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*SMU's Koncak & Co. hammer Houston*

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**SMU 85, Houston 78**  
 DALLAS - Fourth-ranked Southern Methodist held closed-door practices all week then slammed the door shut on the Houston Cougars Wednesday night.



remaining in the extra period. He later put the game on ice with another pair, giving Arkansas a 63-55 lead with 29 seconds remaining. Balentine's heroics lifted the Razorbacks to a 14-7 overall record and 5-3 in the SWC. The Bears fell to 8-10 on the year and 1-7 in conference play.

"We played with a lot more emotion, we had something to prove," said SMU's seven-foot center Jon Koncak, who had 27 points and 21 rebounds in an 85-78 Southwest Conference victory. SMU Coach Dave Bliss was sizzling after the Mustangs were upset by Texas Tech on Saturday night. In fact, he was so mad that he benched star guard Carl Wright.

Houston never led but refused to go away behind the outside shooting of Eric Dickens, Alvin Franklin and Marvin Alexander. SMU built a 43-36 halftime lead but a Houston press helped keep the Cougars in the game in the second half. Dickens scored 16 points for the losers, Franklin added 14 and Alexander had 12 points. A sellout crowd of 9,007 jammed Moody Coliseum for SMU's first victory over Houston since 1982. Scott Johnson was the only other Mustang in double figures with 11 points, including three free throws in the final minute as the desperate Cougars fouled at will.

Wright came off the bench to score 19 points and dished out 10 assists. "Carl did a great job coming off the bench," Koncak said. "If he plays like that every night, we'll win a lot of games."

Arkansas 64, Baylor 57  
 WACO — Forward Charles Balentine hit four of four free throw attempts in overtime to lift the Arkansas Razorbacks to a 64-57 Southwest Conference victory over Baylor Wednesday night. Balentine, who led all scorers with 20, broke a 55-55 deadlock with 2:55

Baylor's Edwin Mitchell sent the game into overtime when he hit a 16-foot jumper to knot the game at 55 with 11 seconds left in regulation. Mitchell led Baylor with 17 points and freshman guard Michael Williams added 16. Baylor took its first lead of the night in overtime when Williams hit a turnaround jumper from the free throw lane. Balentine proved to be too much in the ensuing minutes. "We came into this game thinking we could win," said Baylor coach Jim Haller. "Our players played hard to night and we've got our confidence back. We're just learning and getting better each night."

"This is a big win for us," Arkansas coach Eddie Sutton said. "We're still in the conference race, though a lot of people might think we're not." "But we just had to pick up the win on the road," Sutton said. "During overtime I thought we responded well. We looked like a basketball team. Our defense looked really good in the overtime."

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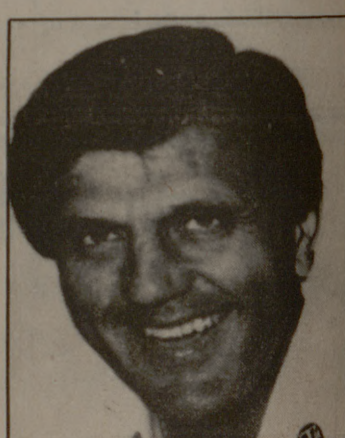
**Eastern college policies not exactly best in South**

*Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series exploring how college athletes are treated once they've been recruited. Part II focuses on the difference between Texas A&M's views on athletic dorms and those of Rice University.*

**By BRANDON BERRY**  
 Sports Writer  
 Texas A&M Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Jackie Sherrill says the abolishment of athletic dormitories is not always the best answer to the integration question.



**Terry Condon**



**Jackie Sherrill**

"When someone has been in one place their entire life and never been exposed to a place with an athletic dormitory, I think (Penn State Joe Paterno's and Notre Dame's Gerry Faust's) comments are certainly near-sighted or one-sided," Sherrill says. "When you ask people, 'Why do people have athletic dormitories?' That's like saying, 'Why do people wear different styles of clothes and have different norms than people in the Southwest, Southeast or Midwest?'"

dorms, the college itself is the most important group on campus. "Let's face it, the recruit that's only looking for great athletic dorms isn't going to come to Rice anyway. Our program is geared for the academically-oriented athlete who wants the benefits of a small, somewhat elite sort of school."

live together (in the basement), but they still see other people all the time. If anything, it helps in recruiting. "I don't let volleyball players room with other volleyball players, though. Four or five hours of practice a day is seeing somebody enough without coming home and having them there, too."

"What happens in the East is not necessarily good in the South. I think it's how you structure your program that's important."

However, some of the female athletes living in the Mosher basement said the reactions of the women athletes and the regular students toward each other are frequently less than "chummy."

"It's like another world down there, totally away from the rest of the girls," senior golfer Patricia Gonzalez says. "They don't even think of us as part of the dorm."

One Southwest Conference program structured without athletic dormitories or separate facilities is found in Houston — Rice University. Rice Sports Information Director Bill Cousins says its program can work in the recruiting hotbed of the SWC, despite the school's recent athletic woes. "We believe we can do quite well in the conference without (athletic dorms) just because everyone else does have them," Cousins says.

Another example of Southwest Conference dormitory integration can be found even closer to A&M than Houston. A&M's women athletes live in the basement of Mosher Hall, a regular girls' dormitory located on the other side of campus from the all-male Wofford Cain Athletic Hall.

Senior basketball player Mary Ann Swearngin says the alienation resulted from misconceptions. "I told a girl the other day that I lived down in the basement, and she said 'Yuck! Doesn't it smell like sweat down there?' That's why, for the most part, the athletes just stick around with other athletes," Swearngin says.

"We can offer a potential recruit something very few schools in this region can match and that's the opportunity for an academically-oriented collegiate career. Because Rice is structured along the lines of the Ivy League schools, incorporating the idea of residence colleges rather than

A&M Women's Volleyball Coach Terry Condon says she wouldn't trade places with the men if she could. The arrangement here at A&M (men in an athletic dorm and women in a regular dorm) isn't unique at all," Condon says. "It's actually quite common." "We like it because the girls all

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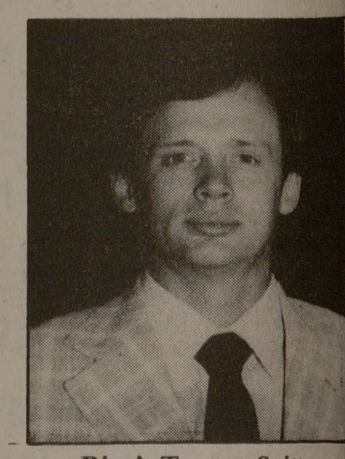
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**OWLS**

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 The Owls played well, but were just beaten by a better team, Suits said. "A&M played really well and I expected them to," he said. "A&M was my pre-season pick to crack the league's top three because they had so many good players returning from a year ago." "A&M was very well prepared. Coach Metcalf had a good game plan for us, and his players did an excellent job executing that plan."

"I thought we played well, especially defensively. If we took away their put-backs, they would probably have only shot 20 or 25 percent (from the field). The Owls, who have now lost six straight games, won't have much time to regroup from the loss to A&M. Rice travels to Dallas Saturday to take on the No. 4 SMU Mustangs. "We can't let it get us down," Hines said. "We have to regroup quickly and just keep striving for the top."



**Rice's Tommy Suits**