

# Gooch speaks

From behind a mouthful of oatmeal . . .

By TONY GALLUCCI  
body showed up this week to at the sports pages. So, here I figured I'd sit down without hassles and gripe about a few things you haven't heard about it, especially emotional, mostly fictitious column was put out in the Rice magazine last week which depicts Williams-Godine affair in a light Aggies saw.

The column was authored by Kim Brown, who the author characterized as, "steamy as a hot lizard."

The piece is replete with such statements as the following: "What's wrong with Rice when we go against the biggies of college without sinking to the level of strange brand of status," and "Will this incident, as is every phenomenon at A&M for there is no explanation, be as-

cribed to tradition." "Etc., etc., ad nauseum. It sounds to me like sour grapes, the same as those heard recently in Austin. There, all the blame on the resignation of Leon Black was put on Aggie harassment. Well, the Williams-Godine incident was probably the straw that broke the camel's back but the plain truth to everyone except those in Austin was that Black just wasn't any good. The cliché thing to do nowadays is blame the Aggies or for that matter corrupt big-league schools if you can't put together enough victories to be respectable.

Brown, in the Rice mag column said, "Haven't we learned that nice guys finish last? Or do they?" "Yes, Mr. Brown, either you haven't learned, you aren't nice or something was lost in the translation. No matter what happens in College Station, Austin or Lubbock, Rice will bring up the tail in Houston. And it certainly is not a lack of

corruption that gets you there. As if reading what a "hot lizard urethra" writes wasn't enough of a regurgitator, I discover that the issue of the mag sent to the Batt has been autographed, "With love, K. D. Brown."

Back to the big-league schools, Texas Tech did a great job on Syracuse the other night. I think

everyone, even Aggies, should be proud of the way they are representing the conference. The SWC tourney didn't do any favors for Aggie fans, but I think the winner was truly the best rep for the SWC in the NCAA playoffs. If Tech could play three straight games in three nights and still beat the talent the Aggies have, then the best to them.



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## NCAA playoffs at a glance

NCAA Division I  
EAST Semifinals  
March 18  
Duke, 29-0, vs. Connecticut, 7:05 p.m.  
North Carolina, 20-8, vs. Virginia Military, 9:10 p.m.  
Finals  
March 20  
Semifinal winners  
WEST Semifinals  
At Los Angeles  
March 18  
Nev-Las Vegas, 29-1, vs. Arizona, 23-8, 10:05 p.m.  
Pepperdine, 22-5, vs. UCLA, 24-4, 12:10 p.m.  
Finals  
March 20  
Semifinal winners  
National Championships Semifinals  
At Philadelphia  
March 27  
East champion vs. Midwest champion  
West champion vs. Mideast champion  
Finals  
March 29  
Semifinal winners  
MIDWEST Semifinals  
March 18  
Iowa, 23-4, vs. Indiana, 28-0, 7:05 p.m.  
Michigan, 26-1, vs. Western Michigan, 25-2, 9:10 p.m.  
Finals  
March 20  
Semifinal winners  
MIDWEST Semifinals  
March 18  
Iowa, 25-4, vs. Texas Tech, 25-5, 7:05 p.m.

## Baseball owners and players are still not in agreement

Associated Press  
PETERSBURG, Fla. — Major league baseball owners presented their players association with what they called an exhaustive proposal Monday and then walked out of the negotiating room without announcing any breakthrough toward opening of the spring training camps. "We have presented them a long paper on our position and I've asked them to get back to us Tuesday," said Lee MacPhail, president of the American League. This action obviously postponed the opening of the camps — which had been expected Monday — until later in the week.

MacPhail added, "It is entirely up to them. We have to see what reaction they have to what we laid on the table."

A spokesman for management's negotiating group said the owners, working almost night and day, had spent two days preparing the presentation.

"What the owners do depends on the sort of favorable reaction we get from the players," the spokesman said. "For instance, I think it would be necessary for Marvin Miller, executive director of the Players Association, to present it to his execu-

tive board with a favorable recommendation. "If he should present it without a favorable recommendation — just for consideration — I question that the owners would feel enough progress has been made to warrant opening of the camps."

The word "favorable" appeared to have been the knotty word in the entire issue. The negative development came with both players and many members of management expecting immediate opening of the camps. The action instead was a blow to the ability of baseball to get its 1976 season off on time April 8.

Only an intercession by Commissioner Bowie Kuhn apparently could alter the situation. Kuhn, in an impromptu press conference Sunday, had promised, "The season will start on time."

He did not say that he would take arbitrary action, although admitting such was in the province of the commissioner, but indicated strongly that he would step in if he felt the best interests of baseball were hampered in any way. Obviously, with the scheduled opening only three weeks away, the situation has reached that critical stage — or close to it.

## Director to file charges

DALLAS — Marvin Miller, director of the Major League Players Association, said Tuesday he will file complaints with the National Labor Relations Board against Brad Corbett, owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team, the Dallas Times Herald reported.

The newspaper quoted Miller at Pompano Beach, Fla., as saying "he Corbett has violated the National Labor Relations act on about five counts and we intend to file charges against him."

The Times Herald said Miller would not specify his complaints but said he told the newspaper, "The more information I get on this thing the more outrageous it becomes. He called an improper meeting and presented proposals to the players without knowing particulars of what he was talking about. He had only the high spots."

Miller claimed also that Corbett had polled players on the latest contract proposal offered to ball players which Miller said was another NLRB violation. Corbett denied the allegation.

"I didn't poll anyone. I just laid out the owners' latest plan and tried to get their reaction to it," the Times Herald quoted Corbett. "If I'm guilty of unfair labor practices simply because I talked with my players then I want out of baseball."

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