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#### By PAUL ARNETT Battalion Sports Editor

It had been a bad week for the Texas A&M basketball team. In their first two SWC outings against Baylor and Houston, the Aggies had two losses

After the first half of the SMU game it didn't appear the week was going to wind down on a bright note. Metcalf's men trailed the Mustangs 40-28

"I told our guys that we were a better team than we were showing," coach Shelby Metcalf said. "I then decided that the only chance we had

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Godine had 17 of his 18 points in the second half. Williams added seven points, but his strong inside play on defense was his asset to the 78-71 A&M victory.

78-71 A&M victory. "It was about time for us to win," Godine said. "We've been playing bad all along, but we showed what we could do tonight. We came out in the second half ready to play." It was the second game in a row the Aggies played a strong second half. Against the Houston Cougars A&M trailed by as menuse 26 points

'They did. And that's why we

A&M trailed by as many as 26 points. In the final 15 minutes the Aggies cut

"We're hoping that we can put two halves together," Metcalf said. "In the Houston game we were just too far behind. Tonight we stayed in trible distance distance where the te striking distance and were able to

"Hopefully the guys will be able to play two good halves by the time the second round rolls around. We might just surprise some people.

The most pleasent surprise of the last two games has been the play of senior Willie Foreman. Against the Mustangs, Foreman had 34 points and eight rebounds. He kept the Ag-gies in the ball game in the first half with his long outside shots.

"Foreman played a great game," SMU coach Sonny Allen said. "But what hurt us worse was the play under the boards. Those offensive rebounds they scored counted just as much as Foreman's 30 footers.

Metcalf concurred with Allen. "Willie definitely found himself," Metcalf said. "But what really won

was to start Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams and hope they played like the Karl and Jarvis of old. ("The start start is the start is th shots. Anytime you can dominate the offensive boards, then you should be able to win.

Metcalf's men bridle Ponies

The leading rebounder for the Ags was Rynn Wright. The freshman from Dallas had 11 rebounds and five points.

"Rynn really exploded when going up for the rebounds," Metcalf said. "I'm really proud of him and Vernon Smith. They have played with inten-

morrow night against Arkansas. The Razorbacks will be coming home after a loss to the Longhorns, and will probably play one of their better games of the season. But this doesn't bother the Aggies. "We ware ready to play Arboreas

"We were ready to play Arkansas tonight," Foreman said after the SMU game. "I don't think we'll have any problem getting psyched up for them.

Godine agreed with Foreman's assesment.

sesment. "It should be a real exciting game," Godine said. "Arkansas will be tough, but I think we can beat them if we play our type of game." A key figure for the Aggies will be point guard Dave Goff. The sopho-

more from Illinois stands under six feet tall, but he is the play-maker of the team.

"Goff had a great game for us to-night," Metcalf said. "He neu-tralized their guard in the second half. I guess those point guards have a union because they don't like the other bast do to be the other guy to beat them. I hope he plays a strong game next Tuesday night. We're going to need him."

sity all year long." A&M will need this intensity to-

### Stuff it Willie!

Aggie forward Willie Foreman excites the defeated SMU 78-71. A&M plays Arkan crowd with his patended slam-dunk. Foreman led the Ags in scoring with 34, as Texas A&M

Tuesday night. Battalion photo by Pat 0

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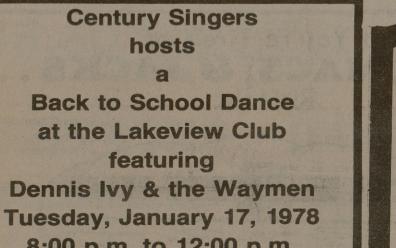


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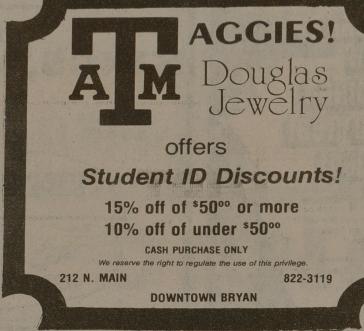
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