

Battalion file photo Shelby Metcalf said he's waiting for some nice weather to go fishing. He's also been keeping up with A&M basketball.

Metcalf continuing without coaching job

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DALLAS (AP) — Shelby Metcalf - remember him? - spends his days taking care of two cats and a dog and reading a shoe box full of

mail. He recently beat what he called "flu from hell" and has watched numerous basketball games on tele-vision "trying to figure out how I

fouled up." Metcalf may be down, but you couldn't kill his sense of humor with liquid edger. "I'm just waiting for the weather

to get nice so I can get after the fish on Lake Gig 'Em," he said. "I'd probably make a pretty good fishing guide except I don't like fish-ing when the weather is bad." Metcalf, as the British would say, is keeping a stiff upper lip.

is keeping a stiff upper lip. The job of his life as Texas A&M University basketball coach was over as suddenly as a game when the op-

ponent hits a winning three-point shot at the buzzer.

On Monday, Jan. 23, the 59-year-old Metcalf was given the gate after 27 years as head basketball coach. The combination of the sudden

firing by Athletic Director John David Crow and lingering influenza put Metcalf in his own personal twilight zone.

He had nowhere to go, nothing to

do. "I'd been coaching since 1955 and

then it was over just like that calf said. "Coaching and That's about all I knew how to Metcalf hasn't been back As

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Rollie White Coliseum to see gies play, but has caught som on television and the radio He follows with interest

CO ports about who will replaceh Asked about Idaho coach Davis, Metcalf said, "I o CO against his dad at Mississipp He and his dad are both good ple. Kermit is a very personable Of course, I guess that will kill since I said something nice a CO

him." Metcalf doesn't want to take his possible successor because fondness for John Thornton, a assistant, who has been the in coach since Metcalf was ouste

Metcalf is pulling hard for Th ton. Metcalf has almost become a

formation central about the Other coaches call him looking

information.

Former Arkansas and Kent head coach Eddie Sutton has c three times. "Eddie didn't call me when he

Arkansas, and now he calls up the time," Metcalf quipped. Metcalf welcomes callers.

His cats and dog are good fite but they don't talk basketball.

And you can tell baskether something Metcalf really misses

A&M tennis team hosts SWT

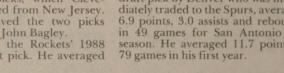
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Texas State Thursday at the Omar Smith Tennis Cen-

matches to reach it

The schools matched up eight times in the open tournathree of five singles matches and all three doubles meet-





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