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said. "There's no doubt in my mind that A&M is an improved team from last year. They're the most improved team in the Southwest Conference without question."

Just as they did in Austin four days ago, the Aggies outbounded the taller Raiders, this time by a 39-37 count.

"I can't believe we outbounded them," said Hickey as she looked at the stats. "Michell (Tatum) and Janet (Dunkham) did well on the boards."

Dunkham, who led the team with 13 rebounds, said rebounding is her main contribution to the team. "That's (rebounding) what I'm supposed to do," said Dunkham, who also tossed in 17 points. "One of our goals is to outbound the other team by 10. In the first half, we let them get way too many offensive boards and that hurt us."

The Aggies were helped by the return of the 6-foot-3 Tatum, who is back from a knee injury that sidelined her much of the season. Tatum pulled down six caroms and tossed in a game-high 24 points.

"It really helps when you have Michell in the game," Hickey said. "We didn't realize how much we missed her."

Tatum said her knee was still in pain.

"It's sore but that's to be expected," Tatum said. "I just concentrate on the game and forget about the knee. I am taking a chance every-time I go out there, but that's life. I'm going out there to win."

The A&M crowd, the biggest of the season for the Aggies, rattled Tech's players.

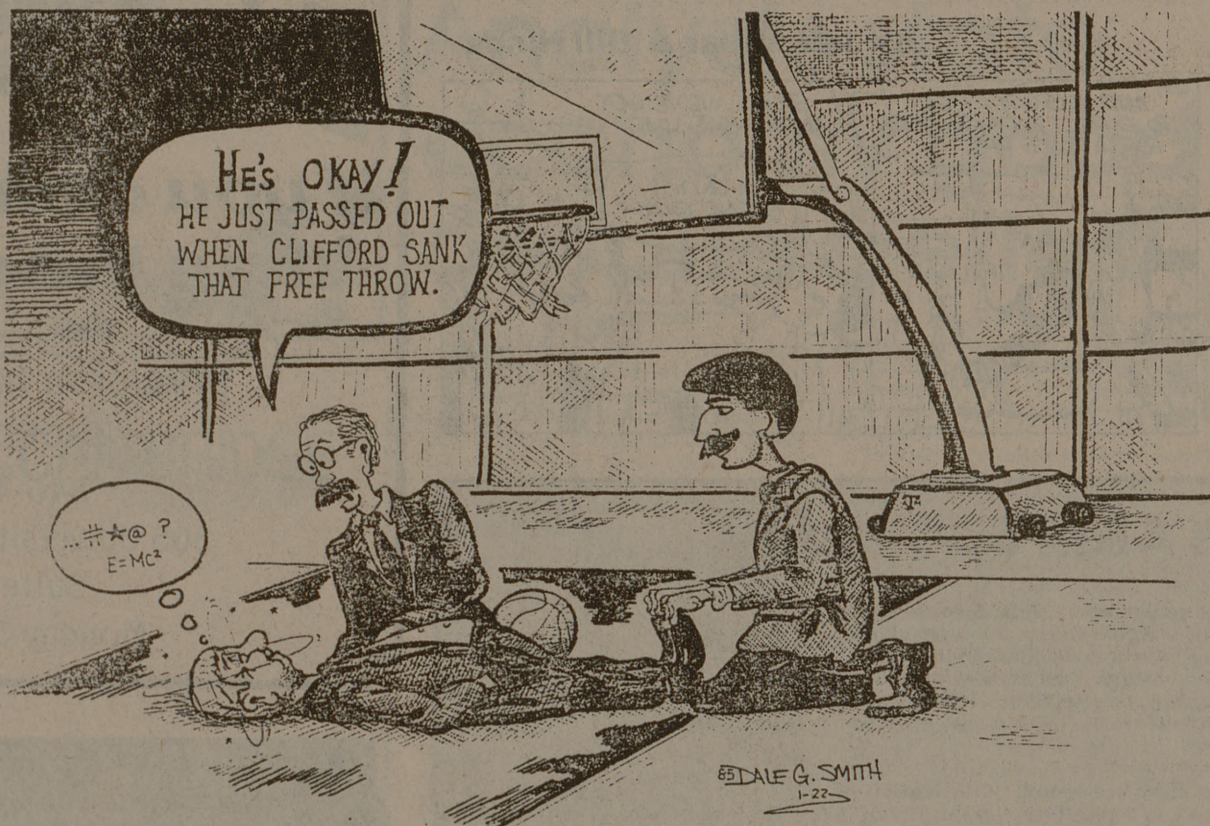
"The A&M crowd is difficult to play in front of because they're always loud," said Tech center Melinda Denham.

The crowd also excited the Aggie team and brought them back to life in the second half.

"They gave me chills," Edgar said. "I got real excited. It's really a big boost to have a crowd."

Dunkham said the home crowd is a big asset to the Aggies.

"They say the crowd adds 10 points to the home team," Dunkham said. "We play and win for A&M. We really appreciate all their support."



Hall of Famer gives Cowboys advice about quarterbacks

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) - Roger Staubach has some advice for his old boss, Coach Tom Landry: Go into training camp with a No. 1 quarterback.

It took Staubach, who was named to the Professional Football Hall of Fame Tuesday, from 1969 to 1971 to outduel Craig Morton for the starting quarterback job with the Dallas Cowboys.

Staubach took the Cowboys to a winning Super Bowl VI the first year he had the starting job.

"I think somebody has to be established as THE quarterback," Staubach said.

Veteran Danny White, who inherited the No. 1 job from Staubach in 1980, and young Gary Hogeboom traded starting assignments in a 9-7 season in 1984.

"It's difficult for both to go to training camp and compete for the job again," said Staubach. "I think the team is starting to respond now but I'd hate to see a quarterback controversy."

Staubach calls himself a "fan" now but closely follows the fortunes of his old National Football League team.

"White at this stage needs some sort of an endorsement or I don't think he would want to be there," said Staubach. "I just think somebody needs to be No. 1 before training camp."

"I guess the whole thing is a chancy proposition."

Staubach, 42, discounted any chance he might try for a comeback.

"I played in a flag football game the other day and got chapped lips from the cold and a sore arm," Staubach said. "I think I made the right decision."

Staubach said "It's amazing. I haven't had a concussion since I left pro football."

Doctors had urged Staubach to get out of the game because of the concussions he suffered during his 11-year career.

"You know I actually threw the ball pretty good the other day," Staubach said with a glint in his eye. "Wouldn't it be a great story to comeback from the Hall of Fame?"

Staubach also said he had no desire to enter politics at this time.

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