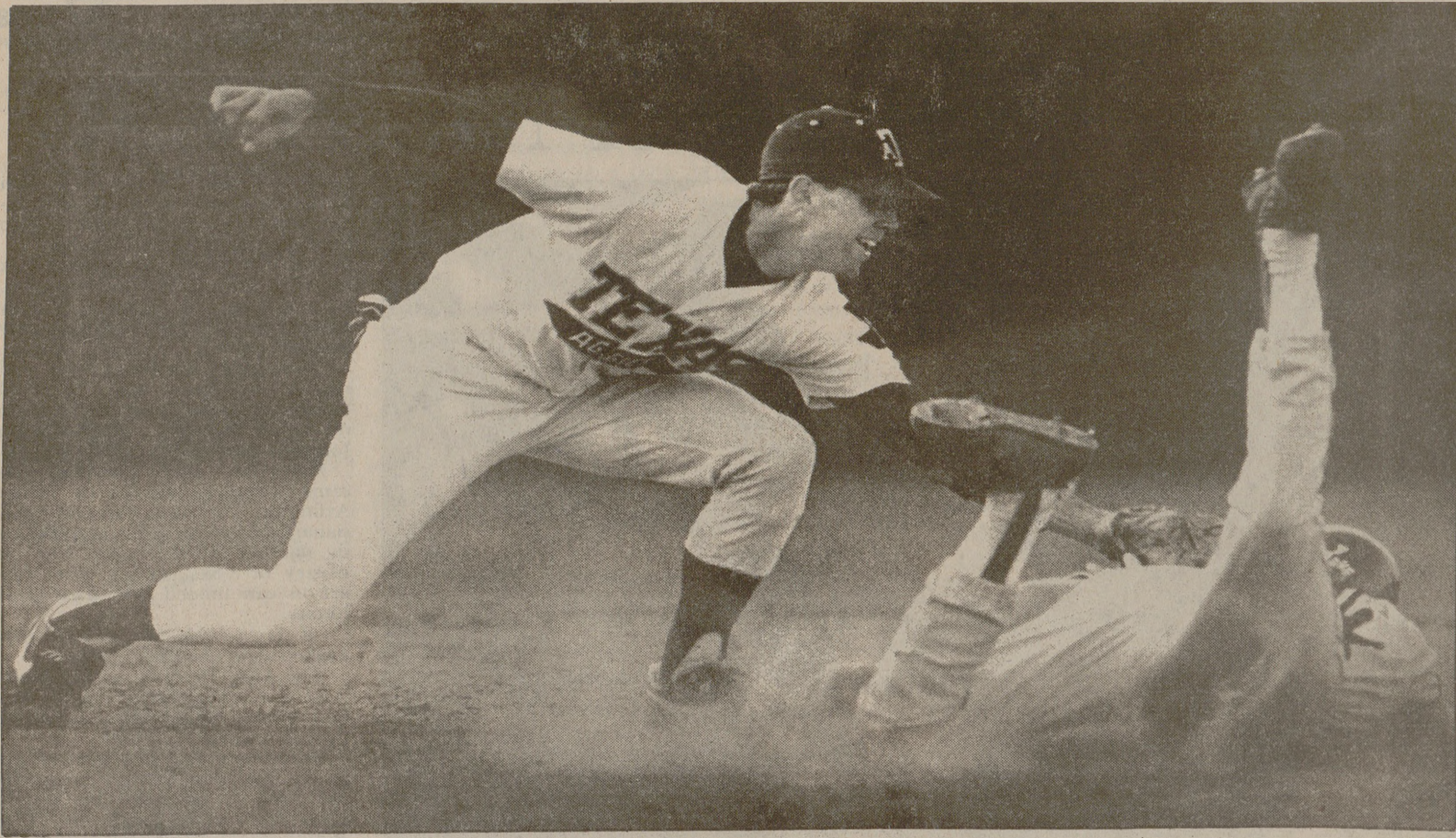


He's outta there



Texas A&M shortstop Jason Marshall tags out LSU's Scott Bethea in Friday's game at Olsen Field. The Aggies beat LSU 4-2.

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# Collegiate star Gathers collapses, dies Sunday at 23

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hank Gathers, the West Coast Conference's all-time leading scorer and No. 11 on the NCAA's all-time scoring list, died Sunday night after collapsing on the court during Loyola Marymount's game against Portland.

He was 23.

Gathers was pronounced dead at Daniel Freeman Marina Hospital, where he was taken after collapsing with 13:34 left in the first half of the WCC tournament game.

He died at 6:55 p.m. PST, a school spokesman said.

As a junior last season, Gathers became only the second player in NCAA history to lead the nation in scoring and rebounding, averaging 32.7 points and 13.7 rebounds.

A 6-foot-7, 210-pound center from Philadelphia, Gathers was forecast as a first-round selection in this year's NBA draft. He passed up the draft following his junior season.

Last season, he led the nation in scoring and rebounding.

It was the second time this season that Gathers had fainted on his home court during a game.

On Dec. 9 against UC Santa Barbara, Gathers went to the foul line with 13:56 left in the second half, missed his first free throw, stepped away from the foul line and went down.

He underwent several days of tests in a local hospital and returned after missing two games.

Gathers passed those tests and began taking medication to regulate his heartbeat. Doctors suspected that an accelerated heartbeat may have led to the fainting spell on that occasion.

Gathers convinced the doctors to cut back on his medication, after which he felt his body strength improving. He turned the corner in the first week in February when he scored 44 points against St. Mary's.

After Gathers collapsed, a decision to postpone the tournament was made by Conference Commissioner Mike Gilleran.

He appeared to be suffering convulsions for a few seconds while his mother and aunt rushed out of the stands in front of a hushed crowd at Gersten Pavilion. Their cries were audible to everyone in the building.

Athletic Director Brian Quinn said that three physicians worked on Gathers while he was placed into the ambulance and taken to the hospital.

Gilleran, in his sixth season as WCC commissioner, stated that there will be no conference game played Monday.

## No. 7 Texas drops games to No. 17 Illini

AUSTIN (AP) — Sophomore Jason Moler picked up his second victory and second complete game of the season as 17th-ranked Illinois clipped 7th-ranked Texas 6-3 Sunday afternoon, taking two of three in a series with the Longhorns.

The Fighting Illini improved their record to 7-5 while Texas fell to 16-7. The series was the first meeting between the two schools since 1963.

## Akeem like a dream, nets quadruple double

HOUSTON (AP) — Akeem Olajuwon, who usually downplays his heroics on the court, was all smiles after collecting the third quadruple-double in NBA history.

"That's a big accomplishment," Olajuwon said after scoring 29 points with 18 rebounds, 11 blocked shots and 10 assists. "Coach (Don) Chaney had asked me if I wanted to go back into the game to get that block."

He got two blocks in the final 4:02 as Houston won 129-120 over Golden State Saturday.

When the game ended, Olajuwon was only credited with nine assists, but the Rockets' staff looked at the film after the game and detected an uncredited assist.

"It's legitimate," Chaney said. "I've got it on film."

The uncredited assist happened when Olajuwon made a kick-out pass to Buck Johnson, who sank a jumper.

Despite his performance, which also included five steals, Chaney said the center is capable of more.

## Vincent swaying toward owners

NEW YORK (AP) — Most evenings lately, the door to Fay Vincent's office swings open sometime after 6 p.m. For the next 30 minutes, the commissioner of baseball holds what amounts to a fireside chat.

"I've reached an agreement with the union that there will be baseball in my administration," he said one evening, his smile beginning to widen. "We just haven't agreed on which year."

Negotiations between the players association and owners resume Monday, the 19th day of the spring training lockout. Vincent, at least to the union, appears to be the catalyst for movement on management's side.

"The first glimmer of interest on the club's side of reaching an agreement seemed to coincide with his getting involved," union chief Donald Fehr said Sunday.

The sides remain apart on salary arbitration eligibility, roster size, the benefit plan, minimum salary and collusion language. They haven't formally met since Feb. 24 and opening day probably will be delayed if


there is no agreement by the end of this week.

"We've been gone for several days," said Fehr, who spent the week in Arizona, California and Florida rallying players. "It seems to me appropriate at the least that we should review where we are."

Vincent has sounded pessimistic throughout negotiations. As chief executive officer of Columbia Pictures Industries Inc., he had to deal with larger economic issues. But none were mixed with the distrust of the baseball talks.

"I've tried to keep this from becoming a discussion of moral issues," he said. "I don't know if I've succeeded."

Vincent joined baseball last April 1 as Deputy Commissioner under A. Bartlett Giamatti. He spent his first five months coordinating the Pete Rose investigation and became commissioner on Sept. 13, 13 days after Giamatti's fatal heart attack.



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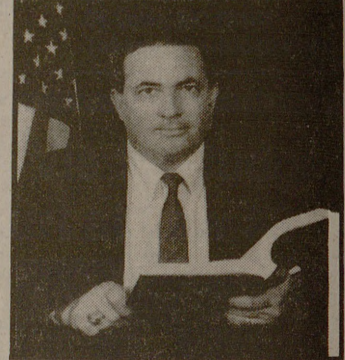
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