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es in their first two conference to all basketball players who spirit was supposedly born. given their spirit and soul to

en A&M came to town. 7,200 band present.
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ormed past the Ags 87-73. There wd helped the Longhorns to that

This was in sharp contrast to the omb-like atmosphere of G. Rollie ketball team takes to the court.

The Aggie team travels to Lubbock tonight where a sellout is extended to the court.

The Red Raider fans have coliseum and gazed at all of the

"So this is the place," Lemmons d, obviously unimpressed. "Holhouse on the Brazos.

The real hollar house on the Brazos this year has been in Waco. The Baylor, basketball team brought

The Aggies have seen more

nory Bellard last week

back for the 1977 season

M next fall.

all Teate and four sophomores— uarterback Keith Baker, fullback

ity to bring up their grade point

ary Young, defensive end Eugene anders and linebacker Roderick

Five fail in school

e Spirit of Aggieland has been Aggies defeat the Mustangs. 8,500 that this young basketball sea- were in Dallas when SMU defeated a spirit. That spirit Texas by one point. It was said the set A&M apart from SMU band played for an hour after Most individuals of the news ch has set A&M apart from SMU band played for an hour after

has certainly not been sitting on The fightin Texas Aggie band bleachers of G. Rollie White hasn't played a note during the basketball games this year. Both Baylor only 9,500 people witnessed the and Texas had a stage band present third with the Baylor Bears. when A&M played these teams. ne games. That figure is em- The atmosphere of school spirit was rassing to any Aggie who believes certainly more prevalent in those A&M spirit. It is also heart break-colleges, than in the town where

It does not take a 300 piece band to achieve this atmosphere. If the dof.

to achieve this atmosphere. If the Maroon band could alternate games here certainly is pride in Austin with the White band, then a balance Waco among the students who could be achieved. This way not end those universities. Texas everyone is required to go to all of yed before the second largest the games, yet every game would owd of Gregory Gym history still have some members of the

The band members are not the only people who should be in atteno doubt that support by the local dance at the games. Anyone who believes in the intangible force of Aggie spirit should also be present in G. Rollie White when the bas-

always made their presence known to the enemy. Every basketball game for the past five years has been sold out. One can count on his hands the many the same than ands the number of sellouts in G. Rollie White those same five years.

As the years go by, it seems the interest in Aggie basketball is on the with them 9,000 screaming fans. Allough the Aggies won the game, it was still very impressive to see so only five sellouts during that two year reign. Because of this pathetic showing, the famous hollar house on mpty seats at home than on the the Brazos may need a new pad. Even after the Baylor victory, name. . . . whimper house on whimper house on

on football squad

By PAUL McGRATH

Baker was the backup to starti Baker was the backup to starting quarterback David Walker through-Five Texas A&M football letter- out most of last season after recovernen flunked out at midterm an- ing from appendicitis. As a reserve ounced A&M Athletic Director he gained 135 yards rushing in 23 carries, scoring once; and was 4-6

The five are junior split end Ran- passing for 66 yards. Teate alternated with senior Mike Floyd at split end last year. The Henderson Junior College transfer caught 12 passes for 274 yards and

> Young saw limited action, gaining 38 yards in 13 carries

Although all five will miss spring aining, they will have the oppor-Sanders started at defensive end after transferring from the Univerages and hour requirements at er schools in order to return to sity of Washington. Reed was a reserve middle linebacker and rell except Young are expected to placed the injured Robert Jackson in the TCU and Texas game

Red Raiders ready for Ags By PAUL ARNETT BATTALION SPORTS EDITOR

If Shelby Metcalf is not the best basketball coach in the Southwest Conference(SWC), then they're no cows in Texas. The Aggie mentor has taken a group of freshman and junior college transfers, and has them play-

media picked the Aggies to finish no higher than sixth in the SWC chase. Yet behind the splendid coaching of Metcalf the Ags are currently tied for

Baylor was the starting point for the Ags' current climb to stardom. After a two game split with the Texas Longhorns, A&M travelled to Waco nd became the first team in basketball history to defeat the Bears at home three years in a row

This feat was accomplished by senior Steve Jones' "Hail Mary" shot with two seconds remaining in the game. The thirty-foot jump shot hit nothing but cord, and the Ags won the contest by a score of 60-59.

The Mustangs came to town last Saturday night, but the Aggie bubble remained unburst. Coach Sonny

An easy victory for SMU was soon converted into a tough loss by Texas A&M. Neither team played well, but the Aggies combined a good team effort with a poor Ponie per-formance, and won the contest

'Defense and rebounding won it



for us," said Metcalf after the game.
"Wally Swanson is one helluva re-

This wasn't as good a performnce as at Baylor. We were mistake free at Waco, but you can't expect to

play that way every night."

The Mustang coach also had a few comments about the game. 'A&M outplayed us and outhus-

tled us." Allen said. "They had a good pressure defense all night and just had one fine effort which made that defense even more effective The Mustangs committed 13

turnovers as a result of Aggie pressure. Combine that with Swanson's outstanding rebounding and SMU found itself on the short end of the score board. It was the 19th straight game an opponent has lost to the Aggies in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Swanson had 18 rebounds and 15 points in leading the Aggies to their 19th straight home game victory. The Aggies' leading scorer was Dave Goff, who had 16 points for the evening. The "prince", as he is called by his teammates, was instrumental in leading the Aggies to a

Goff's two jump-shots off the fastbreak, led A&M to a lead they never relinguished with five minutes remaining in the game. In a six min-ute span the Aggies went from a four point deficit to an eight point advan-

tage as a result of Goff's efforts. This effort will be in great demand when the Ags play Texas Tech in Lubbock tonight. The Red Raiders have already dropped three contests, and cannot afford another loss if they entertain thoughts of a con-

ference championship.

Mike Russel is the Red Raider's best player. Russel is the man who

made the shot which sunk the Aggies' hopes in last year's conference play-offs. Russel is averaging 18 points a game, and must be contained if the Aggies are to win.

If the Aggies fare well in their next

three games, then chances are the Aggies are for real. Winning a third SWC championship is hoping too much, yet a high finish in the conference race will help when the playoffs roll around.

Right now the Aggie bubble is in a holding pattern in Lubbock. Don't burst just yet, Lawerence Welk is on

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Baylor is prepared for SMU Mustangs

The Baylor Bears have had some

time off since their last second, one-point loss to Texas A&M last Wednesday, and Baylor coach Car-roll Dawson was delighted to have

'It's done us good," said Dawson, who will take his Bears to SMU Tuesday night for the key game in an evening round of Southwest Con-

We have had some good practice since then. That was a tough loss coming when the Aggies' Steve Jones hit a 30-foot jump shot at the buzzer, but the guys have come back with a good attitude."

Baylor, SMU, Texas A&M and Houston each have one loss in the conference race and all of them will be fighting to stay close to the league leading Arkansas Razorbacks — undefeated in the SWC and only once

Arkansas is expected to have an easy time at home Tuesday night against TCU — winless in five con-ference outings. The other league games include Texas 2-3 traveling to Houston and Texas A&M visiting Texas Tech 2-3

The Rice Owls, 0-5 in conference play and a victim of Arkansas last Saturday, has the night off.

The Bears have played alternately hot and frigid during the first half of

Texas A&M last week in Waco. SMU was also undefeated in con-

ference play until it ran into the Aggies last Saturday night in College

The thing you worry about with SMU is its shooting capabilities,' said Dawson.

"When you play against a team like that you never look forward to

"Last year up there they were realy hot and they ran really well and they bombed us pretty good. But I think our team has improved from the early part of the season and we know we have a chance to contend for the title if we play well."

This is a critical week for the

Bears in their bid to stay close to the Razorbacks. Not only does Baylor face SMU Tuesday night but the Bears must host the aroused Texas Tech Red Raiders.



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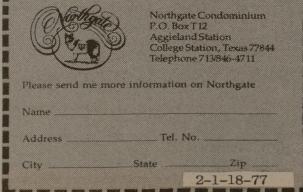
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