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Aggie notes

Women have busy day

It was an active day for Texas A&M University women's athletics Thursday as both the basketball and tennis teams were in action.

In the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women state basketball tournament, being held at Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches, the Aggie Ladies basketball team split its first two games in the double-elimination tournament. The Aggies lost their opening-round game to Lamar 61-56, but rebounded in their second-round match by downing Texas Women's University 85-60 to stay alive in the tourney.

In the morning contest the Aggies jumped off to a 27-20 lead at the half over Lamar, hitting on 46 percent of their shots from the floor. But in the second half Texas A&M could not slow down the Cardinals as Lamar rammed in 41 second-half points to out-distance the Aggies.

Lisa Hughes led Aggie scorers with 10 points, hitting five of 11 shots from the field. Peggy Pope pulled down 10 rebounds as the Aggies out-rebounded Lamar 41-35.

Because of the first-round loss the Aggies advanced into the consolation bracket of the tournament and faced TWU, loser to SFA 108-52

earlier in the day. Led by Hughes's 16 points, Texas A&M downed TWU 85-60 and knocked the Denton team out of the tournament. In the contest the Aggies hit 57 percent of their shots. Julia Crawford added 15 points in the victory and Susan Kimbro hit 13 points and collected 10 rebounds.

With the victory Texas A&M continues in the three-day affair, scheduled to play the Baylor Bearettes this morning. Because of the first-round loss the best the Aggies can finish is fifth in the tournament. The first five finishers gain automatic byes into the regional tournament March 8-10 in Tulsa.

"I'm happy with everything so far," Coach Wanda Bender said of the tournament. "We should have beaten Lamar, but we might be in better shape with the loss."

"I think we have a good chance against Baylor tomorrow. I know this much, we're going to give it a jolly good show. We're not going to belly up, that's for sure."

The Texas A&M women's team took to the court and defeated nationally-ranked Trinity University 5-4 in the Texas Women's College Sectionals at Lamar Thursday.

Kathleen Sisson, Judy and Ferol Hinkle won matches for the Aggies and teams of Maylynn Hooton-Parker and Sissom-Alexis Helley won doubles matches for Texas A&M.

Hinkle's victory came over Oberheide of Trinity, one of the top-ranked players in the state. Oberheide took the first set but Hinkle came back and won the next two sets, 6-3, 6-4, for the match.

The Aggies were scheduled to play North Texas State University Thursday afternoon but the match was cancelled because of the weather. The contest was scheduled for this morning. Aggies are also scheduled to play Texas Tech this afternoon, weather permitting.

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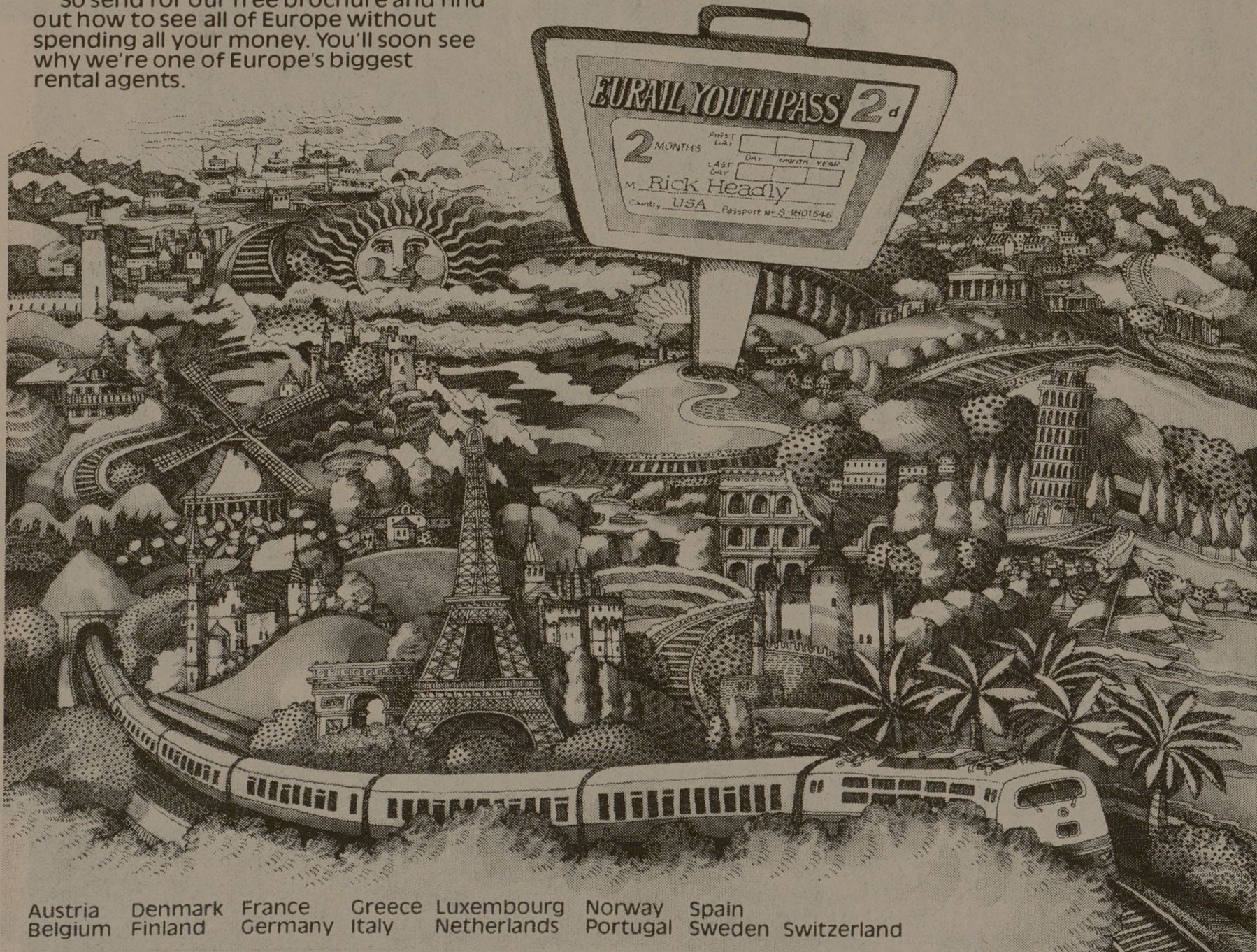
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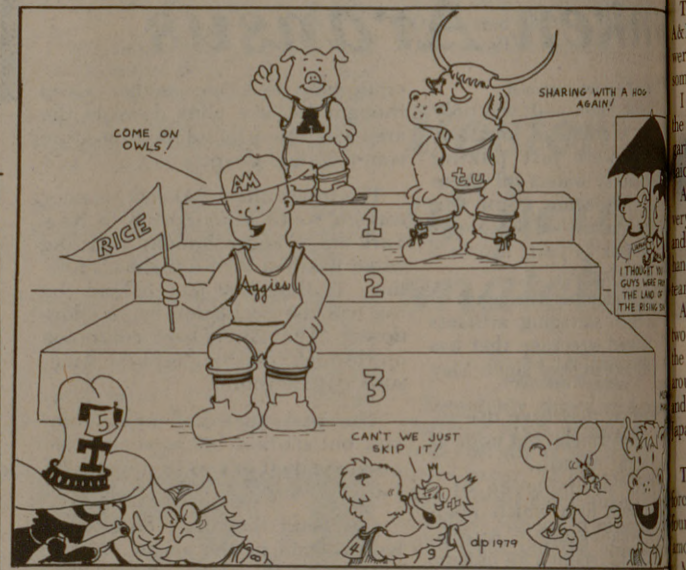
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SWC tourney tips

United Press International The Houston Cougars and the Southern Methodist Mustangs meet at Hofheinz Pavilion in Houston Saturday in first-round action in the Southwest Conference post-season tournament.

When the Mustangs defeated the TCU Horned Frogs, 89-77, Wednesday night, SMU and the Cougars ended the regular season tied for sixth in the SWC, each with 6-10 records.

SWC official Bill Morgan flipped a coin after the game and SMU coach Sonny Allen called heads. The coin came up tails, moving the game to Houston.

The game will begin at 12:40

Saturday and will be regionalized.

TCU finished the regular season at 6-20 overall and 1-15 in the SWC while the Mustangs ended up 6-10.

The SWC tournament also features Baylor (15-11), TCU and Texas Tech (17-9) against Rice (7-19), a team upset the Red Raiders earlier in the year.

Texas A&M (22-7) draws into the quarterfinals of the tournament and Arkansas (21-4) and (20-6) will not play until the nationals.

The Aggies will play the Tech-Rice winner Thursday in a Summit in Houston.

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