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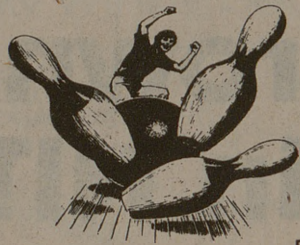
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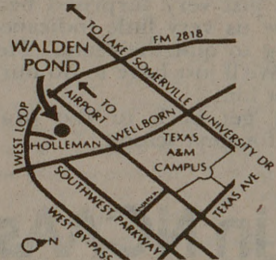
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Haller exhibits class in final game with BU

By CHAREAN WILLIAMS
Assistant Sports Editor

DALLAS — It wasn't the way he wanted to exit his profession. For Baylor's Jim Haller, his basketball coaching career came to an abrupt halt with humor and dignity.

After the Bears 83-76 loss to Texas Tech on March 8 in the first round of the Southwest Conference Post-season Classic, Haller began to address the herd of reporters waiting for his last official comments.

Forget the fact that Texas Tech won the tourney. Forget that SMU didn't advance to the finals. Those events were secondary compared to Haller's emotional departure.

That was single biggest event of the three-day tournament in Dallas' Reunion Arena.

About midway through his press conference, Haller grabbed a piece of paper off the podium and started laughing.

"I didn't even notice this yesterday," Haller said. "It says, 'Please speak up. This interview is being recorded.'"

"Holy mackerel. What the heck, all I can do is laugh."

Haller laughed, but he really looked like he wanted to cry.

"Basketball coaches don't cry," he said. "Maybe I can now. I'm not a coach anymore."

Haller resigned from his job, effective at the end of the season, three weeks ago when a taped conversation between him and former player John Wheeler was made public.

In the conversation, Haller discussed \$172 worth of athletic department funds that were used to help payoff Wheeler's car.

Three days after Haller had announced his resignation, all but one of the Baylor players signed a letter saying Wheeler was being made the scapegoat and Haller's firing was imperative.

Carlos Briggs was the lone Bear to stand up for his coach.

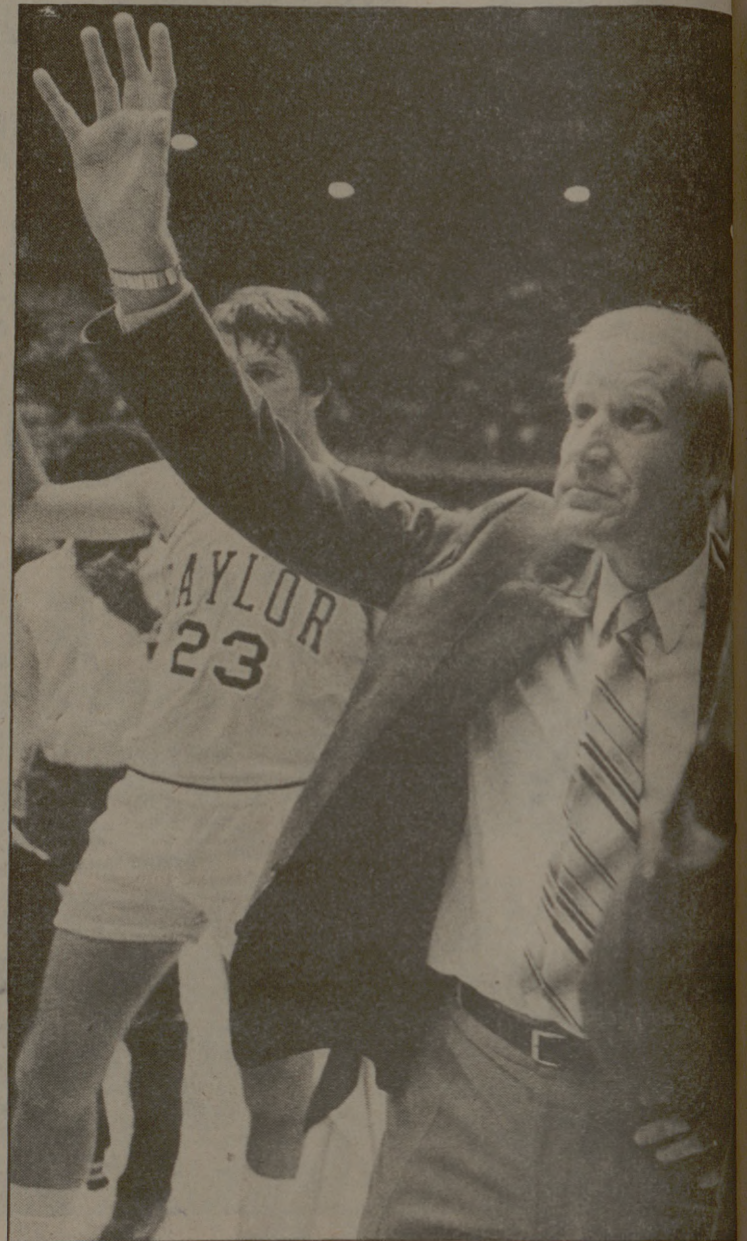
"You've got his job," said Briggs when the signed letter was made public. "What else do you want, his blood?"

When it was all over, Haller saved his hugs for the lone Bear and his assistant coaches. They were the only ones who stood up for him when it counted.

"Unless you're Jim Haller or Carlos Briggs, you'll never know what either of us has been through," Haller said. "I'll always have a warm place in my heart for Carlos. He stood up for me when it would have been a lot easier to join the crowd."

And what did he tell the rest of the players when it was all over?

"I thanked them for a great effort," Haller said. "They are a quality group of young men. I've appreciated them all year. A lot of people don't really understand all the activities that have taken place in the past couple of weeks. But having worked with 18- and 19-year-olds for a long time, I understand a lot of their



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thoughts and what makes them tick."

Still, the hurt and pain was there, and it will be with Haller for a long time.

"I can accept everything that has happened," he said. "I won't say it hasn't hurt. I had a long time to think about this last game. I wondered what it would feel like when the final second ticked off the clock. I guess when the final buzzer sounded, it hurt a little more than I thought it would."

"I'm officially resigned now I guess."

Arkansas Coach Eddie Sutton discussed hiring Haller, but Haller said he was through with the game.

"I told somebody last night that you grow up in the state of Texas and decide you want to be a coach, it's your dream to coach in the Southwest Conference," he said. "I've lived that dream now. I have fond memories. Now, it's time to dream about something else."

"I still have a career ahead of me no matter what I choose to do. The first there is going to be some reaction. What I do after that I will decide for a couple of months."

As Haller stepped away from the podium, he uttered his last words to the head basketball coach at Baylor University — "It hurts a lot right now," he said.

And it probably still hurts.

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Beginning Monday, March 25, a limited number of students will be accepted to attend panel discussions with the program speakers.

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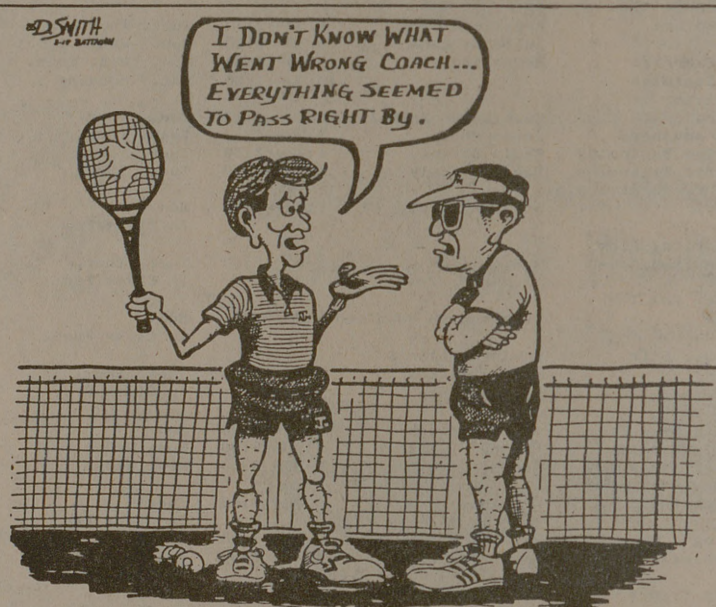
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Ag netters burn in California sun

By BRANDON BERRY
Sports Writer

The Texas A&M men's tennis team discovered the world's largest buzzsaw last week. It stretched from Corpus Christi to the California Coast and included the No.'s 2, 3, 4 and 5-ranked teams in the nation.

A&M Coach David Kent took the blame for the grinding schedule and said the dividends of the trip superseded actual wins and losses.

"We're going to profit from the experience of playing out there," Kent said of a California road trip in which the Ags lost three straight matches, two of them convincingly.

"We played well against (No. 4-ranked) UCLA, and there were actually some Aggies in the crowd cheering for us. The California people were amazed. And we played in the new U.S. Olympic Tennis Stadium and it is just beautiful."

The Aggies started the trip on a

sour note by losing 8-1 to No. 2 USC. They finished by being blanked 9-0 by No. 5 Pepperdine.

"By the time we played Pepperdine, we were basket cases because we had been out on the road for so long," Kent said.

Before the Aggies' "tide" turned on the West Coast, they finished second in the prestigious H.E.B. Tournament in Corpus Christi.

"I've been going to that thing for 16 years and this is the first time we've ever gone all the way to the finals," Kent said.

Along the way, A&M defeated Alabama, 5-4, Trinity, 6-3 and Cal-Berkeley, 5-4, before being edged 4-5 by No. 3 SMU in the finals.

"The win against our old nemesis Trinity really helped us and we really won our share of close ones," Kent said. "We were very fortunate."

"(Grant) Connell and Kimmo Alkio played really well for us in both

doubles and in singles down in Corpus. Connell won three of four matches in the No. 1 singles and that's fantastic. He and Marcel V. really carried us in singles. And Mark Smith was undefeated in singles through the entire tournament."

The Mustangs edged the Aggies by winning the deciding No. 2 doubles match 1-6, 6-1 and 7-6.

"The match was even closer than the score indicates," Kent said. "I just wish I would have been a bit more prudent when I made out the schedule. The California schools are really tough at home."

The next match for the Aggies in Houston March 21-24 at the Rice Invitational Tournament. The A&M women's tennis team is in action today at 1 p.m. at the Omar Smith Tennis Center against perennial power Trinity.