

Mustang Mania continues

Young Allen spurs Ponies

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Standing around their locker room Saturday night, you would have thought that the SMU Mustangs had just won the NCAA basketball championship. Or the NIT championship. Or the SWC championship. Or something other than a conference basketball game.

The Mustangs were in ecstasy — slapping backs, shaking hands and yelling. But there really wasn't anything so unusual about their 78-76 victory over Texas A&M. After all, the Aggies have won only twice in Moody Coliseum this decade, the last time back in 1975.

But this win meant more to the Mustangs than in years past.

The Aggies invaded Moody ranked 11th in the nation and tied for first place in the conference at 2-0. The Mustangs had a chance to amend their loss to Rice earlier in the week with a victory over the Aggies.

They took full advantage of the opportunity.

SMU came out running and gunning and took a 46-37 lead at the half, led by freshman Billy Allen's 16 points. The second half was much the same as "The Billy Allen Show" stayed on track. The coach's son totaled 24 points in the game, hitting nine of 14 shots from the field and six of 10 from the line.

"All we've worked on since our loss to Rice is conditioning," young Allen said in the noisy SMU locker room. "We were out-hustled against Rice and all the coaches have been saying all week is how hard the A&M game would be physically for us. A&M is a power team that plays hard and keeps it up all night."

"We wanted to go out and have fun tonight. We knew that if we played hard we could. I got hot at the beginning and the coaches told me to keep shooting. So I just kept putting it up."

For the first time all season the Mustangs ran a two-guard offense, with Allen and senior Phil Hale. Through their first 11 games the SMU offense has revolved around newcomer Allen. But Hale added to the Mustang attack win with 14 points, five assists and four rebounds.

"Billy has been taking the ball down court all year for us and it's

put too much pressure on him," Hale said. "So tonight I started bring the ball down and running the offense. I play better with the ball."

The Mustang coach and elder Allen, Sonny, agreed that Hale is a better player when in control.

"The big difference in the game was getting Phil back into the offense," Coach Allen said. "He needs to handle the ball more and keep

the pressure off of Billy. And he's a much better player when he has the ball."

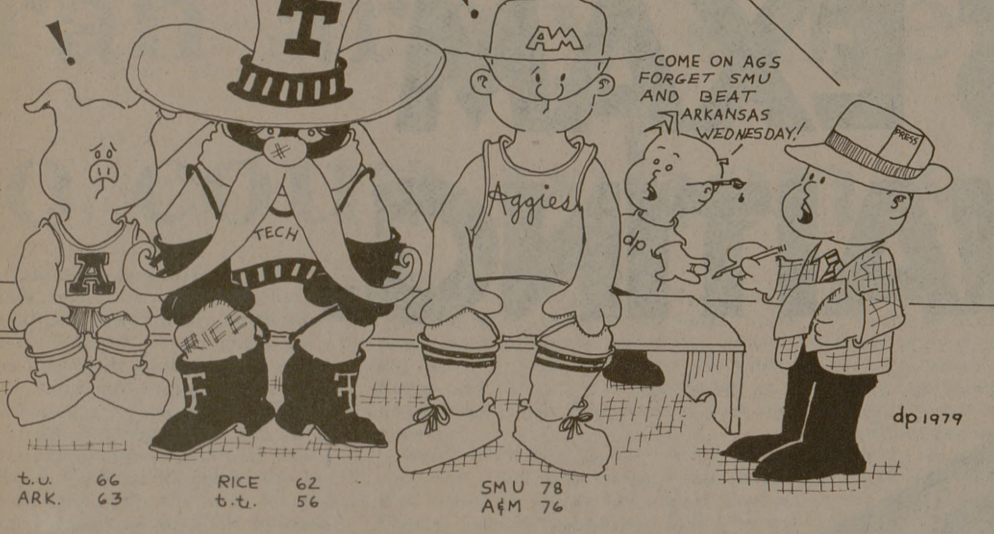
"It became pretty obvious in the Rice game that we needed to include both guards in the offense to be effective. So tonight we tried to get Phil more involved."

The Mustang defense was also more involved Saturday night as it shut down Rynn Wright and Vernon

Smith, the Aggies' two leading scorers, to 26 points between them. With the two big guns shut down, the Aggies turned to their freshman, Rudy Woods, for scoring. Woods totaled 23 points in the game and collected 17 rebounds.

Woods was guarded by Mustang senior Reggie Franklin. Franklin, the SMU captain, is also Woods' cousin.

AT THIS RATE UoH AND ICM WILL TIE FOR LAST... AND ALL THE OTHERS WILL TIE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP!



Ark. 66 vs Rice 62
SMU 78 vs A&M 76

A&M wins Aggie Lady Classic

By SEAN PETTY
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While most students of Texas A&M University were begrudgingly trying to come back to Aggieville, the Aggie Ladies basketball team was busy winning the first and second Aggie Lady Classic.

The tournament featured four Russell Pope teams, two senior college teams and two junior college teams. The Aggie Lady Classic was held on Monday, January 15, at the Moody Coliseum. The Aggie Ladies defeated Baylor on Monday, January 15, and Eastern Oklahoma State on Tuesday, January 16.

"I was disappointed with the amount of publicity the tournament received," she said. "There were approximately 350 people for both games on Friday and Saturday night. You know, some of these teams drive a long way and come down here only to play in front of a few people. It's hard on the girls."

The Aggie Ladies won the first game of the tournament downing Baylor 62-48. Then Eastern Okla.

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Team sports for the semester

are basketball, slow pitch softball, wrestling, fastpitch softball, inner-tube water polo, track & field events, and three man volleyball. Doubles and singles tournaments for the spring include handball doubles, table tennis singles, horseshoe doubles, tennis doubles, racquetball singles, and golf doubles. Special events scheduled are a free throw tournament, a fencing tournament, a frisbee contest, a canoe race, a slam dunk contest, and superstars.

Come join us this semester for fun, excitement, competition, friends, exercise, and maybe a T-shirt. It's great to recreate!



Basketball was packed with action last year, and we expect no less this season. Basketball games begin Tuesday, January 16. Pictured here are finalists in the All University Men's Class A championship game. The Nailers finished first, defeating the Aston Lonestars.

Special Event

The freethrow contest will be one of the first events opening today, Monday, January 15 and will be next Tuesday, January 23. Entries may be individual and/or a team (men, women, or co-rec entries). Teams consist of three persons. Each participant shoots 20 free

throws, the individual with the highest total out of 20 throws wins the individual championship. Team scores are calculated by adding the three individual scores together.

Sign up early at the IM office in Deware Fieldhouse. We've got the best games in town!



Sports Shorts

Sport	Entries Open	Entries Close
Freethrow	Jan 15	Jan 23
Handball doubles	Jan 15	Jan 23
Fencing	Jan 22	Jan 30
Table Tennis singles	Jan 22	Jan 30
Slow Pitch Softball	Jan 22	Jan 30
Horseshoe doubles	Jan 29	Feb 6
Tennis doubles	Feb 5	Feb 13
Wrestling	Feb 12	Feb 20
Frisbee	Feb 19	Feb 27
Fastpitch Softball	Feb 19	Feb 27
Racquetball singles	Feb 19	Feb 27
Canoe Races	Feb 26	Mar 6
Slam Dunk Contest	Feb 26	Mar 6
Innertube Water Polo	Feb 26	Mar 6
Track & Field	Mar 12	Mar 20
Three-Man Volleyball	Mar 12	Mar 20
Golf doubles	Mar 19	Mar 27
Superstars	Mar 26	April 3



Here is a sample of the action available to you in softball this season.

Grab Your Partner

What has five fingers and is padded? A handball glove, a basic piece of equipment needed for the handball doubles tournament which opens today, Monday, January 15, for entries. Entries close Tuesday, January 23.

All matches will consist of the best two out of three games. Matches consist of two 21 point games and if necessary, an 11 point tie breaker. The tournament is single elimination in men's and women's divisions. Courts for practice may be reserved through the IM office. All participants must provide their own gloves.

Grab your partner and douse-down to Deware Fieldhouse. Swing on into the IM office to enter and promenade on.

This Page

This page is to keep you informed of the IM program and to keep us all in touch with what is actually going on. This page features a sports shorts box which summarizes the week's events and a ref's corner which marks the officials' events. A game of the week is usually written up on a regular game or a series of championship games.

Each week an I-spy picture is printed. One person is circled and that person is eligible for a Be Our Guest card from McDonald's.

On the first Monday of each month, a full-page is published. This gives a sports shorts for the entire month. The extra Act gives news on the Extramural Sports Clubs.

All pages feature information on new events, updates on continuing sports, IM picks during playoffs,

winners, and write-ups of championship games. Watch this page for all the IM news.

Ref's Corner

Basketball officials meeting Thursday January 18 7:00 & 8:00 261 GRW.

Officials are needed for slow and fast pitch softball and 3 man Volleyball. Those men or women interested in officiating should see James Wellford in the Intramural Office, Deware Fieldhouse.

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