

# New NCAA inquiries would be useless

It was announced Friday that A&M officials have completed their internal investigation into the "hush money" allegations against former A&M Head Football Coach Jackie Sherrill and found no evidence to support the original claims made by Smith in a newspaper article.

Good. Now (maybe) the only thing that needs to be cleared up is the NCAA's decision of whether to re-open the investigation into the A&M football program which resulted in a bowl ban for 1988, a reduction in scholarships and the threat of the "death penalty" until the 1993 season.



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I think the NCAA should not re-open the investigation. I don't feel this way because I'm an Aggie or because I'm an A&M football fan.

I've been an A&M football fan since before I could walk and I admit that I felt the penalties given A&M in September were light considering that two A&M assistant coaches apparently lied to NCAA investigators.

I feel the people involved have received enough punishment and the only ones hurt by further penalties would be the football players now in the A&M program and future Aggie players and coaches who were only guilty by association with Aggie football.

In short, new penalties would penalize the wrong people.

In many of these cases, the coaches and players directly involved in the violations escape any real damage.

The players, if they're good enough, move on to the professional ranks — and even greater wealth.

Oklahoma State's Hart Lee Dykes (a.k.a.

"College Football's Typhoid Mary") drives a Mercedes and received cash and other incentives from a number of schools before going to Stillwater. Dykes allegedly turned in A&M, Illinois, Oklahoma and his alma mater by revealing details of violations to NCAA investigators in return for immunity by the NCAA.

So Dykes is rewarded for being loyal to no one and gets to turn pro and enjoy a big contract while his old teammates (most of whom will never sit in a Mercedes — much less own one) aren't allowed to compete in a bowl game for three years and risk losing the football program if any investigations in the future reveal new violations.

Dykes' teammates pay his price tag while he makes millions. Not to mention the problems this has caused for hundreds of innocent players at the three other schools.

This certainly isn't to say that they don't deserve it. If the football programs had done nothing wrong they would never have been in

trouble in the first place.

The coach involved in most of the OSU penalties, former OSU Head Coach Jimmie Johnson, has since taken over at Miami and won a national title.

Johnson moves on to greener pastures while his recruits suffer and his former employer takes a beating in the media.

This involves more than just football — the futures and reputations of coaches and players are affected.

The NCAA should penalize schools regardless of whether the coach who committed the violations is still coaching there or elsewhere. However, it seems to me that maybe coaches (and don't forget boosters) wouldn't be as willing to buy players and break other rules if they knew they would be fired upon being caught.

Players may not be so willing to look for handouts if they knew they were risking a suspension of life-long ban from college sports upon being caught.

I feel A&M deserves a break from the NCAA because the administration followed through on Mobley's promise to the NCAA in August to take the necessary steps to "clean up" the program.

What else should A&M do? Any further penalties would be needless.

The problems in college football have come from the institution that benefits from it more than any other — the National Football League.

The greedy NFL enjoys the luxury of having the world's best "farm system" and doesn't pay a cent for it.

Perhaps if the NFL instituted a farm system for talent like Major League Baseball.

# Aggie swim team winners over TCU

By Tom Kehoe  
SPORTS WRITER

The Texas A&M men's swimming team defeated Texas Christian University 70-41 in a dual meet Saturday at the Rickel Center Pool in Fort Worth.

It was the Aggies' second win over TCU this season.

A&M won all but one of the swimming events in the meet.

The Aggies controlled the meet from the beginning with a win in the 400-yard medley relay, narrowly defeating the Horned Frog swimmers 3:26.77 to 3:27.23.

A&M also won the 400-yard freestyle relay under the same conditions, shooting down the Horned Frogs best quartet by almost two full seconds.

The meet was filled with exceptional performances by several Aggie swimmers led by junior Peter Staruch and senior Aaron McDonough.

Staruch, who transferred to A&M from the University of Southern

California after his freshman year, won the 100-yard backstroke in 53.26 seconds and swam the leadoff leg on the victorious medley relay.

His time in the backstroke was a personal unshaved, untapered best.

McDonough won the 100 and 200-yard freestyles and swam on the winning freestyle relay. The freestyle specialist from Safety Harbor, Fla. won the 100-yard sprint in 47.70 seconds and the 200-yard event in 1:43.97.

Junior Mike Varozza also turned in a strong performance for the Aggies.

Although Varozza had been bothered by flu during the week, he swam on both wimpy relays and won the 100-yard butterfly in 50.08 seconds.

Other Aggie winners at TCU were Scott Shippey in the 1000-yard freestyle, Anthony Mondello in the 500-yard freestyle, Todd Bartece in the 400-yard individual medley and Don Boyd in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The next meet for the Aggies will be at 6 p.m. Friday in Austin when the men's and women's teams swim against the University of Texas at the Texas Swimming Center.

## Ags

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needed to," Thompson said. "We underestimated them. We didn't get on them and they pulled ahead and stayed ahead of the whole game."

Tech initially took the lead at the 13-minute mark of the first half, when forward Tracy White got three of his nine points on a 22-footer. The lead went back and forth until Tech went ahead for good with

about three minutes left in the first half.

Suber pulled the Aggies within six at 59-53 with 6:13 remaining in the second half. Tech rebounded with a seven-point run to drive the Aggies back.

The Aggies attempted to close the margin with three-pointers but could only hit one. Metcalf said his team was rushing their shots a little.

A&M travels to Austin Wednesday to battle the Texas Longhorns (6-1 in the SWC) for a 7:30 p.m. tipoff.

## Lady Ags

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lead to two with 10 minutes left in the first half. The Lady Raiders answered by outscoring the Lady Ags 18-10 to take a 34-24 lead with four minutes left until halftime.

A&M was able to cut the lead to two with a shot by Madison with five seconds left. Tech responded with a shot at the buzzer to lead 40-36.

Madison scored 10 of her 16

points during the A&M rallies.

The second half was a repeat of the first with Tech stretching the lead to as much as 10, only to have the Lady Ags close it the margin.

A&M trailed 78-69 with three minutes left. The Lady Ags ran off eight straight points to claim the lead for the first time on a three-pointer by Dena Russo.

The Lady Ags were optimistic after Russo's shot.

"We thought, at that point, we were going to pull it out and win," Russo said.

"We thought we were going to win it at that point, but they came back," A&M's Lori Dillard said. "We aren't going to let this affect us. We are going to take this feeling and use it to help us win, so we don't have to experience this feeling again."

"It's a long season and we still have a shot at winning the SWC."

A&M's final rally worried Tech head coach Marsha Sharp.

"I was worried when they hit the three-pointer," Sharp said. "We have a young club and they could have easily given up."

However, Tech scored the last eight points of the game, six from the line, as A&M failed to get a basket.

"We couldn't buy a basket out there," Jordon said.

The loss leaves A&M 13-5 for the year and tied with Arkansas for second place at 5-2 in SWC play. Tech is now 9-9 on the year and 3-4 in SWC.

A&M's next game will be Saturday against Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. Tipoff is scheduled for 5 p.m.

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6:30-8pm

M/W, Jan 30 - March 8  
8-9:30pm

T/Th, March 21 - April 27  
8-9:30pm  
\$25/student

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