

# Metcalf says SWC is a neighborhood brawl

**Fighting tooth and nail in the Southwest Conference:** Aggie basketball coach **Shelby Metcalf**, a 20-year veteran of SWC basketball wars, says the league may be as tough as ever this year. And, he says, the proximity of the schools may have an effect on the competitiveness of the SWC: "Hey, the league's tough. We've lost four of our games to

and the Tigers had 254.5 to win the meet. **Texas Tech**, the defending **Texas Gymnastics Conference** champion, wound up third at 181.8. For the Aggies, team captain **Mark Hartwell** finished second in the floor exercise, fourth in the vault, sixth in the parallel bars and sixth in the all-around category. Hartwell said the Aggies enjoyed competing with Memphis State, which has a fully supported varsity gymnastics squad: "It was good to have a meet with Memphis State. And beating Tech is a big thing for A&M because they're our biggest competition in the state." Texas A&M will compete against Texas Tech this weekend in Lubbock.

**Swimming championships:** The **University of Texas**, the defending Southwest Conference champion, will host the 52nd annual **SWC Swimming and Diving Championships** Thursday through Saturday at the **Texas Swimming Center**. The Longhorns won last year's meet 724½ to 486½ over second-place SMU. Arkansas finished third with 405 points and Houston was fourth at 236. The Aggies compiled 158 points for fifth place, TCU had 67, Texas Tech had 65 and Rice had 30. UT won 12 of 21 events last year, and 10 of those winners return for this weekend's meet. With the Nos. 1 and 2 teams in the nation (Texas and SMU) swimming, the meet should stack up as one of the best in the nation. The following names of note will compete in the meet: Steve Lundquist, SMU; William Paulus, Texas; Ricardo Prado, SMU, all world record holders; Rick Carey, Texas; Lundquist, SMU, American record holders; 19 all-Americans (10 from UT), and three defending NCAA champions.

**College baseball's in full swing:** While the Aggie baseball team has a 5-2 record and is hosting **McNeese State** today in a 1 p.m. double-header today and a 3 p.m. single game Wednesday, several other Southwest Conference teams have started out on the right foot as well. The **Houston Cougars**, 9-0 thus far, are off to their best start ever. By defeating **Texas Wesleyan** 3-0 Sunday, UH broke the record of seven straight which had been set in 1977. The **Rice Owls**, getting strong pitching from their staff, are 9-1-1 after trying for the championship of the Cameron Invitation Baseball Tournament this weekend.

## Sports File

Arkansas and Houston and they're second and fourth in the nation. The geography down here puts us all so close together. It's just like a neighborhood brawl."

**A&M pistol team victorious:** The Aggie pistol team, competing in a field of six schools, won a match at Sam Houston State University this weekend by compiling a total of 2,068 points. The **University of Texas** placed second with 2,039 and the **University of Texas-Arlington** was third at 2,033. Individually, the Aggies' **Peter Schaller** was third with a 523 and **Roger Davis** was fourth with 521. In the coaches' tournament, **Curtis Burns** finished first with a score of 498. The sectional match, which will determine representatives for the national meet, will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Trigon.

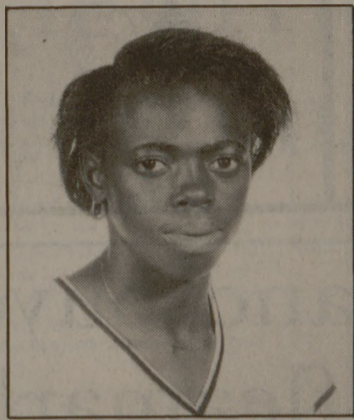
**Gymnasts fare well:** In a five-way meet hosted by L.D. Bell High School in Hurst, the **Aggie gymnastics team** placed second behind **Memphis State**. The Aggies finished with 202.75 points

# Smith, Lady Longhorns bury Texas A&M, 88-57

It didn't take long for the Lady Longhorn basketball team to dispose of Texas A&M Monday — not long at all.

The Aggie Ladies came out of their dressing room knowing Texas' talent was superior to their own, but Texas A&M was hoping for an upset at G. Rollie White Coliseum. After testing the Lady Longhorns early, however, reality set in and the Aggie Ladies became an 88-57 drowning victim in the Horns' wake.

Leading the way for Texas was center **Annette Smith**. Smith has been called "the best small center in the country" by women's basketball authorities and she lived up to her billing by bringing down the house Monday. The 5-11 Smith swished the nets for 33 points, pulled down



**Lisa Langston led Aggies with 16 points, 7 rebounds**

15 rebounds and was all the Aggie Ladies could handle.

Another key factor working in the Lady Longhorns' favor was the ball handling of guard **Esoleta Whaley**. Whaley accounted for 30 of Texas' points hitting 10 on her own and passing out 10 assists for 20 more points.

For the Aggie Ladies, now 11-15 on the year and 2-6 in the SWC, the big contributor in the losing effort was **Lisa Langston** with seven rebounds and 16 points.

But the Aggie Ladies could be without Langston when play begins in the upcoming Southwest Conference tournament. Langston went down late in the second half with an apparent broken hand, the same hand she injured earlier this year.

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# Drake's late layup a winner

**United Press International** New Mexico State's basketball team would have been better off Monday night if it stayed home and watched "M\*A\*S\*H" on television.

Instead, it lost, 75-73, at Drake in a wild finish, with one of its players escorted to the locker room in handcuffs by a Des Moines, Iowa police officer. With the score, 73-73, and one second remaining, Dana Dunson of Drake took an inbounds pass from Stephon Butler. He missed his first shot but tipped in the rebound to win the Missouri Valley Conference game.

The swift turn of events had the New Mexico State bench in a lather. With the Aggies protesting the fact more than a second expired on the shot clock, a fight nearly broke out between several New Mexico State players and Drake fans.

That brought on the police, who handcuffed a New Mexico State player and accompanied him to the locker room. Officials said no charges will be filed. New Mexico State Coach **Weldon Drew** was too angered to talk to reporters afterward.

"Weldon Drew is one class person," said Drake Coach **Gary Garner**. "If he was protesting, he really thought it was that way."

**Kirk Hendrix**, the Aggies' sports information director,

said: "Our players were at the scorer's table because they felt it was the longest second they have ever seen. They didn't think they (Drake) could put it up against the glass, get the rebound and score a basket all in one second."

The ending was all the more infuriating for New Mexico State, which had the ball with one second remaining, after Drake's **Ricky Watley** banked in a 6-footer to tie it, 73-73. **Elston Jones** failed to inbound in less than five seconds and Drake took possession. That set the stage for Dunson and the chaotic finish.

New Mexico State would have been wiser to follow the example of Manhattan College in New York. The school postponed its opening-round game with Army in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference playoffs so its students could watch the final episode of "M\*A\*S\*H."

"It's in the best interest of all to postpone the game," a school spokesman said.

In the Top 20, No. 6 Louisville beat Murray State, 66-58, No. 13 Memphis State defeated Cincinnati, 84-77, and No. 19 Tennessee-Chattanooga downed Tennessee Temple, 78-72.

At Louisville, Ky., **Milt Wagner** scored 20 of his 22 points in the second half as Louisville beat Murray State.

At Memphis, Tenn., **Keith**

**Lee** struck for 28 points and **Bobby Parks** added 25 to power Memphis State.

St. Peter's, behind 24 points each by **Shelton Gibbs** and **Tommy Best**, beat Fairfield, 70-67, in

the opening round of the MAAC playoffs; and Staten Island won its third straight City University of New York title, beating John Jay, 74-56, with **Ron Chase** scoring 17 points.

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