

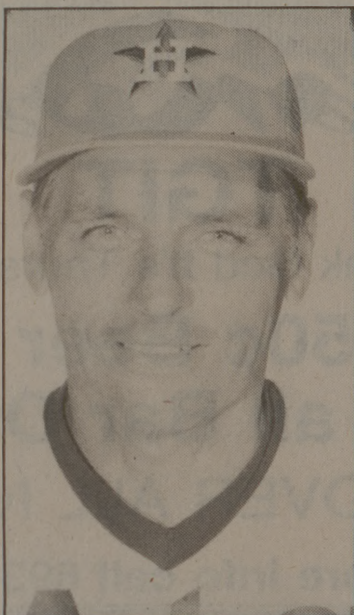
Texas A&M

# The Battalion Sports

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## Niekro surrenders eight hits as Braves win, 11-1

United Press International  
ATLANTA — Lefthander Ken Dayley hasn't pitched a complete game for Atlanta this season, but if the Braves keep winning with him on the mound, he says it really doesn't matter.



Astros manager Bob Lillis falls short against Braves

Dayley, who was retrieved from the minor leagues earlier this year, gave up six hits and struck out four over seven innings Wednesday night to help boost the Braves to a 11-1 victory over the Houston Astros.

During last week's series against Cincinnati, the second-year pitcher had blanked the Reds over eight innings, but was knocked out in the ninth after giving up five runs.

"I think the other day it was a matter of I quit pitching and started throwing the ball," said Dayley, 2-0. "I was just throwing all fast balls and you just can't pitch in this game that way. I went 8 2-3 innings and had a shutout and then gave up five runs."

"Today, I think maybe I thought of the last game, and I said it wasn't going to happen and started forcing the ball a little bit," he said. "There's no excuses though."

remaining frames to seal the win.

Houston starter Joe Niekro, 4-7, gave up eight hits over 3 2-3 innings — including four in the first inning.

"I guess you could call it a tough outing when you give up eight runs," Niekro said. "I didn't have a real good knuckleball. It was just one of those nights."

Brett Butler led off the first with a single, stole second, went to third on an error by catcher John Mizerock and scored on a single to right by Rafael Ramirez.

Claudell Washington then followed with a single to right and both runners advanced a base on an error by right fielder Kevin Bass. Dale Murphy then slapped a two-run double to left and one out later, Chris Chambliss added an RBI double to right.

The Braves added four more runs in the fourth, running up the score to 8-0. Ramirez delivered an RBI single, Bob Horner chipped in a sacrifice fly and Glenn Hubbard delivered a two-run single.

## Education vs. bucks

Going pro tough decision for young athletes

by Milton Richman  
UPI Sports Editor

NEW YORK — Today's economy invites a lot of questions and a lot of college and high school athletes are asking the questions. Should they grab the lucrative offers available in professional sports or finish their education first?

With the kind of salaries being paid professional athletes today, that would be a tough decision for anybody to make and it becomes tougher yet for a kid playing ball in school because he's always risking an incapacitating injury if he stays on.

Ralph Sampson, the College Basketball Player of the Year for the past three seasons, had to decide and he stayed in school. He began getting those head-swimming offers near the end of his freshman year at the University of Virginia, but he didn't let the sweet smell of big money make him dizzy.

The 7-foot-4 all-America center turned down all previous opportunities to become an instant millionaire at the expense of his education and it all worked out fine for him Tuesday when the Houston Rockets selected him as the No. 1 pick in the country.

Ronald Reagan was so impressed, he called Sampson to praise him for the splendid example he set for others. See, even the President of the United States is an investment counselor at heart.

On the surface, it would appear that Sampson made the right decision, that he's now in the ideal position of being able to command as much money as he would have two or three years ago and he no longer need be concerned about interrupting his education.

If you go by that yardstick, then Herschel Walker made the wrong decision last February by

leaving the University of Georgia and signing a \$1.5 million contract with the New Jersey Generals of the USFL.

Personally, I felt at the time he had not made the right decision even though he said he planned to finish his education at Georgia.

That was why I was enormously interested in hearing what three men like O.J. Simpson, Joe Paterno and Lou Carnesecca, with such diverse experiences, would have to say on the subject.

All three addressed some of the finest young athletes in the nation at a midtown hotel Tuesday as part of a seminar honoring the winners of the Hertz No. 1 award. The award recognizes excellence in high school athletics.

"I don't blame Herschel Walker," said Simpson, one of the NFL's premier running backs during his 11 years with the Buf-

falo Bills and San Francisco 49ers. "You can't force anyone to get an education. Besides, this has been an education in itself for him. He said he's going to go back to get his degree and I believe he will."

Paterno, one of college football's most successful coaches during his 17 years at Penn State, spoke openly and candidly as usual.

"I can't get angry at Herschel Walker for signing a professional contract," he said. "My only problem with Walker doing what he did was that we have no procedure to make sure the other Herschel Walkers who come along after him have the same opportunity he had. If he didn't have the exposure, the program and the coaching he got at Georgia, he might not have been worth the money he got."

## Chandler secures five juco transfers for baseball squad

United Press International  
COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M athletic department officials Wednesday announced signing of five junior college baseball transfers and the hiring of a trainer for baseball, basketball and football.

Three of the baseball players named by coach Tom Chandler are pitchers.

They are Beje Mahoe, a 5-9, 155-pound righthanded reliever from Golden West Junior College in California; Tom Brington, a 6-3, 185-pound lefthander from College of Marin in California; and Wayne Jackson, a 6-3, 185-pound lefth-

anded pitcher from Yavapai Junior College in Prescott, Ariz.

Rob Swain, a teammate of Jackson's in Arizona, is a 6-foot, 180-pound shortstop who bat-

ted .457 last season. The fifth signee is Shawn Choruby, a 5-11, 180-pound outfielder from Miracosta Junior College in California.

## Ninth-inning walk costly

# Angels edge Rangers, 2-1

United Press International  
ANAHEIM, Calif. — Texas Rangers pitcher Mike Smithson knew he was in trouble the moment the umpire called ball four.

"The walk will kill you every time," Smithson said Wednesday night after walking the California Angels' Ellis Valentine in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Valentine later scored the winning run on a one-out single

by Bob Boone that gave the Angels a 2-1 victory over the Rangers.

"It seems like every time I put a man on like that, he usually scores," Smithson, 6-6, said. "It seems it always happens to me."

The decision left California and Texas in a tie for first place in the American League West.

Bobby Grich opened the Angels' half of the ninth with an infield out.

Smithson then walked Valentine, who was singled to third by Tim Foli and then driven home on Boone's fourth game-winning RBI of the season, a line drive up the middle.

"I made the pitch I had to make to Boone," Smithson said. "He just hit it up the middle."

Despite the outcome of the game, Smithson remained high on himself.

"I did a lot of good things

tonight," he said. "It was one of my better games, so I'm pleased as far as that is concerned."

California tied the score 1-1 in the third on a leadoff, ground-rule double by Valentine and an RBI single by Foli.

The Rangers took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third off California starter Tommy John. Bucky Dent singled with one out and scored on Wayne Tolleson's double to right.

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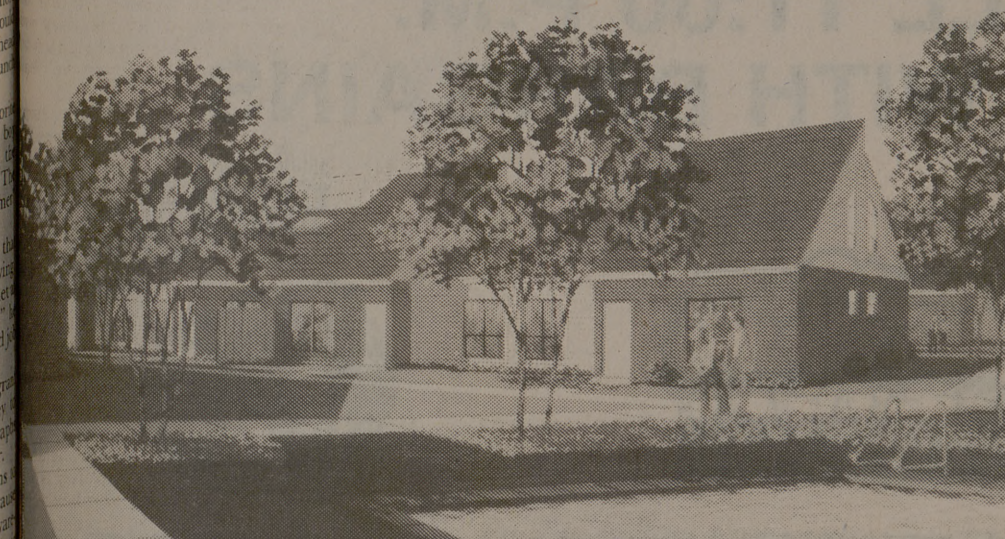
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