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Basketball Aggies vs. Texas 1st round SWC tourney G. Rollie White 7 p.m.

Crite's ready to SLAM Ags play at home tonight

By DAVE SCOTT Sports Writer

The room is crowded with your typical media types, stuffing their faces with the free food provided by the sports information office and talk-ing nothing but sports. They're waiting for the start of the Dallas Mavericks, Houston Rockets basketball game at the Summit in Houston on February 2. But for now their attention is focused on a television screen where the basketball game between the Houston Cougars and Texas A&M Aggies is being shown.

As expected, the Cougars jump out to a early lead over the sickness and injury riddled Aggies. Then No. 21 for A&M takes a pass, drives down the middle and makes a tremendous slam right over 7-0 all-world Akeem Olaju-

The media room erupts with gasps and oohs and ahhs. It takes something for a bunch of sportswriters to forget how cool they are. "Who was that?" they ask one another. "Was

that Gilbert?"

No it certainly wasn't Jimmie Gilbert, it was freshman Winston Crite.

"I just closed my eyes and went for it," Crite says of the dunk. "If you look at the pictures my eyes really are closed. I really figured I'd go up, get fouled and go to the line. I knew it was Akeem, I thought about it before I drove, but if he blocked it, he blocked it."

If that play was the highlight of Crite's first year at Texas A&M, then the game against LSU early in the year was his "lowlight." In that game Crite was played in awe of Leonard Mitchell and was completely ineffective, scoring just four points

"I was intimated, I have to admit it," Crite

Athletic ticket books are not valid for admittance to tonight's game. Tickets for this SWC playoff game are still on sale at G. Rollie White.

says. "I was forgeting plays, my head was foggy. All of a sudden I was there, I was stunned. I thought "you're really in major college basketball, you're just a freshman.

Yet perhaps Crite shouldn't have been stunned playing major college basketball as a freshman. He says getting a chance to play is a main reason why Crite picked A&M over other schools such as UCLA, Washington State and USC

"It's a great honor to go to someplace like UCLA, but you don't play as a freshamn," Crite says. "I wanted to go where I could play and help the program. And I think I've done that.

Crite came to the attention of the basketball coaches in a roundabout way. The football coaches were actually the first to notice him. The football coaches were recruiting eventual signee Rick McLeod while he was playing a basketball game against Crite's team. Crite impressed the football coaches enough that they passed the word on to coach Shelby Metcalf.

Metcalf has started Crite in 23 of the team's 27 games and given him an average of 31.1 min-utes per game. Crite has responded by averaging eight points and six rebounds a game. He is also second on the team in blocked shots with 25. However, it is his 18 dunks, almost half the teams total, that attract attention.

"I love to dunk," he says

He remembers how he felt as a junior high student when he saw people slam. He likes knowing there are little kids watching him, waiting for Crite to lift his 6-6 frame high in the air and slam. But more importantly Crite says, it-really helps him to get the feel of the game. Crite describes himself as an emotional player

Crite describes himself as an emotional player and he feels that helps to him play better. "If I get emotionally involved in a game I play better," he says. "I try to be controlled, but I'm just an emotional player." The way Crite plays with emotion makes him aggressive and competitive and that is what Met-calf likes the most about him, along with his nat-ural talent. Metcalf says that combination of tal-

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ent give Crite a lot of potential. "He's got a chance to be a great one," Metcalf says. "He's has quick feet and he's an explosive jumper. He's got the god-given talent.'

Crite is thankful for the coaches confidence in him because he says it gives him confidence in himself. But Crite has never been lacking in confidence."I think I can do whatever I set my mind " he says

Although Crite has no doubts about his ability, he isn't arrogant even though people have thought that of him.

When I was in high school people used to think I was cocky, but it's the people who act cocky and know what they can do, that get out and accomplish things," Crite says.

Crite has the chance to accomplish some more tonight when the Aggies play the University of Texas tonight

Crite feels the team is lucky to play Texas for a third time.

"We're fortunate to play Texas, they're one of the weaker teams in the conference," he says.

It's Lights out for Slingers

SAN ANTONIO - The United States Football League game between San Antonio and Houston was interrupted at 9:20 Monday night

because of a power failure at Alamo Stadium. The power failure caused several banks of lights to go out late in the third quarter with Houston leading 21-7.

Alamo Stadium, located near Trinity Univer-sity in North Central San Antonio, has been the subject of lawsuits by residents of the area. The esidents claim the stadium is not suitable for professional sports.

Both teams are looking for their first win in he game that was nationally televised on cable.

Gamblers rip Slingers, 35-7

United Press International

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the problem. Most of the slim crowd that SAN ANTONIO - Jim Kelly's scrambling runs and consistently accurate passing arm carstadium when the lights went

ried the Houston Gamblers to an easy 35-7 win over San Anto-nio Monday night in a game de-The Houston players faced layed 48 minutes by a power additional discomfort during the power failure because the Gamblers' dressing room was A bank of lights installed locked and no one could be

during the past week at Alamo Stadium went off with 2:58 remaining in the third quarter and both teams left the field

while eletricians struggled with 25 minutes.

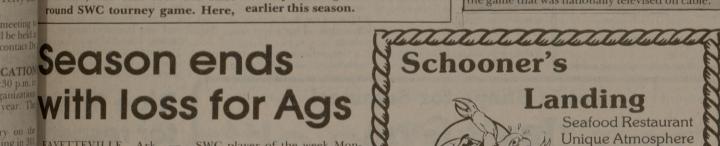
Kelly, enjoying his first probraved chilly, windy weather in fessional victory after an out-the first place abandoned the standing career at the Universtanding career at the University of Miami, scored on runs of 1 and 2 yards in the second quarter to put the Gamblers in front

With the power failure and with both teams throwing on alfound with a key. The lock was eventually broken after the players had stood in the cold for hours to complete.



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Photo by DEAN SAITO Ag women come close round SWC tourney game. Here, earlier this season.



FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. ne Texas Aggies led Arkansas 3-30 at halftime, but a red-hot -3048 for hooting Razorback team shot percent in the second half to

held at 7 reat the Aggies 75-66 in the veryone¹ inst round of the Southwest ournament Monday. hose who

The women built their first sherwood er at 6.4 dichell Tatum and a 21-14 rermation bounding advantage. Tatum re will be inished with a game-high 23 r at 8:30 points and 16 rebounds.

he Pavil But Doris Gaiser, who scored of her 13 points in the secnd half, and freshman Monica Brown quickly put Arkansas head in the second half.

The Lady Razorbacks, who layed No. 1 Texas to within ist two points earlier in the ear, built the lead to 13 points one occasion in winning ectancy wheir 20th game against eight

ears, say eases. Economic Beth Young scored 12 points ected while Lisa Langston had 12 for gist Eliche Aggies, who finished their Score France 12 15 f Southemieason at 13-15.

Aggie coach Cherri Rapp id that in order for A&M to at any team Langston must play well. Rapp said Langston, who scored well below her seaon average, may have been r prepared for the game. mi Edgar, who was named

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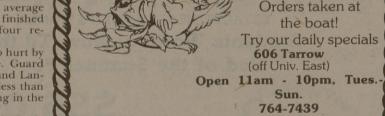
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SWC player of the week Monday, also had a below average performance. Edgar finished with 10 points and four rebounds.

The Aggies were also hurt by fouls late in the game. Guard Mary Ann Swearngin and Lan-gston fouled out with less than three minutes remaining in the game

Amanda Holley led the Lady Razorbacks with 16 points. NOTE TEE ABSENTEE



Gov. Mark White called this special election during your Spring Break, March 10. If you plan to leave town, you need to vote absentee. The last day to vote absentee is March 6.

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