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Aggies take on Horns Saturday

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But the Horns came back, and are currently in third place in the SWC. At 8-5, they are three games behind the Ags and Razorbacks. They are a game ahead of UH and faltering Texas Tech.

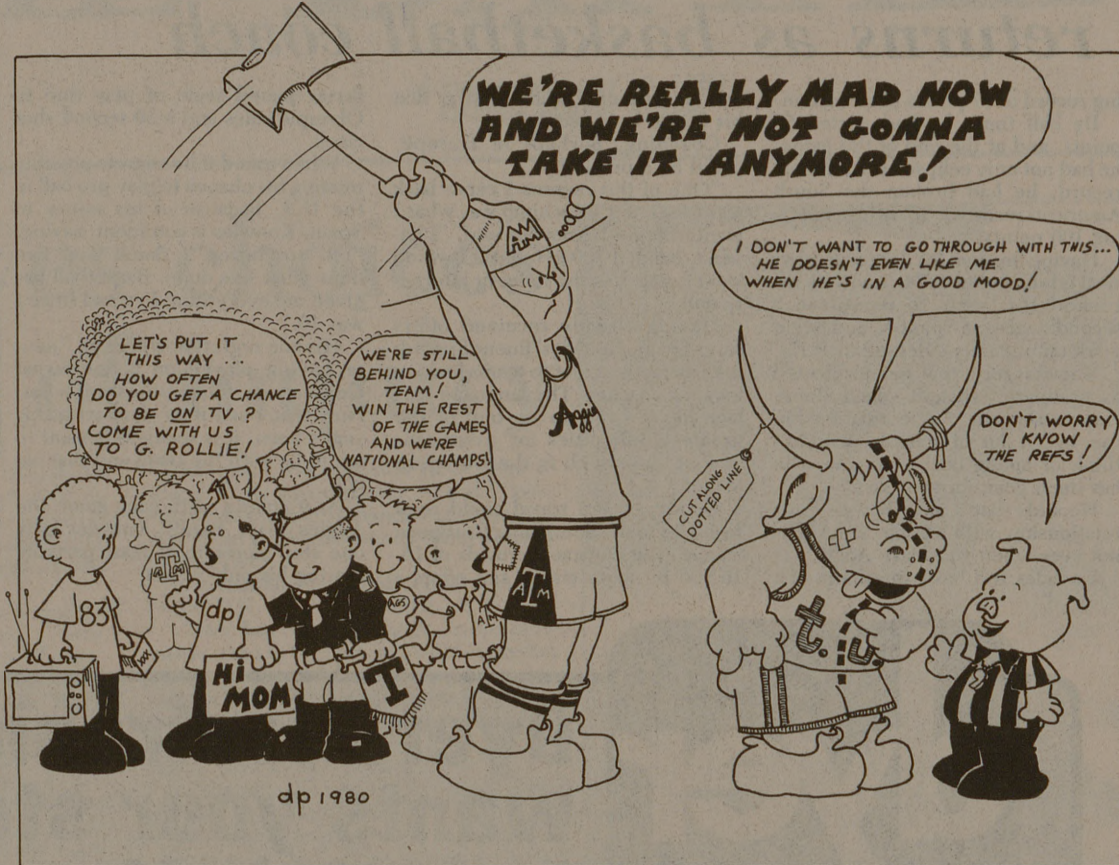
"They've really progressed this year," Aggie coach Shelby Metcalf said. "The first time they played Baylor, they lost by 14. This last time they played, they beat Baylor by 38. Lasalle Thompson and Fred Carson are in their first year, but three games from now they'll be sophomores so you really can't call them freshmen anymore."

Baxter has had mixed feelings about his last season.

"It's been a lot harder on me since we have all of these young players on the team," he said. "But by working harder, I've been having more fun. You can't take anything for granted this year. But the freshmen have really progressed. They're not like freshmen, they're like second-year men already."

Thompson will get a chance to progress some more this Saturday when he lines up against Rudy Woods at center. The Ags plan to start in a man-to-man defense, Metcalf said, with Dave Goff covering the other freshman, Fred Carson; Vernon Smith on Henry Johnson and, according to Metcalf's plans David Britton and Rynn Wright will alternate on Baxter and John Danks.

The televised game will start at 1:40 p.m. Saturday.



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Former New Mexico coach charged with forgery

United Press International ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Former New Mexico head basketball coach Norm Ellenberger has been charged by a federal grand jury with fraudulently scheming to obtain eligibility for two basketball players through counterfeit transcripts.

Ellenberger, who was fired after the scandal broke at the beginning of the basketball season, and former UNM assistant coach John Whisenant, who resigned after the 1978-1979 season to enter private business, were arraigned before a U.S. magistrate Thursday.

U.S. Attorney R.E. Thompson said Thursday another former assistant of Ellenberger, Manny Goldstein, was expected to plead guilty to felony charges that would be filed by Thompson's office in the near future.

The sports scandal has been under investigation by the federal grand jury for two months, and numerous other investigations of the university's athletic program are in progress.

The federal indictment charges Ellenberger and Whisenant with four counts of mail fraud in what Thompson said was a scheme to ensure the eligibility of former player Andre Logan.

Ellenberger also was charged with mail fraud, wire fraud and causing a bribe to be paid to employees of Oxnard Junior College in California in his alleged efforts to obtain eligibility for Craig Gilbert.

Thompson said the Logan case involved a scheme to defraud UNM, the Western Athletic Conference and the NCAA by counterfeiting a transcript to make it appear the player had higher grades and earned more credits than he actually received from Mercer County Community College in Trenton, N.J.

As part of the scheme, the indictment said, printer William Blackstad used a seal to make the transcript appear official and signed the name of the Mercer College registrar to the false transcript.

Thompson said Blackstad was expected to plead guilty to charges la-

ter, along with Goldstein.

"The indictment says the mail fraud violations occurred when Ellenberger and Whisenant caused a check to be mailed in payment for the seal and caused letters certifying Logan's eligibility and rules compliance to be mailed to the Western Athletic Conference," Thompson said.

Logan played for New Mexico in the 1978-1979 season but was declared ineligible with the other players early this season.

In the Gilbert case, the indictment alleged Goldstein prepared "a counterfeit and spurious transcript from Mercer Community College, when in fact Craig Gilbert had never attended Mercer."

Move block denied

United Press International LOS ANGELES — The city's chief negotiator in its attempts to lure the Oakland Raiders to the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum said Wednesday the owner of the San Diego Chargers was attempting to block the move by being a "hatchet man" for the NFL.

Coliseum Commissioner William Robertson told reporters at a hastily called news conference that published statements, attributed to

Chargers' owner Eugene Klein, were "totally irresponsible and totally inaccurate."

Klein was quoted Tuesday as saying part of a \$17 million package offered to the Raiders for stadium construction costs and movement of the team was \$2 million to build a Beverly Hills home for Raiders' managing general partner, Al Davis.

"He (Davis) never even indicated he will move here," Robertson said.

Knicks win for first time in San Antonio, 128-124

United Press International SAN ANTONIO — Toby Knight and Bill Cartwright combined for 62 points as New York slipped by San Antonio, 128-124, in NBA action Thursday night.

The victory was the first ever for the Knicks in San Antonio, and it dropped San Antonio into third place in the central division, a half game behind the Houston Rockets. The Rockets were 122-117 victors over the Knicks Wednesday.

Knight hit 16 of 21 field goal attempts and finished with game highs of 32 points and nine re-

bounds. The Knicks' front line of Knight, center Cartwright (13 of 20) and forward Joe Meriweather (8 of 10) combined to hit 37 of 51 from the floor. Knight's 15-foot jumper with 1:50 remaining tied the game at 122-122.

The Knicks took advantage of poor defensive strategy by the Spurs to put the final points on the board.

Meriweather twice refused layups to run the clock down, and Cartwright hit a 15-footer with 10 seconds remaining to provide the four-point victory margin.

Aggie Ladies make playoff bid

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It's now or never for the Texas A&M women's basketball team, as they begin the Texas Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women state playoffs this Saturday when they host the University of Texas-Austin following the men's game. At stake for the Aggie Ladies is a possible bid to the regional tournament in Baton Rouge, La. A third place finish in the state tournament could give the Ags a solid chance at a

The Aggie Ladies bring a 17-9 record into the playoffs and have won six of their last seven games, and 11

of their last 13. The UT-A Mavericks, whom the Aggie Ladies beat early in the year, 81-63, come into the game with a 10-14 slate.

UT-A is led by multi-talented Sharon Jones. Jones leads the team in scoring (14.8 points a game), rebounding (11.6 per game) and shooting percentage (52.8 percent). Jones' statistics are good enough to rank her in the state's top ten in all three categories.

The Aggie Ladies, whose six-game winning streak was snapped by USC on Tuesday, are the third seeded team in the state tournament behind the University of Texas and Stephen F. Austin State University.

Rangers to get Perry

United Press International SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Padres will trade disgruntled pitcher

Willie Montanez to the Texas Rangers and send pitcher Bob Ojeda to Cleveland for pitcher Jerry Mumphrey before the weekend, according to the San Diego Tribune.

Bob Chandler, spokesman for the Padres, would neither confirm nor deny the reported trades, but said the earliest any trades could be made is Friday when the interleague trading period opens.

The Tribune said Wednesday both teams have been active in trading. Along with Ojeda, the Padres also will send

outfielder Jim Wilhelm to the Indians for the switch-hitting Mumphrey.

In addition to the 41-year-old Perry, the only pitcher in major-league history to win Cy Young Awards in both leagues, the Rangers will receive 25-year-old infielder Tucker Ashford from the Padres, the Tribune said.

Mumphrey, acquired by Cleveland from St. Louis in September, hit .294 with the Cardinals last season, collecting 100 hits in 339 at bats, with 3 home runs and 32 RBIs. Montanez hit .234 with the New York Mets last season before being traded to Texas where he batted .

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