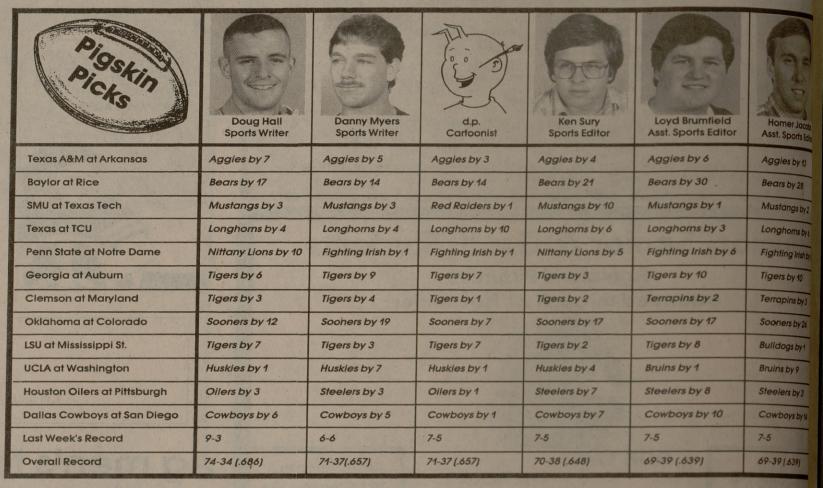




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SMU may face NCAA 'death penalty'

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist could be the first to get the "death penalty," a two-year suspension of its football program, if the most recent allegations about cash payments prove true, an NCAA official said Thursday.

The penalty is part of a 1985 sanctions package adopted by the National Collegiate Athletic Associa-

SMU now is serving three years' probation mandated in 1985 because of illegal cash payments to players by boosters and other NCAA

David Stanley, who dropped out of SMU in December 1985, told Dallas' WFAA-TV in a report aired Wednesday that he received \$750 per month in payments that continued after the NCAA sanctions. Stanley also told the station he was paid \$25,000 to sign with the Southwest

Stanley's allegations. "If there is a penalty, that will be

left to the discretion of the Committee on Infractions," NCAA enforcement Director David Berst said.
"The 'death penalty' can be imposed, but it is not mandatory.
There also could be no action."

Stanley could not be reached for comment by The Associated Press, which was unable to find a telephone listing for his family in Angleton.

SMU President L. Donald Shields said Thursday he will call a special meeting of the university's board of governors to determine what steps

"I am deeply disturbed and distressed at all allegations by a former student athlete concerning improprieties and violations of NCAA regu-

Conference school in 1983.

Athletic Director Bob Hitch and head coach Bobby Collins denied athletics," Shields said.

SMU officials will make no other comment until after the board meet-

Stanley said he was hospitalized during his stay at SMU for treatment of a drug problem and that the university paid for the treatment. Hitch conceded he knew at the time the payment for treatment violated NCAA rules, but denied giving Stanley money for anything else.

Stanley said it was P.J. "Bootsie" Larson, a former assistant coach who was fired in August 1985, who paid him the \$25,000 and initiated the monthly payments.

The former player said that after Larsen left SMU, Hitch's administrative assistant, Henry Lee Parker, continued the payments

Stanley produced univer-lopes that had been handto his mother who said to tained cash. Parker denied to lope was addressed by him he "had no involvement with

The station hired a har expert who concluded thew the envelopes, some of marked after the NGAA were imposed, was Parker's

At SMU, Stanley said made monthly payments of him and \$350 to his mother Stanley of Angleton, until dropped out of school.

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