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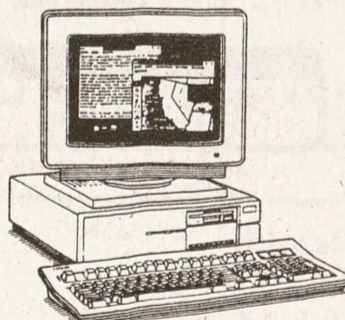
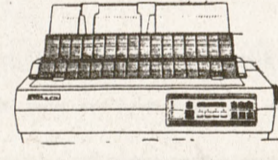
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Tourney takes hold of airtime

story. The rain continued to fall outside, and inside mom continued to denounce the sport of basketball as a whole.

Teams would come — teams would go. Kermit Davis departed, unnoticed to the network's national audience, but his fate was already a foregone conclusion.

The big basketball powers phased out those little teams that really didn't belong. All the big powers were true to form, except for Syracuse, who was bugged out by a dream-stealing Richmond team.

CBS' onslaught of coverage continued throughout the weekend. The network hopped, skipped, and jumped to four different tournament sites hoping not to miss any buzzer beaters.

There were few close games to speak of in the 48 games of the first two rounds, but the network forged on.

CBS must have grabbed for every sportscaster available — even a woman. I thought mom would be happy about that. But most men probably were not.

Listening to someone named Mimi telling a bunch of sweating 6-foot-9 guys when to "block out" and how to "post up" just doesn't work.

And watching college basketball just wasn't the same without the most colorful of color commentators.

"Where's Dick Vitale?" I would chuckle to my disgruntled mom.

Come on CBS, give him the rock, bab — y!

The field now has been narrowed to 16 teams from its original 64 hopefuls.

Few survivors will be left when the championship is over April 1 — One glorified champion, one tired network. And mom.

Search goes on for new head coach

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not as great as last year because many possible applicants are wary of the outcome of the pending NCAA investigation.

"I have no idea what the NCAA is going to do," he said. "No one has any idea of what they're going to do."

However, Crow said the list of applicants he has received so far is as qualified as last year's.

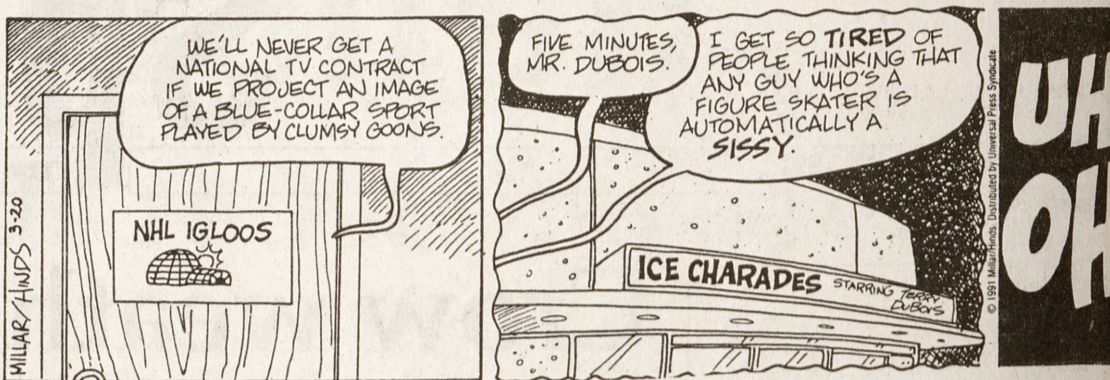
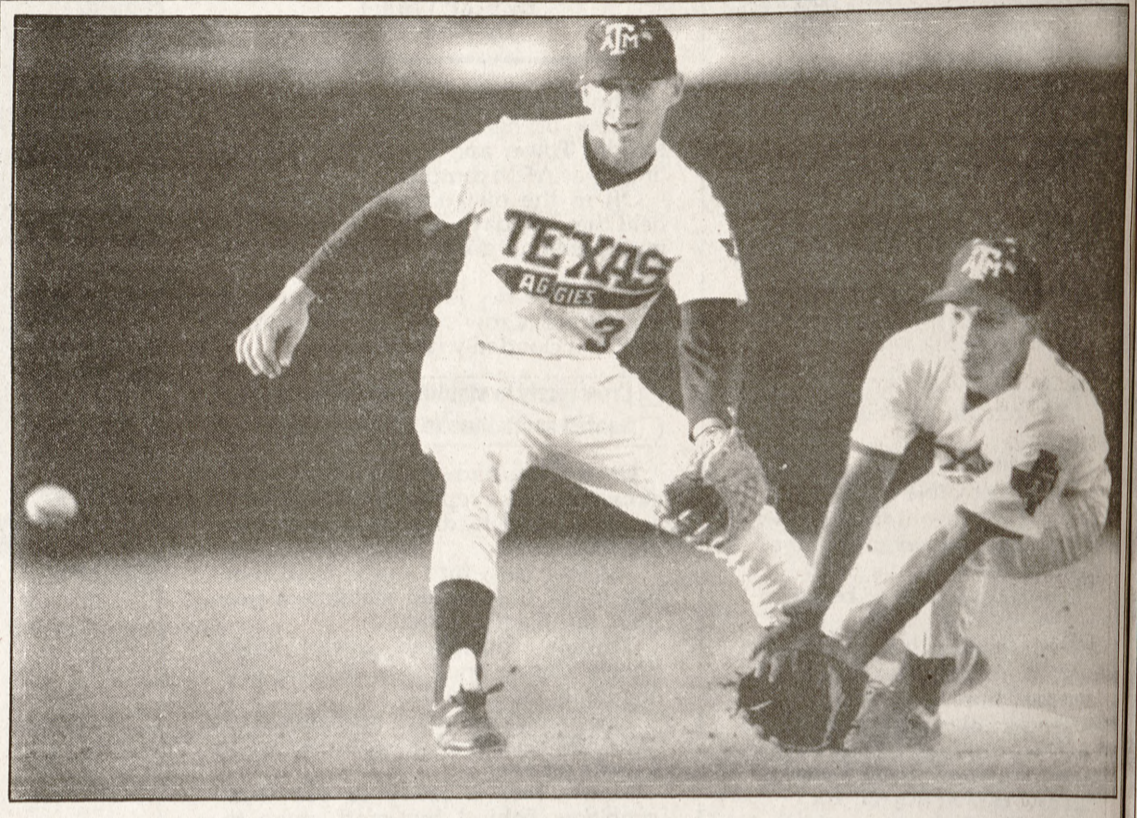
"Some of them are bonafide coaches that have been in the NIT and NCAA (tournaments)," Crow said. "In some cases, they were there this year."

Crow said the position needs to be filled in time to recruit prospective players for next year's program.

Three high school players already have given oral commitments to the Aggies. The national signing day for all high school athletes is April 15.

"We need someone to get on board and start to work as quickly as possible," Crow said.

TANK McNAMARA®
 by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds

A&M shortstop Jason Marshall, steps up to cover second baseman Sittichoke Huckntod on steal attempt during the Aggies first game against UTA Tuesday evening. A&M swept the Mavericks 5-2, 7-5.

Aggies run past Mavericks; sweep doubleheader 5-2, 7-5

By Alan Lehmann
 The Battalion

A&M started slowly Tuesday night, but pulled away when it counted.

The Aggies came from behind to win both ends of the doubleheader against the University of Texas-Arlington at Olsen Field 5-2 and 7-4.

A&M improved to 23-9 while UTA dropped to 15-14.

"I didn't think we played badly," said Aggie head coach Mark Johnson. "We had a couple of mental errors, but we overcame them. We got some pitchers into the game that I wanted to see."

The Aggies trailed 3-1 in the second game before coming back for a run in the second and two in the third.

Third baseman Travis Williams launched a towering solo home run in the second. The homer was Williams fifth of the season, giving him the team lead.

"I hit it well," Williams said, "and I was pretty sure it was gone."

Aggie southpaw Jay Hogue lasted only two innings, although none of the three runs he surrendered were earned.

A&M used muscle and speed to take the lead. Singles by Brian Thomas and Dan Robinson, sandwiched around a walk, loaded the bases.

First baseman Conrad Colby muscled a deep sacrifice fly that allowed all runners to advance, tying the game. After Hickey was erased at the plate on a fielder's choice, the Aggies stole the lead.

When Maverick lefthander Jason LaPoint toed the pitching rubber, Robinson dashed for the plate and Jason Marshall broke for second base. By the time LaPoint looked to the plate, Robinson was sliding across it with a lead the Aggies would never relinquish.

Johnson said the play is dangerous, but rewarding.

"It's a play that looks good when it works, but really bad when it doesn't."

Freshman designated hitter Billy Harlan, who has played sparingly this season, made Johnson look good in the fourth inning with a solo homer. Harlan rocketed a fast-ball over the left field wall just left of the 375 mark for his first round-tripper of the season.

The Mavericks scored another unearned run in the fifth to cut the lead to 5-4, but that was as close as they got.

In the bottom of the sixth, Harlan singled, advanced on a wild pitch, fielder's choice and scored on a past ball. Hickey doubled in another run to make the score 7-4.

But it got a little scary in the eighth inning. After Alan Fivash, the third A&M pitcher, got into trouble with two outs and two on, Trey Witte came in to shut the door.

But Witte made it interesting, walking the first two batters he faced to push a run across. He bounced back strong, though, to strike out the next batter and retired the side in the ninth, striking out two more.

"I think my mental approach was the problem, not my mechanics," Witte said. "But I feel confident as the closer. I get

more confident each time I go out."

Witte picked up his third save of the year, while Steve Hughes (2-1) picked up the win. Hughes, the second Aggie pitcher, allowed only one unearned run on two hits and two walks in three innings.

In the first contest, the Aggies roared back from a 2-0 deficit for three runs in the third inning and two more in the fourth.

Maverick starter Chris Gay had allowed only one hit and faced the minimum number of batters when Harlan singled up the middle with one out in the third.

Harlan, the designated hitter, scored when Blake Pyle ripped a triple deep into right-center field. Sittichoke Huckntod followed with a hustling double to center that tied the score.

One out later, Mike Hickey stroked a double down the third base line to give A&M a 3-2 lead.

That was enough for Aggie starter Jason Bullard (4-1), who pitched four innings and picked up the win.

"I felt good tonight," Bullard said. "The team played good defense behind me, so I knew that all I had to do was go out and throw strikes."

Leading off the fourth, Colby pulled a single into right. One out later, Williams laced a single into left field.

Both runners advanced on a wild pitch before Harlan punched an RBI single into left field. Pyle beat out an infield single that closed out the scoring.

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