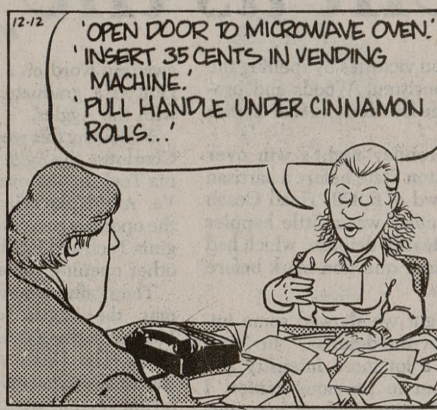
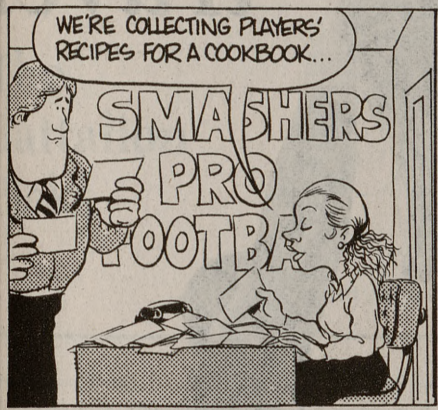


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by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds

Pittsburg, Stamford to meet



United Press International
Folks around East Texas jokingly refer to him as the "Shutout King," but coach James Rust says it's his strong defense that has gotten the Pittsburg Pirates all the way to the Texas schoolboy Class 3A semifinals this weekend.
Top-rated Pittsburg meets third-rated Stamford and West plays Van Vleck to determine who will advance to next week's state championship game. Both battles kickoff at 7:30 tonight.

Pittsburg has won 13 games this year, 11 of them by shutouts, and thus the nickname of Rust. And, the 21 points that the Pirates have allowed were scored by Class 4A teams — a 15-14 win over Mount Pleasant in the season opener thanks to a final-second field goal and a 14-7 decision over Jacksonville.
"Defense has been our key this year," Rust said. "It didn't allow a

Class 3A team to score on us, and the secondary has intercepted 30 passes — returning at least one per game for a touchdown in six straight games." Ironically, the 21 points Pittsburg did allow came via the air and not the ground, however. The last team to score against the Pirates in its own class was Van in the 1979 playoffs, a game the Vandals won, 7-6, enroute to the state championship.

SFA women swamp Aggie Ladies, 94-61

By JON HEIDTKE

Battalion Staff
The 17th-ranked Stephen F. Austin Lady Jacks rode a strong first half and then coasted to an easy 94-61 victory over an out-sized Texas A&M women's basketball squad at the Viking Gym.
SFA, which upped its record to 12-2, broke open the game early with a 30-5 scoring spree over a seven minute span. The Aggies jumped out to a quick lead, but the Lady Jacks, behind the shooting of Vanessa Anderson and Rosalind Polk, took control of the action and jumped out to a 32-9 lead with 10:14 left in the first half.
Anderson and Polk each had 14 first-half points in leading SFA to a 52-28 halftime advantage. The 6-3 Anderson, who finished with a team-high 22 points, scored at will over the shorter Aggies.
While Anderson dominated inside, Polk, a freshman from New Iberia, La., gave the Aggies fits with her speed to the bucket. The 5-6

guard scored 10 of her first half points on drives to the basket.
The second half, the Lady Jacks kept exploiting A&M's size deficit and were never seriously threatened.
"We were just intimidated," said a disappointed Head Coach Cheri Rapp. "We were scared of shooting over their big girls. Our girls rushed their shots and as a result, we shot very poorly."
For the night, the Aggies shot a miserable 38 percent (22 out of 67) compared to SFA's 56 percent (39 out of 70).
Sherry Winn lead the Aggie attack with a game-high 24 points, but after her, Trigg Crawford was the only other Aggie in double-figures with 10 points.
SFA, state champs of a year ago, was also helped by 20 points from another freshman, Tammy Mayo. Polk finished the night with 16 points.
Once again the Aggies were outbounded by a sizeable margin (56 to

37) and as a result, dropped their seventh straight game to fall to 1-7 on the season.
Despite the losses, Rapp said the Aggies are learning from the defeats. "Our girls are learning from the experience and it will benefit us in the long run, but right now it sure does hurt," the second-year coach said.

Winn said the losses are getting the team down, but added, "We will fight back. No one on the team is a quitter and we have been getting closer together as a team," she said.
Winn said one problem the team has had is lack of leadership on the court. "Everybody on the team is new and it is hard to look up to any

one person," she said.
But despite being a transfer, Winn would like to accept the leadership role and help the team get over its fear of opponents' height advantage.
"We have the talent, but the team hasn't realized it yet," she said. "Once we get over our fear, we will be okay."

Men swimmers place 5th in SWC

By RICHARD OLIVER

Sports Editor
What a difference a year can make. Earlier this semester the men's team took the always-powerful SMU Mustangs swim team to the races, literally, before falling just short in a relay event by .11 of a second.
This past weekend, the Aggies showed their improvement once again with a fine showing at the SWC Swimming Championships in Lubbock.
Despite the fact that ace swimmer Mel Roche is hobbled by what head coach Mel Nash calls a "mysterious" ailment, the Aggies compiled 442 points, got one win, broke two school records and finished fifth overall at the Championships.
Fifth, you say? Big deal. Well, it's roll back the pages to the 1979 Championships for a little consolation.
That year, the Ags scored only 26 points and had three individual consolation places in consolations. This time around, the Aggies had 16 individual finalists and 24 consolation places.
Arkansas won this year's title with 40 points, followed by Texas with 36, SMU with 715, Houston with 86 and A&M's 442. Texas Tech and CU trailed with 206 and 115 respectively. Rice had zero (Baylor isn't field a team).
Before the meet, Nash said he expected Texas to be the clear favorite. Arkansas, however, came from no-

where to down the Longhorns.
Aggie Ed Kahil won the 100-meter butterfly in 46.68. Craig Buchmann set a school mark in the 50-meter freestyle in 20.93 and Kevin Londrigan set a school mark in the 100-meter backstroke in 52.34. Londrigan was third and Buchmann sixth in their events.
The Aggies also had a surprise third-place finish in the 400-freestyle relay with a 3:05.7, behind Arkansas and Texas.
Today and Saturday, the Texas A&M women's team will compete in the University of Houston Invitational in Houston.

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