

Instability, inside moves tarnish A&M's reputation

It's just like a chess game. The key factors are manipulation, strategy and thought. The pawns don't have much choice as to where they move—they just do it. In this game, Texas A&M officials lose.

But at least they do what they're told, even if it means bringing chaos to what once had been described as a school with a calm, secure atmosphere.

During the events of the past few days, three points have surfaced. First of all, the current search for an athletic director/head coach has severely damaged Texas A&M's football recruiting chances. And the entire affair has brought out an instability present in the University, as well as a lack of communication among its officials.

It's insane to think that, after witnessing the instability and confusion surrounding Texas A&M, a high school football prospect would consider the University near the top of his list of choices.

When recruits see a coach they admire being treated the way Texas A&M Head Coach Tom Wilson has been during the past few days, they lose faith in the school and the athletic department. But never mind high school prospects—they're not that important.

As a result of Texas A&M System Board of Regents Chairman H.R. "Bum" Bright's latest pocket-jangling maneuvers, the University has reached a point of total instability and structural disarray. Furthermore,



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his efforts to attract a big-name athletic director/football coach may have made Texas A&M the most unattractive school in the nation for high school athletes with notions of playing college football.

Could it be that Bright, who has insisted that a new athletic director is his one desire, doesn't realize that his actions are having such a drastic effect on Texas A&M? Whatever the case, the events involving Bo Schembechler's rejection of a contract, as well as the current dealings involving other prospects for the post(s) may have done irreparable damage to the reputation of the University and its Athletic Department.

Action must be taken by University officials to correct the current deterioration, which began with former AD Marvin Tate's forced resignation Sept. 24. Never mind the consequences—just return some

semblance of order to the once-smooth operation of the University.

Darkness has enshrouded Texas A&M, where officials are no longer aware of occurrences within their departments, and the authority which once rested in their hands no longer exists. Or rather it exists, but has merely changed hands.

Texas A&M officials shouldn't be kept in the dark about activities involving the University. But at the current rate, it may take more than a miracle to restore light to this muddled situation.

Although Wilson knew during the past season that the ground beneath his feet might shift rapidly and without warning, he received a late "vote of confidence" from University President Frank E. Vandiver. The case was closed, and the final year on Wilson's contract seemed safe.

If that's the case, why the secrecy about his status now? Everyone but Wilson seems to know where he stands, and no one, be it Bright, Vandiver or whoever, will face him and offer an explanation.

Obviously, there's a lack of communication present, and this needs to be done away with as quickly as the lack of stability. But it's unknown who would be daring enough to step forward and begin such a restoration of former high principles.

Whatever the next move, the game had better end quickly, or some of the pawns may decide to move to more secure surroundings.

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Aggie Ladies lose to Lamar

Rebounding, or rather a lack of rebounding, proved to be a crucial factor in the Texas A&M women's basketball team's loss to the Lamar Cardinals Saturday night.

The Aggie Ladies, 4-11, dropped the 11th of their last 12 games, losing by a 69-65 margin. Coach Cherri Rapp attributed the loss to Texas A&M's poor performance on the boards, where they were out rebounded 48-32.

The game was the Aggie Ladies' eighth on the road for the season, and the lack of a home crowd really has an effect on the team's play, Rapp said.

Inexperience has played a major role in the team's downfall this season, Rapp added. Only one starter from last year's 7-22 squad, guard Kelley Sullivan, who leads all scorers for the Aggies, had a team-high 15 points against Lamar, her season total to over 200.

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SMU list loses, gains head coach prospects

United Press International DALLAS — Southern Methodist University's hopes for a quick end to its search for a new football coach hit a snag during the weekend with decisions by the school's top three prospects to stay where they were.

Chief among them was Dallas Cowboys' assistant coach John Mackovic, who apparently had

all but decided to take the job only to be talked out of it by Coach Tom Landry and club president Tex Schramm.

The new SMU list reportedly contains the names of Donnie Duncan of Iowa State, Bobby Collins of Southern Mississippi, Al Kinkaid of Wyoming and Howard Tippett, an assistant on the staff of John McKay at Tampa Bay.

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BASKETBALL ENTRIES OPEN: If you missed the entry deadline for basketball in December, don't despair. Late entries are being accepted in the Intramurals Office, 159 East Kyle, through Wednesday, January 20. Stop by the office before then and get your team signed up!

PLAY BEGINS: Intramural Basketball action starts this Wednesday, January 20. Team Captains are encouraged to double check their schedules and remind team members to avoid a forfeit.

EXTRAMURAL MEETING: The January Sports Club meeting will be held Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. is expected to send a representative.

INTRAMURAL OFFICIALS: Basketball officials are still needed for the 1982 season, so if you're interested in working part-time, stop by the Intramural Office today and talk to Dave Kerr. No experience is necessary, as training is provided. Also, softball umpires will be needed soon. The first softball clinic is set for February 1.

ID CHECKERS MEETING: There will be a meeting Wednesday, January 20 at 5:00 p.m. for all Intramural ID checkers.

Volleyball Triples is just one of the many intramural activities offered this spring. Sign up in the Intramural Office, 159 East Kyle.

Basketball Court Reservations

Beginning Friday, January 22, it will be possible to reserve a basketball court in the G. Rollie White annex for free play or practice. Six half courts will be available on the hour on Fridays from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A reservation can be made by calling (845-2624) or coming in to the East Kyle Check Out room no more than 24 hours in advance. Reservations will be taken in order, one per phone call just as other court reservations.

Persons with basketball court reservations must check in with the East Kyle check out personnel to claim their reservation and receive a form verifying the court number, time, and date. This form must be kept during playing time and presented upon demand to the building supervisor who will resolve any conflicts.

The basketball court reservation system is a service intended to provide equal opportunities for court time. As with the rest of our services, any comments or suggestions for improvements of the system are welcome.

It's time to start practicing for the Free Throw Contest. Entries open next Monday.

Spring Intramural Calendar

Intramurals rebound back into action this semester beginning with basketball, which starts Wednesday. There's still room left for a few more teams, so late entries will be taken in the Intramural office through Wednesday.

But basketball is just one of the many sports offered this semester by the Intramural-Recreational Sports Department. Registration begins next Monday for Team Bowling and the Free Throw Contest. Other activities include team sports, individual and dual tournaments, and a variety of special events.

In all sports, different classes are offered to accommodate all skill levels. The highly skilled player may choose to compete in Class A, and those moderately skilled will enjoy Class B. Individuals who just wish to play for fun should enter the recreational Class C.

So, whatever your preference or skill level, you should find something to do this spring on the intramural calendar. To enter any activity, just stop by the Intramural Office in room 159 East Kyle.

Sport	Entries Open	Entries Close
(P) Basketball	*****	Jan. 20
Free Throw	Jan. 25	Feb. 2
Team Bowling	Jan. 25	Feb. 2
(P) Racquetball Singles	Feb. 1	Feb. 9
(P) Slow Pitch Softball	Feb. 1	Feb. 9
(P) Table Tennis Singles	Feb. 8	Feb. 16
(P) Tennis Doubles	Feb. 15	Feb. 23
Wrestling	Feb. 15	Feb. 23
Horseshoe Doubles	Feb. 22	Mar. 2
Frisbee	Feb. 22	Mar. 2
Slam Dunk	Mar. 1	Mar. 9
Innertube Water Polo	Mar. 1	Mar. 9
Water Polo	Mar. 1	Mar. 9
Badminton Doubles	Mar. 1	Mar. 9
Penberthy Celebration	Mar. 1	Mar. 23
Volleyball Triples	Mar. 8	Mar. 23
(P) Track & Field	Mar. 22	Mar. 30
(P) Handball Doubles	Mar. 22	Mar. 30
(P) Golf Doubles	Mar. 22	Mar. 30
Archery (Sgls. & Dbls.)	Mar. 29	Apr. 6
Superstars	Mar. 29	Apr. 6
Canoe Race	Apr. 5	Apr. 13
Steak Fry	May 6	*****

(P) Indicates sports which may be entered for points by Corps and Dorm teams.

Regular Hours Resume

Regular hours for recreational facilities in East Kyle, G. Rollie White, and DeWare will resume today.

FACILITY HOURS

East Kyle and G. Rollie White

Mon. - Fri.	Noon - 1:00 p.m.
	4 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun.	8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

DeWare Fieldhouse

Mon. - Fri.	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
	4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun.	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Racquetball/Handball Courts

Available for reservations during East Kyle and DeWare open hours. Please call 845-2624 for reservations. (24 hours in advance).

Tennis Courts

Mon. - Fri.	5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun.	1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Weight Room

Mon. - Fri.	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	
Sat. & Sun.	2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Pool Hours

Mon. - Fri.	Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Tue. & Thur.	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Mon. & Wed.	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun.	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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