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the Housed "This is a damned serious action," it in recent wid Houston Athletic Director an 10 minutary Fouke, who expressed reser-d by the questions despite his affirmative vote. he Throne a Rice Athletic Director Augie Er-government th said, "If we lost that much

s its legislationey our administration would session. rtainly frown on it, to say the was on cutting Efforth said the new sanction was urbs on the bught to the floor and passed dur-

nim greater g three days of meetings at the

odlands Inn.
e, dealing "It was not on the agenda," Ertitude towarth said.
is, said: The declined to say which school ive priority oposed the penalty.
controlling "It was discussed — not debated rsuit of firm quite at length. The vote was not olicies." ade hastily. I think the general the burden neessus was that we felt there was tricting the intro have to be something stringer.

ricting the sing to have to be something strin-r on the maint done to stop the so-called , "they will olations," he said. e a climate CAA's probation included penal-d industries prohibiting a team from playing television and in a bowl game,

contents we SWC would automatically stop by already syment to the probated school of y the Conservenues generated by those games. proidered puncement and added, "The feel-sports, Witte said.

ing was widespread that current procedures were insufficient deterrents to the institution, some of which can profit from their own wrongdoing

Fouke, contacted by phone, seemed to think the new rules needed more work. But he said once the proposal came to a vote, there was no way to vote against it without looking like an illegal re-

"This is an extreme penalty and would likely be used in only the most serious of cases," he said. SWC Commissioner Cliff Speegle said the new sanction received "unanimous consent of the institu-

In the 1977 recruiting case of Odessa quarterback Shepard, the three infractions pointed out by the NCAA against Houston were relatively minor. Nevertheless, that case would have cost Houston its share of television and bowl revenues had the present rule been in

Generally, a SWC team playing in a television or bowl game takes its expenses from the revenue. Then the remainder — an estimated \$2.8 million in 1978 — is divided among the nine schools. In the case of Rice, a team which did not play on television or in a bowl, its estimated \$300,000 revenue represented 15 to 20 percent of its athletic budget.

One of Fouke's reservations concerned the redistribution of the revenue if a school or schools were placed on probation. That question was not discussed at the meetings,

The new sanction was patterned after one imposed by the Southeast Conference last year. "This is what everyone in the country is going to,'

Speegle said.
All SWC sports will come under the new sanction but imposition of SWC President Albert the penalty on a school for one sport dressed in little of Arkansas made the an- will not affect that school's other

### lowboys ink top picks

United Press International
LLAS — The Dallas Cowboys day signed their top two draft - center Robert Shaw of ssee and defensive back Mitchell of Nevada-Las

signed a four-year contract Mitchell a five-year pact. No terms were disclosed. surprised I signed as early as

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Both players have dropped out of school and are working daily at the Cowboys' practice facility, receiving individual attention from the coaches before the opening of training camp.

They were the first two draft picks signed by the club, although the said Shaw. "I believe it was Cowboys have signed about 50 free fer they gave my agent and it agents since the draft.

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# Spurs, Bullets still at the opera

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — It's not as catchy as the one involving the fat lady and the opera, but Coach Dick Motta has coined a new phrase which means essentially the same thing: don't count the world cham-

pion Washington Bullets out yet.
"Don't write the epitaph," Motta
cautioned sportswriters after his team captured a 107-103 victory over San Antonio in Landover, Md., and cut the Spurs' lead in the East-

ern Conference title series to 3-2.
Though it lacked the flare of "the opera ain't over 'til the fat lady sings," which Motta sprang on the press a year ago as his team edged toward the NBA championship, Motta's epitaph quote fit neatly into Monday headlines.

"Don't count the Bullets out.
Washington will be back," said
Motta. "We have a positive attitude.
We're hustling and I really believe
we're capable of winning the next

So confident was Motta that his team could come back, that he suggested the pressure now is on San Antonio, which jumped to a 3-1 Speegle, reading from a list of other actions taken by the SWC offilead in the series before losing narrowly Sunday. conference on any investigations of

'Game 6 (tonight at HemisFair Arena) is the pressure game for them," he said. "They came up here on Cloud Nine — a loss wouldn't matter. But now they have to win. network to improve broadcasts this They don't want to come back to

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cials, said no action was taken by the

He said the SWC's radio and television committee met with representatives of the Mutual radio

Witte said, "They (Mutual) agreed that the quality of many broadcasts should be improved," but neither SWC official would dis-

cuss specific problems.

Athletic directors attending were asked to study an earlier starting date for football, possibly to the middle of August in order to coincide with the starting date.

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Speegle said a proposal to start a

SWC soccer league was tabled for

schools' fall semesters.

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Naturally, San Antonio Coach Doug Moe disagreed.

"You'd have to be a complete idiot to believe that," Moe countered. "The pressure is on both teams. Sure, we'd like to win at home but if we don't, we have another game up there Friday night. What do the Bullets do if they

"If we don't win," Bullet guard Kevin Grevey offered as the obvious answer to Moe's question, "school's out for the summer.

Bob Bass, the Spurs' assistant coach, said he was incensed that the officials allowed mammoth Bullets' center Wes Unseld to camp out in the lane during Game 5.

He was in there longer than Smokey the Bear has been in the woods," Bass complained. "I told Darrel (Garretson) that if there weren't any three-second violations. there had to have been a bunch of

"I feel good about tonight," said Spurs Center Billy Paultz. "We played poorly Sunday but didn't let them put us away, even while we were struggling.

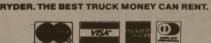
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