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Groff says some progress made at convention

# More fueding ahead for NCAA, CFA factions

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It's not really certain how much progress was made at the NCAA convention held Thursday in St. Louis, Mo., but the situation might become a little clearer starting Jan. 11.



traveled to the St. Louis convention, said each CFA school should receive by today a ballot with which to vote on the NBC package.

University President Frank E. Vandiver and the Texas A&M System Board of Regents will decide how the school votes on the NBC proposal, Groff said, but they will receive input from the Athletic Department and the Athletic Council while making their choice.

"There are good points to both packages (NBC and ABC-CBS)," he said.

The convention may have brought the NCAA and CFA closer together, Groff said, although most other officials have stated otherwise.

"I'd say they're closer because they've dropped it (Division I-A) from 137 to about 105. From that point of view we're closer."

The approved restructuring idea, which was presented and organized by the NCAA Council, was "the lesser of the three packages" presented at the convention, Groff said.

The CFA's proposed creation of a Division IV was the first to be struck down by representatives from about 350 schools. The plan submitted by the Big Eight Conference, calling for stricter membership requirements in Division

I-A, was also defeated by the delegates.

The major opposition to the accepted proposal came from the smaller schools which will be dropped from the top classification, as well as from some of the CFA's larger members. The major CFA schools fighting for the organization's rights are Oklahoma, the University of Georgia and the University of Texas, Groff said.

The discussion of property and television rights, ruled out of order by the convention chairman because of its irrelevancy to restructuring, will be resumed at next month's meeting, he added. After first backing the CFA proposal, Groff said, he and other Southwest Conference representatives voted in favor of the NCAA plan.

Groff, who traveled to the convention with Dr. Charles H. Samson, Texas A&M vice president for planning and chairman of the Athletic Council, said SWC officials feel a need to form a unified group in taking their stands. The nine SWC schools, as well as all major NCAA powers outside the Big Ten Conference and the Pacific 10 Conference, are members of the CFA.

"All the SWC schools feel strongly that they need to stay together," he said.

However, the SWC represen-

tatives didn't achieve that "togetherness" with their votes on the NCAA's restructuring proposal, he said.

"There was a pretty split vote," Groff said. "I tried to look over my shoulder to count the hands, and it looked (like) about a 5-4 vote. There was no certain stand on the proposal."

Groff said Texas, Oklahoma and Georgia, leading the CFA's efforts to oversee some of its own activities, came to the convention with the intent of making their objectives known.

"They were pretty much prepared to make their stands," he said.

Many CFA members feel that cable television, which offers viewers another source for watching football, is an issue which must be dealt with, Groff said. The CFA wants to establish property rights for each school, and the problem of cablevision ownership should be an important topic for argument or discussion in January.

"Live television everybody seems to agree on, but I really feel that the difference is in cable television," he said. "I think that's where the property rights issue came up."

"We're not too far from where we could put games on cablevision and bring in 10 to 100 times as much as we do at the gate. As I understand it, we're not more than a year off from those capabilities. This is what I really feel like... maybe that's what Texas and some of these big schools are get-

ting to. That (creating a cablevision market) could make the Southwest Conference a big draw in the South."

NCAA representatives at next month's convention should dis-

cuss about 122 separate articles, Groff said. Among the topics to be considered are the property rights issue, the penalty structure for violations of NCAA rules, eligibility rules and transfer rules.

result of action taken at the convention, Division I-A, the NCAA's admiral of classifications, probably be cut from 137 schools to between 95 and 105. However, the schools to be promoted to Division II-A probably will not receive notice of the change until spring.

Among the schools which certainly will move to Division II-A are Harvard, Indiana, Lamar, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Texas-Arlington and West State.

Some of the schools which may be dropped into the second division are Boston College, North-

## A&M-LSU game should give

## insight into '82 season

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The Louisiana State Tigers have only one game this season that they lost. But they're humbled by their most college basketball game.

The Tigers, whose last appearance before the 1981 season came in the NCAA Final Four the past week, lost their first game to UNLV in Las Vegas by a score of 75-70 in overtime. Coach Dale Meyer and his team are anxious to see their opponents that graduates and the UNLV loss signify that LSU has a weak season.

The Tigers, playing with no freshmen, and eight sophomores, play the 2-0 Texas Tech tonight at 7:30 in G. Rolfe Coliseum. It might seem odd to see such a young squad, but it might have its sights on the

however, the Tigers plan on doing big things this year. After opening the season ranked 17 in the nation, LSU has moved out of the Top 20 polls. They will start 6-5 junior Howard Carter and 6-7 sophomore guard Mitchell at the forward position, while 6-10, 230-pound forward Ray Borner will open at center. The guards will be 6-2 sophomore Johnny Jones and 6-3 guard Tudor, brother of Rice sharpshooting guard Bobby Tudor. Last season, Mitchell averaged 16.0 points per game, while Borner averaged 10.8 points as a reserve, and picked up 3.3 and Borner averaged 15 points per game in his school.

The Tigers, who finished 31-5 last season and lost to eventual national champion Indiana in the AAU semi-finals, plan to use a full-court press against the Rebels tonight. Although LSU's roster isn't extremely tall, the Tigers possess exceptional quickness and will try to use their speed advantage.

In the loss to UNLV, the Tigers started on only 12 of 28 free throws. Freshman reserve guard Brock Taylor, who made 93 percent of his high school free throws, only one of seven against the Rebels.

LSU Assistant Sports Information Director Larry White said the Tigers' tough opponents this month will provide the team with an advantage when the Southeastern Conference race begins.

"I think we found out that we're a better team than most people thought," White said. "Our December schedule, during which we play Texas El-Paso, Wake Forest and UCLA, should help us when we get to January."

Aggie coach Shelby Metcalf will rely on starting forwards Claude Riley and Roy Jones, along with center Rudy Woods and guards

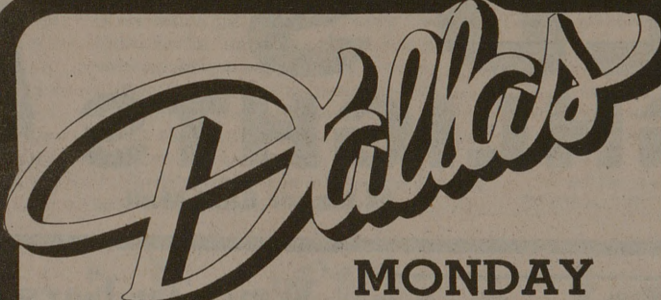
Tyren Naulls and Reggie Roberts. Riley is the Aggies' leading scorer and rebounder through two games with 22 points and 13 rebounds a game. Naulls follows with 17 points a game, and Roberts is third with 11 points a game. The Aggies are shooting 53 percent from the field after a 104-57 win over St. Edward's University and a 81-53 victory over Sam Houston State University.

The game will be the Aggies' last before entering a difficult tournament schedule which will take them to Illinois, El Paso and Las Vegas. Four teams will partici-

participate in each tournament. Metcalf said LSU, which defeated the Aggies 67-57 near the end of last season, will offer his team one of its toughest challenges of the season.

"LSU is a very tough ball club," Metcalf said. "Leonard Mitchell is a great player. He has the kind of quickness that (former Texas A&M star) Sonny Parker had. They have a great club and it ought to be a good game for the people to see."

"We're really going to find out what we've got," Metcalf said.



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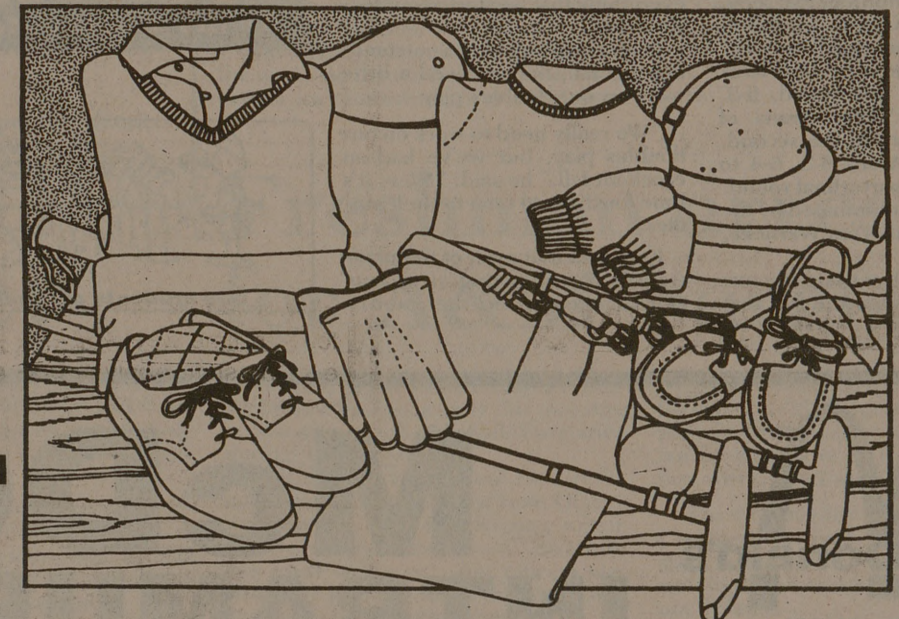
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