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to play." And now? Edgar leads the Aggie Ladies in scoring with an average of 13 points a game.

Her best effort — a 28-point barrage in a 105-81 victory over the Rice Owls Jan. 8 — was three points better than the team's single-game high of last season, when guard Kelley Sullivan scored 25 points in a two-point loss to San Francisco.

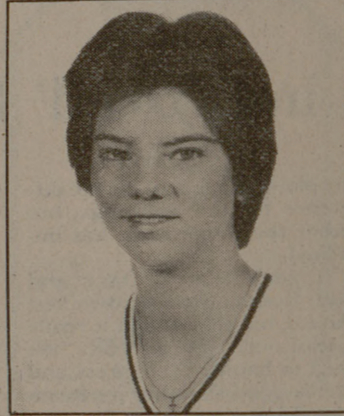
The Aggie Ladies, 8-9 on the season and 1-2 in Southwest Conference play, host SMU Saturday afternoon at 5:15 before the start of the Aggie men's game with the Mustangs.

Edgar says she didn't get overconfident when Rapp inserted her into the starting five.

"I thought, 'I'm here and this is where I want to be, but I still have a lot of work to do,'" she said. "I still have to show them that I can handle this position. Coach Rapp was saying that I had to be ready when the ball was tipped, and I was getting my mind set on that."

Edgar, who averaged 25 points during her junior season at Bryan Adams, said her ability to play well for the Aggie Ladies has boosted her confidence.

"It's not like a dream come true," she said, "but it's where I want to be. I felt like I could do it — there was no doubt in my mind about it. In high school, it



Jenni Edgar leading Aggie Ladies at 13 points a game

just seemed so easy, and that's what I'm used to.

"But when I think about it, I guess I am surprised to be leading the team in scoring. I'm surprised, because usually people who lead college teams are the tall posts, the tall forwards or the black players.

"Other people are surprised," Edgar said. "When they hear who the leading scorer is and they see me walking out on the floor, they say, 'Her?' I love it."

During high school basketball, Edgar said, her role as a leader wasn't clearly defined.

"I think it was expected of me to be the leader," she said. "But I wouldn't say I was the leader. We didn't have a very close-knit team, and the people on my high school team didn't really like me very much. They thought everything I got was handed to me on a silver platter and that I didn't deserve anything."

"And that really made me work even harder to prove to them that they were wrong."

With high school two years behind, Edgar said she's pleased with this year's turn of events.

"I feel like it's worked out just perfect," she said. "I got experience last year and I'm really getting the feel of it now. But if I had gone to a bigger-name school, I would have been sitting on the bench during my freshman and sophomore year and maybe starting to play my junior year."

While the Aggie Ladies have lost three straight road games to Texas Tech, Baylor and Arkansas, Edgar has connected on only six of 19 shots in the last two games. Both she and her teammates still have confidence,

Edgar said, but what she describes as "fight" may be the key.

"Since the Rice game," Chappelle said, "I haven't played very hard, but I don't think anybody has any confidence. It's an effort — we've all talked about it. I just don't think some of the things we've done are pulling a man's weight."

Under this year's Southwest Conference format, only the top six teams will make up the conference. Edgar said some of the players may be approaching the conference games with a wrong attitude.

"A lot of us are thinking what really counts is the Southwest Conference," she said. "I don't know. Some of the other people are saying those things. Don't count on our Southwest Conference record being our record."

"But they do. Every Saturday, I don't care if the conference doesn't count — it counts in our record."

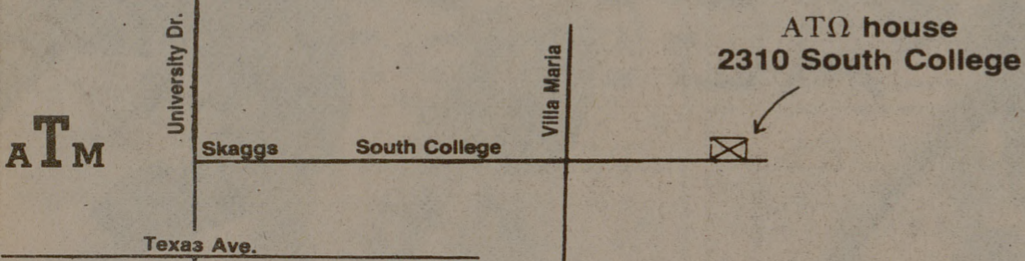
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by Joe Tindel Jr.
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It's been cold, it's been rainy and it's been both. That's not the kind of weather track coaches want to see before their teams hit the road to their first meet of the season. It's not good for workouts and it slows preparation.

And in no way does it match the climate that Texas A&M's indoor track teams will be playing in this month. The Aggies don't practice under a roof.

But ready or not, both teams are off to Oklahoma City today for the Sooner Relays this weekend. The indoor meet will

mark the beginning of the 1983 season for the Aggies and Aggie Ladies and will provide the coaches of both teams with a preview of things to come.

Men's coach Charlie Thomas said he'll take more team members to Oklahoma than the maximum of 24 allowed in the Southwest Conference Indoor meet. Consequently, one of his priorities will be to whittle his team down to 24 top contenders.

Four of those 24 will likely be high jumpers. Thomas has high hopes for success in that event this season, since Olympic qualifier Jimmy Howard will be back for his final season. Howard's

best jump last spring was 7-feet-5-inches. Junior Don Jones, who doubles as a wide receiver on the Aggie football team, junior Chuck Perry and sophomore Ethan Glass have turned in good marks in the past and are expected to be top performers in the high jump.

But Thomas' big concern now is Rod Richardson, the Aggies' top performer and the current NCAA record-holder in the 60-yard dash. Richardson is recovering from an ankle injury suffered this fall during his debut season as a wide receiver and

kickoff returner for the team.

"The doctor has just given him (Richardson) permission to start working out the way behind," Thomas said. "He's only worked out a few days."

"He may miss all of the indoor season. We'll just have to play that by ear and see if he's ready to run."

The coach said he also has good things from his other team and his pole vaulters said the Aggies' distance

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