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# McGuire emotionally spent

**United Press International**  
ATLANTA — Sometimes, it isn't what you say, it's what you don't say which ultimately has far greater impact on those around you, and in the end, after Marquette had its first NCAA basketball championship ever, and Al McGuire had his, that was exactly the way it turned out.

Al McGuire could have said a great many things to his players before they went out on the floor to play favored North Carolina here Monday night, but he didn't. He didn't want them to play HIS game, he wanted them only to play theirs.

He had many things on his mind, so many things he could've told them and wanted to tell them, but he didn't. Why put an extra burden on them? They had more than enough to do handling the superbly coached Tar Heels on the floor.

The Marquette players knew this was McGuire's last game. They knew that long before they came here, so he didn't feel it was at all necessary to give them one of those corny little dressing room talks winding up with something like win-this-last-one-for-me. He never so much as mentioned that.

He didn't say anything to them either about North Carolina's "four corners," an offensive maneuver the Tar Heels had been employing so successfully and one which they hoped would carry them to the title. The less he had to say about that, the better, McGuire felt. Nor did he let them in on some of

those other things he kept thinking about, like how much he was going to miss them, or how Sunday's terrible plane crash in the Canary Islands was preying on his mind because he knew the team had to make a charter flight back to Milwaukee after the ball game.

Al McGuire kept all that locked up inside until after his players defeated the Tar Heels, 67-59, for the title, and when the final buzzer sounded he was emotionally spent, completely washed out.

His eyes were suspiciously moist and he headed for the dressing room as Bo Ellis, the Warriors' 6-9 forward from Chicago, borne on the shoulders of some of his teammates, cut the strings from one of the baskets in the traditional triumphant ritual.

Upon reaching the dressing room, Al McGuire couldn't hold back any longer and began weeping.

"I wanted to go into the dressing room and compose myself," he said later. "I'm not embarrassed about crying. So many things hit me all at once. I thought of how, when we were 16 and 6 this year, I felt pretty sure we were out of it. I knew if we lost another game, if we stubbed our toe once more, we'd be out of it. That was after we had lost three in a row. I started to wear this same suit I have on now and wore it for the next four games."

At that point, Marquette was invited to the NCAA regionals, and McGuire, feeling the worst was

over, changed his suit and the Warriors lost to top-ranked Michigan in their final game of the regular season.

"That's when I put this suit back on again and I haven't changed since," McGuire laughed. "Now I'm gonna give the suit to one of the TV stations in Milwaukee which turns over clothing to charity."

Although none of his players made a big thing of saying goodbye to McGuire, who is going into private industry after 20 years of coaching, they made it obvious they were going to miss him tremendously. Al McGuire has been far more than a coach to them. He was like the head of the family, the one they always looked to for guidance, for instruction and for understanding.

"I can't ever imagine him not being there," said Gary Rosenberger, a junior guard. "I guess his leaving won't really hit me until I go back to the gym in October. There

is no possible way to explain much he meant to all of us."

Sophomore forward Bo Toone from Yonkers, N.Y., said Toone.

"He gives you a lotta hell, yelling things at you like 'Rebound' ... 'move' ... know he's always looking out for your well-being, and how other people do you find like that?"

Before the bus carrying him to the airport pulled away from Omni Monday night, Toone asked Marquette's retiring whether he might change his mind and come back to basketball day.

"No way," laughed Al McGuire. "I know nobody should ever 'never' about anything, but one thing I can say 'never' about is sure. I've had my time, and it's time for someone else. More could I possibly ask for this?"

## Ponies lead Aggie golfers

SMU, with three of the top four individual leaders, increased its team lead to 19 strokes over second-place Texas A&M during the second round of the Texas A&M Women's Invitational golf tournament Monday.

SMU has a 36-hole total of 640 to A&M's 659. Then came Lamar 665,

Oklahoma State 671, Oklahoma 692, TCU 712, Temple 727, Texas Tech 754, S. F. Austin 763, Sam Houston 836 and Midland 863.

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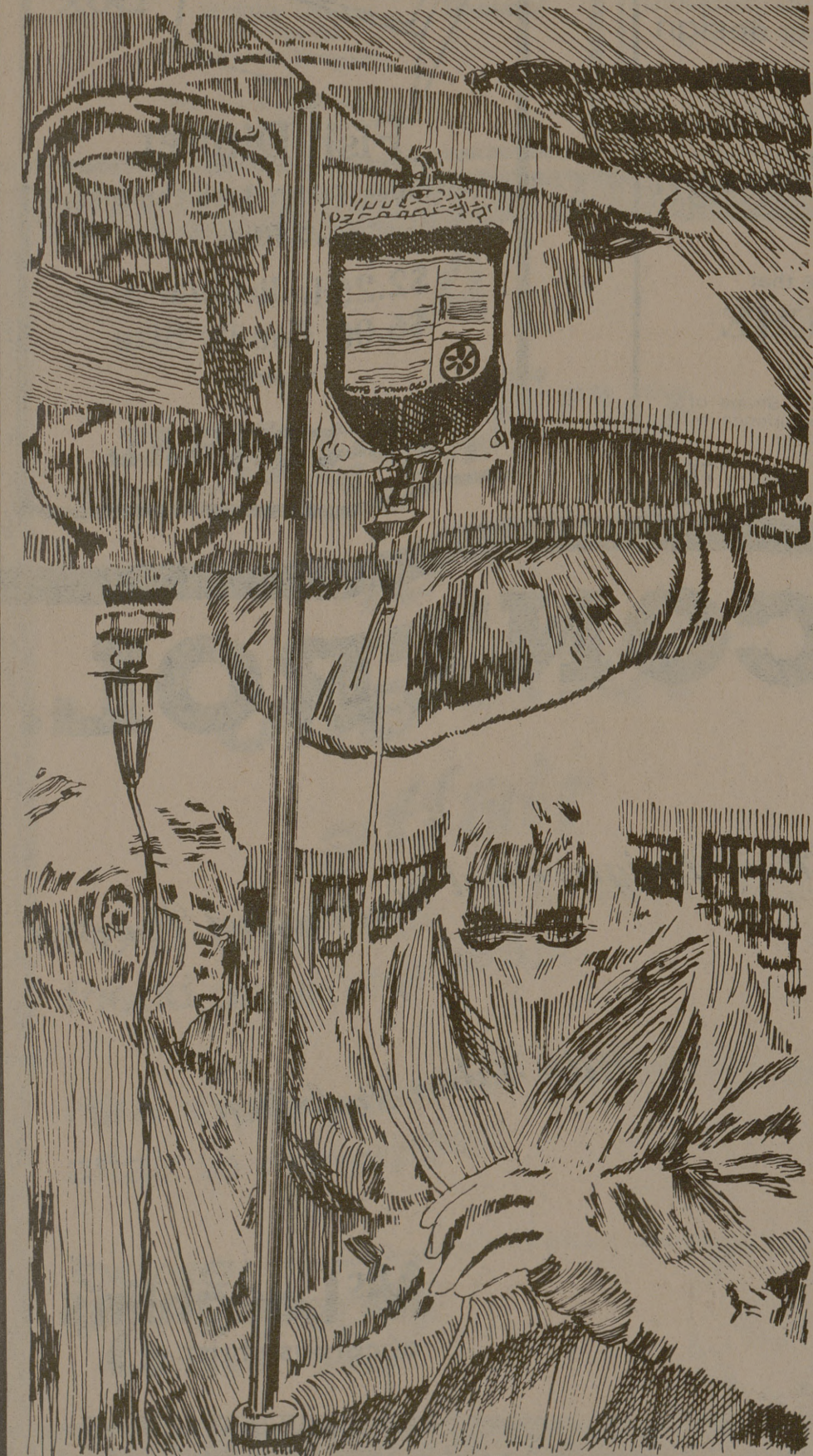
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