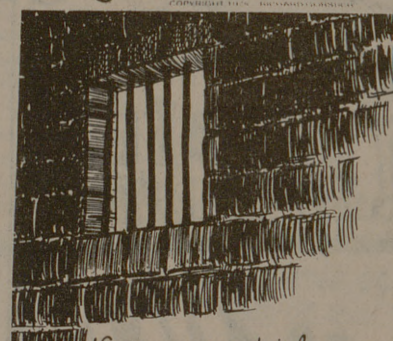
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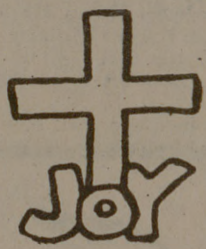
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