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SWC ruling gives A&M athletes chance for summer scholarships

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For the first time during summer, Southwest Conference athletes are being allowed financial aid — and a group of past and present Aggies are taking advantage of the situation to catch up on their degree work.

The financial aid comes in the form of athletic scholarships which can include the athletes' tuition, fees, books and room and board, says Don Hunt, Texas A&M athletic academic counselor.

"The first summer session, we had 41 athletes on scholarship," Hunt said. "This session we have 45 athletes."

Hunt said before the decision, the conference only allowed summer financial aid

to athletes who were on rehabilitation programs. Hunt said the SWC had been the only conference with that stipulation.



Sherrill's scholarship program is giving former Aggies a chance to finish school

"I'm an old Southeastern Conference person and I had never heard of not having summer school scholarships until I came to A&M," Hunt said. "To my knowledge, the SWC is the only conference in the country that did not allow summer school scholarships."

"The conference's theory

was that some coaches might have the tendency to bring a majority of their players in for the purpose of preparing them for the fall, as opposed to educational purposes."

Hunt credited Texas A&M Athletic Director Jackie Sherrill for the rule change.

Sherrill has made aid avail-

able not only to present players, but to former players also.

"All former players who completed their four years of eligibility, but did not finish their degrees, can come back in the summer or one of the regular school semesters and Coach Sherrill will give them a scholarship so they may finish

school," Hunt said.

"These people were here making contributions, representing the University and because of schedule demands, practice demands, participation and traveling they did not have the time to take 17 or 18 hours each semester," he said. "We feel obligated and privileged to help them continue their schooling and graduate."

One former basketball player who is taking advantage of Sherrill's offer is David Britton. Britton, a co-captain of Texas A&M's 1980 SWC Championship basketball team, said he feels lucky to have this chance.

"I'm from out of state and my tuition would be outrageous," Britton said. "Because of the financial aid, I can now afford school and I'll be able to graduate next spring. Without it, I don't know what I'd be doing. I do know I wouldn't be in school."

Cooper's homer lifts Brewers past slumping Rangers

United Press International
MILWAUKEE — Critics who insist the Milwaukee Brewers will not repeat as American League champions point to the team's supposedly weak pitching staff.

The hurlers that are available, they say, cannot alleviate the loss due to injuries of Rollie Fingers and Pete Vuckovich, the last two American League Cy Young Award winners.

Of course, the primary disbelievers of that theory are the available pitchers, three of whom combined for a 4-3 win victory over the Texas Rangers Wednesday.

It was Milwaukee's ninth win in 10 games, while Texas tumbled for the sixth time in seven games.

Mike Caldwell induced the Rangers to hit into four double plays and allowed all three runs in 7 1-3 innings. Relievers Tom Tellmann and Pete Ladd combined for 1 2-3 innings of hitless ball.

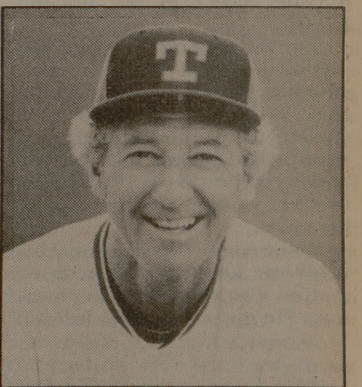
Tellmann, 7-2, earned the victory, while Ladd recorded his eighth save.

"Mike pitched well, but he started to get tired," said Milwaukee Manager Harvey Kuenn. "He's a sinker ball pitcher and when he's on the other team hits a lot of ground balls. That's what happened today."

"Tellmann also was outstanding and Ladd is definitely our No. 1 short relief man."

Texas starter Mike Smithson, 6-9, pitched a complete game, allowing eight hits. The biggest was Cooper's 21st home run, which broke a 3-3 tie in the bottom of the eighth.

"A hitter like Cooper comes up four times in a game and he's going to hurt you," said Texas Manager Doug Rader. "The



Coach Wayne Terwilliger and Texas continue slump.

pitch he hit for the home run wasn't a bad pitch."

The home run, on the first pitch of the eighth inning, raised Cooper's league-leading RBI total to 73.

Milwaukee jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the third inning. Charlie Moore and Bill Schroeder drew walks with one out and Jim Gantner lined a two-run single to right with two out. It was the Brewers' first hit off Smithson.

In the fourth, the Brewers made it 3-0. Cooper led off with a single and scored on a two out double to center by Rick Manning.

Caldwell lost his shutout when George Wright belted his 10th home run, a solo shot, with two out in the seventh. Billy Sample followed with a single and Dave Hostetler hit his fifth home run to tie the score at 3-3.

It stayed that way until Cooper's blast.

"Cooper is swinging some kind of bat," Manning said. "It's so good it doesn't matter what the guy throws up there."

Former A&I coach to lead San Antonio

Gil Steinke named coach of USFL team

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — Gil Steinke, former football coach at Texas A&I University, has been named head coach of San Antonio's fledgling USFL franchise.

"I notified Mr. (franchise owner Clinton) Manges that I will be the coach," Steinke said Tuesday. "It's hard to recruit football players until you

have a head coach. So I thought it would be best to take it and get it going."

Steinke, 63, will retain his job as the team's executive vice president. He was hired for that job last week and had planned to conduct an extensive search for a coach.

Steinke guided Texas A&I to six NAIA national champion-

ships, including three straight in his last three years, before becoming the school's athletic director in 1977 after 23 years as head coach.

The former Philadelphia Eagles running back began his coaching career at Trinity University in 1948. He coached briefly at Texas A&M University and Oklahoma State University

before going to Texas A&I.

In a separate move, Manges announced that his long-time associate, attorney Pat Maloney Sr., was not an investor in the team and had no right to speak on the team's behalf.

"No one other than myself has a financial investment in the USFL San Antonio franchise," Manges said in a statement released late Tuesday. "I am the

sole owner of the club."

Manges was reportedly upset by recent statements by Maloney that the team's future was in jeopardy because of potential court lawsuits.

Maloney, contacted in Jackson, Miss., said he was shocked by Manges' remarks.

"This is a line of fraud to suggest that I'm not a part of South Texas Sports," he said.

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