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## Aggie notes . . .

The Texas A&M men's basketball team faces a very tough two game stretch in the next six days. The Aggies play at Texas Tech Saturday and return home to face league-leading Texas Monday.

Texas is 4-0 in conference play and 12-2 for the season with a home game against Rice Tuesday before visiting A&M. The Longhorns will likely be rated high in the Top Twenty when they come to G. Rollie White Coliseum for a 7:30 p.m. game. Probable starters for Texas will be 6-1 junior John Moore, 6-1 junior Jim Krivaacs, 6-4 sophomore Ron Baxter, 6-7 junior Tyrone Branyan and 6-7 senior Gary Goodner.

Aggie coach Shelby Metcalf has been shuffling his starting lineup in an effort to find the right combination and may have found it in the second half against SMU. The Aggies trailed by 12 at the half, but shot 63 percent in the second half to pull out the victory. The Aggies will probably go with a starting five of 5-11 Dave Goff (5.2), 6-4 Karl Godine (10.1), 6-6 Jarvis Williams (9.5), 6-7 Willie Foreman (13.5), and either 6-5 Rynn Wright (4.8) or 6-7 Vernon Smith (15.5).

After a heart-breaking loss to the University of Houston, 63-62, the Texas A&M women's basketball team takes on tough Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches Tuesday and returns home to face Southwest Texas Thursday before paying a visit to Texas Tech Saturday and hosting Texas Monday.

Coach Wanda Bender's crew is now 9-6 for the season. Pat Werner continues to lead the team in scoring with a 10.9 average, but sophomore Von Bunn at 9.1 and junior Sherry Christian at 8.3 have been playing very well lately.

The Southwest Texas game will be at 7 p.m. with the Texas Tech game at 5 p.m. in Lubbock and the Texas game at 5:15 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Coach Emory Bellard has recommended 54 players for varsity letter awards for the 1977 season and that list includes only 10 seniors. Meaning that the Aggies will return 44 lettermen from last fall's 8-3 squad.

The 10 departing lettermen include quarterback David Walker, center Mark Dennard and tackle Frank Myers from the offense; end Phil Bennett, tackle Steve Spitzberger, linebackers Kevin Monk and Jimmy Kocurek, cornerbacks Mike Williams and Wade Miles and safety Ralph Barrett from the defense.

The Texas A&M men's swimming team will compete against UT-Arlington and Iowa in a triangular meet in Arlington Friday at 7 p.m.

The men's and women's teams both finished third in the University of Texas All-America Invitational in Austin last weekend. It was the first competition of the season for both teams.

For the men, Bob Leland recorded national level times in the breaststroke events and swam well in the freestyle and medley events. Shawn O'Gorman performed well in the medley and backstroke while Roger Lien had good early times in the 200 and 500 freestyle. Chuck Burr, Ed Kahil and Hugo Cuenca placed in the butterfly, and Tom Ingram and Paul Linek had personal best times in their events.

The defending state women's team performed extremely well for the opening meet. The 400 freestyle relay team of Shirley Hill, Cheryl Houghton, Jennie Hicks and Debbie Starr qualified for the AIAW Nationals. Hill set an A&M record in the 1650 freestyle with 18:09. Starr had personal bests in the 100, 200, 500, and 1650 freestyle as well as the 200 and 400 individual medley. Cindy Hallaran had best times in the 100 and 200 breaststroke.

The next meet for the women will be against Rice at A&M Jan. 27.

The Texas A&M women's gymnastics team opens its spring season this weekend with a pair of meets. The Aggies will be in Stillwater, Okla., Friday for the Oklahoma Invitational and in Tulsa Saturday for the Oral Roberts Invitational.

Competing in the Friday meet are Oklahoma State, Washburn, and New Mexico. Oral Roberts and Washburn join A&M in the Saturday competition.

Coach Jan Fambro will have five entries in Class I and one in Class II. The Class I competitors are Tina Martin, Kathy Pruet, Patti Sloat, Tanya Hrabal and Laura Shelfer. Cindy Gremillion will compete in Class II.

The team went through three fall meets undefeated with Sloat going unbeaten in Class I all-around and Gremillion unbeaten in Class II.

The Texas A&M men's track team will compete in the LSU Indoor Meet in Baton Rouge, La., Saturday.

Coaches Charlie Thomas and Ted Nelson will take a full squad to the meet.

## Fight: turning point for Hogs

By DAVID BOGGAN  
Battalion Staff

One reporter wanted to know if Arkansas Head Coach Eddie Sutton was going to issue Everlast boxing trunks to his players for the Feb. 9 game against A&M in College Station. After last night's contest between the two teams, the question came as no surprise.

The fistcuffs that occurred mid-way through the first period was naturally seen in different ways by different people.

Razorback Sidney Moncrief who was involved in the initial skirmish, along with Jarvis Williams, saw it this way:

"Williams was guarding me very close when I got the ball at the top of the key. He reached around and hit me in the stomach and it wasn't necessary. It was a dirty blow."

"My reaction was naturally anger. I'm not saying that it was right for me to swing at him, but that was my reaction. We were out there trying to play basketball, not trying to box."

Ron Brewer, who led the Hogs with 29 points, said that the fight gave Arkansas the advantage. The Razorbacks led 20-18 when the fight that emptied both benches occurred.

"The fight gave us the incentive to go out and blow them off the floor," Brewer said. "Of course, I'm sure they had the same feelings which made it a good ball game. But the fight also stirred up the crowd. And crowd was on our side."

Sutton agreed with his two star players that the fight was the turning point of the ball game.

"I hated to see the fight," the Arkansas coach said. "It hurt the Aggies. It gave us spirit and we ran off from there."

"It's the first time I've seen Moncrief lose his composure," he added. "It was a spontaneous thing."

## Tech slides past Mustangs, 45-43

United Press International  
LUBBOCK, Texas — Guard Mike Edwards hit a 20-foot jump shot at the buzzer Tuesday night to give Texas Tech a 45-43 comeback victory over Southern Methodist.

Kent Williams scored nine of his game high 11 points in the second half to bring the Red Raiders back from a 26-20 halftime deficit. Geoff Huston was the next leading scorer

and he really nailed Williams two or three times."

Sutton said that he was not looking forward with delight to the Feb. 9 game in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

"Any time you go to College Station you're going to have a tough ball game, I don't care who you are," Sutton said. "They are traditionally a very physical ball club."

The 6-11 Razorback Steve Schall agreed that the Aggies always play a physical game. He was involved in many physical match-ups to establish supremacy under the basket, in particular with Vernon Smith.

"Smith was just trying to get position and play good defense," Schall said. But it was obvious that he didn't approve of the Aggies' physical manner of play. "If they want to play grabbing and pushing and shoving, then let them play that way. It just makes us play harder. A&M has always played that way and always will."

Brewer, Moncrief and Marvin Delph, the work horses for the Razorbacks, were in foul trouble early in the game. They each went to the locker rooms at halftime with three fouls. The trio managed not to foul out. But if one of them had, one wonders what Arkansas would have done. Shaw had a good night against the Aggies, but he could not be expected to pick up the slack if Brewer, Moncrief or Delph had fouled out.

The Razorbacks would have had to have depended on their bench. Considering that no one on the Arkansas bench has played more than 125 minutes before last night's game, the Razorbacks could have been in trouble because their five starters average more than 500 minutes of playing time.

The A&M-Arkansas game in College Station promises to be another bullet burner.

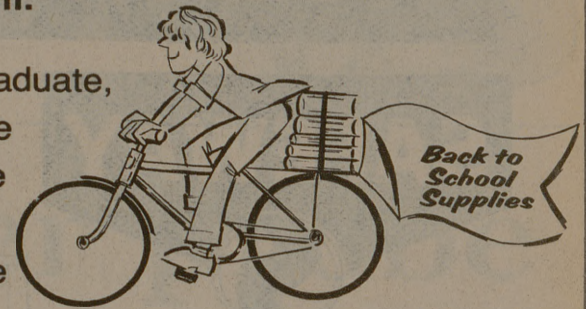
for Tech in the cold shooting affair with eight points.

Tech hit on 19 of its 46 shots from the field and SMU could manage only 18 field goals in 49 attempts.

It was the fourth straight Southwest Conference victory for Tech after a conference opening loss to the Texas Longhorns and the win ran the Raiders season mark to 12-4. SMU is 5-9 on the season and 2-2 in conference action.

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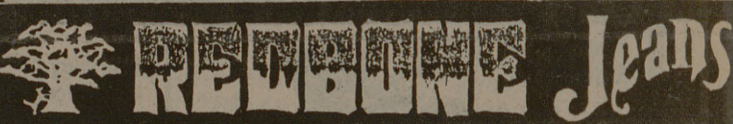
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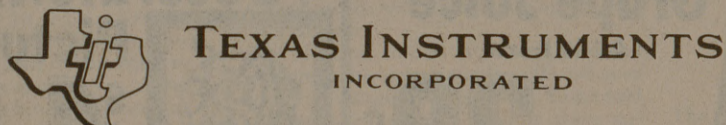
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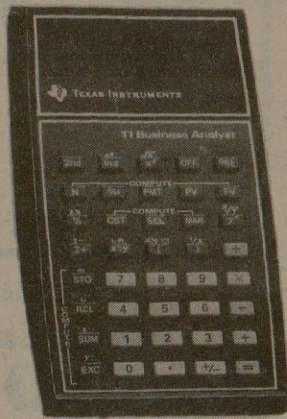
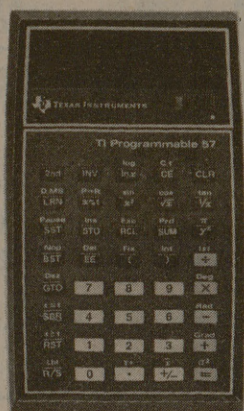
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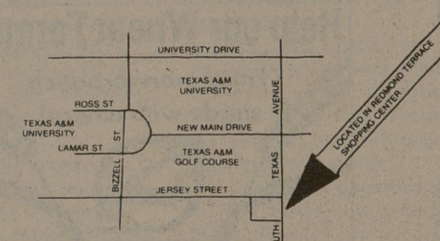
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