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DALLAS — Basketball players
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"appears to be a case of a mistake on Smith's part." Nunley of Baylor have been suspended for their teams' first three games this season because they played in unsanctioned games during the

summer.
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The players, both starters at their schools, played in games they thought had been approved by the NCAA, The Dallas Morning News

A&M called the situation "unfortunate."

Texas A&M Athletic Council chairman Dr. Charles H. Samson

Smith, a forward who led the Aggies by scoring 16 points-pergame last year, played in two games of a one-day tournament at a recrea-

tion center in Dallas while Nunley, a guard, played two games in a league at a gym in Bedford.

The NCAA must sanction summer participation by senior college players. The teams they played for had both been approved by the NCAA

Samson said, "All of our basketball players had been cautioned not to participate in any unsanctioned events during the summer. Smith thought he was playing in a properly approved tournament but, unfortunately, he was misinformed by tournament officials.

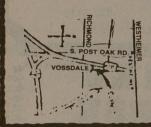
"It was an innocent mistake and an

unfortunate situation," said Samson.
"It was everybody's fault," said
Baylor Coach Jim Haller. "I
shouldn't have told Pat it was all right without checking it out positively myself and the recreation center director was a fault because he shouldn't have told Pat he could play if he wasn't sure either.

Nunley, who averaged 9.4 pointsper-game last season, will miss Friday night's game against Greece's national team, a Dec. 1 match with Brigham Young and a Dec. 3 game with Texas-El Paso. Smith will not play against the Australian national team Saturday nor the first two games of the Alaskan Invitational

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THEN 5 TEAMS TIE FOR THE SWC CHAMPIONSHIP

Ags hope to spoil Hogs' dream

Battalion Sports Staff
At this point, the outcome of Saturday's Texas A&M-Arkansas game is as clear as the muddy Brazos River since both the Aggies and Razorbacks are pretty evenly matched football teams.

With an 8-1 season record and a share of first place in the Southwest Conference, the Razorbacks are looking for a New Year's Day bowl game on the horizon. Whether it is in Dallas's Cotton or New Orleans's Sugar Bowl, as most insiders are

keep winning to go to a bowl.

And the Aggies would like nothing better than to kill those post-season dreams. The Aggies, at 4-4 and 2-3 in the SWC, appear to have put all phases of their game together in time for the Arkansas invasion. It couldn't

have happened at a better time.

The Aggies have averaged 43 points a game their last two outings and have had a week off to prepare for the Hogs. The Razorbacks are coming off a wild 29-20 comeback victory over Baylor last weekend in

The two teams are poised and ready for the kickoff, set for 1:30 p.m. in Kyle Field.

"I've never been to College Station but I've heard an awful lot about it," said Arkansas' quarterback Kevin Scanlon about the trip to Kyle Field. Scanlon goes into Saturday's game as the top quarterback in the conference, hitting on 63 percent of his passes. He also leads the conference in total offense with 142.9 yards-per-game

'Players have told me how vocal their fans are and how loud it is. I guess it's a lot like our crowds in Arkansas except that this time we'll be the visitor.

With more of the third deck com-pleted for this week's game, 62,000-plus fans are expected to crowd into

"I think the crowd is enthusiastic, they're vocal," said Arkansas coach Lou Holtz, about A&M's home crowd, "We're really going to have to play a great football game to combat it the said with the crowd with the combat it. bat it (the crowd). We're going to have to be very determined indi-viduals because it's just a great en-

'I don't believe it (the crowd) can intimidate us as a total team but it could intimidate us individually. But, to me, I would personally rather play in front of 68,000 wildly enthusiastic people than in front of 5,000 people who didn't really care but came there because somebody gave them a ticket.

"I know it's easier to win in front of 5,000 people away from home. If we are a good football team, we'll accept the challenge down there.

The challenge comes from the es' defense, which has allowed 150.7 yards rushing a game and The Aggies haven't forgotte

122.7 yards passing a game son, and the Aggies' offens has averaged 346.7 yards again

"Right now, A&M might ing as well as any team inout ence," Holtz said. "Two years took a fine team to A&M at fight for our lives."

The Hogs will be fighting day without the services of t

fensive starters. Hurt in heball sou game were strong-side hold sign a Mike Massey and both start nerbacks, Hugh Jernigan

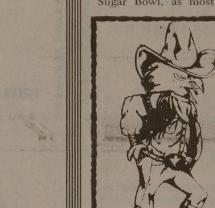
Massey will be replaced Riley, who will move over weak-side linebacking spot Morris will start as the

Holtz will start a pair of 10 at the corners. Kim D quarterback in high school backup free safety this seas start at the right corner. Matheney will move up and left cornerback.

Lee Jones, the only other cornerback on the team, will

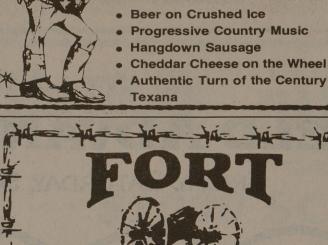
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impressive," Holtz said lett either
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about winning.' And so does Holtz. Since The Stat to Arkansas in 1976, Holtz axas or A lost a game in the month of ber. Last year, in Little li Nov. 17, Arkansas beat the m and Mi 26-7 on their way to the Fi



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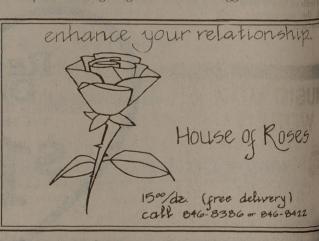
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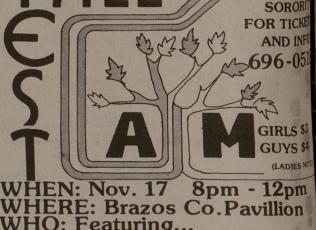
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