

U.S. figure skater leads race for gold

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Ski New Mexico or bust

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Dear Mom and Dad,
I just wanted to write and let you know that everything is just fine in Aggeland. My grades are good and I don't need money.

By the way, remember that I said I was going home with Blaine last weekend?

Well, I thought I would fill you in on why your Texaco bill has a charge on it with my signature from Bill's Texaco and Curio Headquarters in Cimmaron, New Mexico.

Well, its like we did go to Blaine's house Friday — took us almost nine hours to get there — but we didn't stay there real long. (Blaine's the one that lives in the Panhandle.)

There's really not much to do in Borger and Blaine's cabin at Angel Fire high in the mountains of New Mexico was just a few hours' drive away.

Sure enough, the mountains were there with their firmly-packed ski slopes just beckoning us to get away from the dull, average college routine.

Just to clear up the matter before you pick up the phone to call me, we left Friday after our classes were finished and got back to College Station Monday in time for morning classes. And it was a relatively inexpensive trip.



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We had gotten together a group of five people who were definitely interested in making a pilgrimage to the slopes. When the morning of departure rolled around, there were the only two of us left.

We knew that you wouldn't approve of the two of us driving so far alone and almost shelved the roadtrip.

But in a moment of sheer genius I said, "Call Duke, he'll go."

To really know my friend Duke is to appreciate his consideration for not letting his buddies down in a pinch.

By noon Friday we were on the road to the mountains.

After all, it's kind of like going to Austin for the weekend, just a whole lot farther. And as long as there were three people going, there was always someone who was rested enough to take over at wheel. And gas was cheaper every time another passenger is added, so we added two more at the gas station in Chillicothe.

Sure, Mom the Colorado Rockies are a little too far away for a weekend road trip but northern New Mexico offers excellent skiing for its proximity to Texas. Proximity. Yes Mom, I know what that means — just a short drive across the Panhandle.

I'm not saying a weekend ski trip is no different than going to North Zulch for the weekend to watch the ragweed propagate.

What I am saying is that it is an exciting and feasible alternative to an otherwise dull, routine weekend in the Brazos Valley.

So Mom, when my mid-term grades come in it really isn't the trip that caused them to be so low. It's probably the 40 hours a week I spend writing sports for The Battalion.

P.S. Dad, you know what I'm talking about. It hasn't been that long.



Aggie women lose Photo by **BILL HUGHES**

It was an off night for Aggie guard Mary Ann Swearnin who was 0-4 from the field and had 5 turnovers. It

was an off night for the team as well as they lost to Delta State 92-70 at G. Rollie White Tuesday.

Women lose third straight

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Delta State forward Deborah Temple racked up 35 points Tuesday night as the Lady Statesmen whipped the Texas A&M women's basketball team 92-70 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Temple, Delta State's leading scorer, is averaging 31.75 points per game after 22 consecutive starts this season. She was joined in the double figure column by teammate Ida Johnson

who hit 27 points, 21 of which were in the first half.

Together the two accounted for 67 percent of the Lady Statesmen's total points.

After hitting their first field goal of the night, the Aggies had to struggle to stay in the game following a 5:27 dry spell where they didn't make a single point. Meanwhile, Delta State was making enough for both teams.

But the Aggies began to slowly close the gap which had

widened to as much as 16 points during the first half.

Even with an off performance by star forward Lisa Langston, who didn't score a point until 3:46 in the first half, the Aggies managed to come as close as nine points at one time.

"Lisa couldn't buy a basket tonight," Aggie coach Cherri Rapp said, referring to Langston's 23 percent accuracy from the field. "I guess it was because she played so good last week."

Langston was voted South-

west Conference player of the week last week after a superb 32-point performance against Baylor.

But a bright spot emerged for the Aggies with the performance given by junior Ann Trinka. She came off the bench to score a career-high 12 points. Center Michell Tatum led the Aggies in scoring with 22 points and in rebounds with 16. Also for the Aggies, Jenni Edgar had 14 points and Lisa Langston had 12.

Tar Heels still No. 1

United Press International
NEW YORK — Even in defeat, North Carolina grew in stature.
North Carolina's 21-game winning streak was shattered by Kansas in the last four seconds of a Sunday game, 65-64, despite the loss UPI's board of coaches voted the Tar Heels No. 1 for the fifth consecutive week.
Last week, North Carolina was a near unanimous choice for 41 of 42 first place votes. Arkansas' jump was the biggest in the top 20. The Razorbacks' upset of North Carolina pushed them up six rungs from last week's No. 19 position. Louisville and Syracuse slipped out of the top 20.

NEW YORK — The United Press International Board of Coaches Top 20 college basketball ratings through Feb. 12 (first-place votes and re-ratings in parentheses):

North Carolina (21-1) (38)	622
Georgetown (21-2) (2)	543
DePaul (18-1)	531
Houston (21-3) (2)	456
Nevada-Las Vegas (22-1)	450
Kentucky (18-3)	403
Illinois (19-2)	380
Texas-El Paso (21-2)	269
Memphis State (17-3)	249
Oklahoma (20-3)	221
Purdue (17-4)	206
Kansas (20-2)	171
Arkansas (19-4)	125
Washington (17-4)	110
Wake Forest (17-4)	72
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Indiana (16-5)	22

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