

Davis' behavior sets example

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ways had of the young coach as one of a warm, honest man. The allegations portrayed Davis as a cold, calculating coach, taking advantage of his boyish size to cover up flagrant NCAA rules violations.

But I think his mistakes were made honestly, and that his nature betrayed him.

What else could have happened? Why would any coach come into a school already under NCAA scrutiny and cheat?

Davis is a smart man, as well as a good coach. He kept the Aggies close in games against teams with tons more talent, and did it with an injury-riddled and scandal-plagued team.

Davis told The Battalion last Wednesday that he was sorry he'd ever met Johnson.

"If you could turn back the clock and we could know what we know now about Rob Johnson, we wouldn't have gotten involved," Davis said. "He presented himself as a good person, when we found out later about his background and the speculation about him."

And he obviously knew about A&M's past problems.

A wise man once said you can measure a man by the size of the things that bother him. By that standard, Davis is a big man.

I would have gotten pretty upset if reporters followed me into his office and asked how I felt to be fired, when I hadn't been. I would have been lashed out and punched a little.

But Davis didn't. He stood tall and firm in a media whirlwind that would have blown away a lesser man.

And when he was forced to resign, Davis went quietly, not attempting to bring down the athletic program, as his predecessor, Shelby Metcalf did.

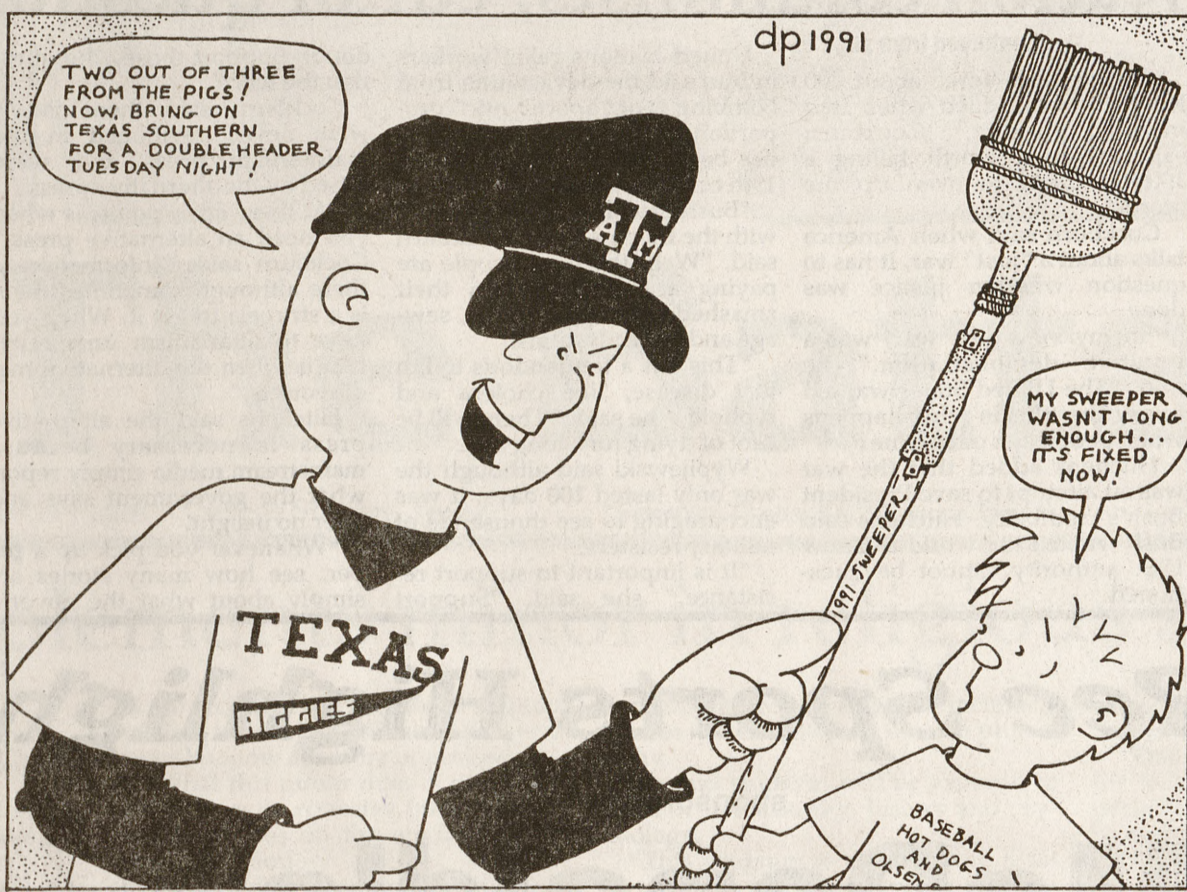
When Metcalf felt the end was near, he lashed out at Athletic Director John David Brown and used the press to wage a bitter feud that tarnished the image of A&M athletics.

But Davis is leaving quietly, against the advice of his lawyer who urged Davis to sue the University for insufficient evidence of Davis' wrongdoing.

Davis even urged his players, Brooks Thompson, to stay at A&M, when he easily could have steered them to other schools.

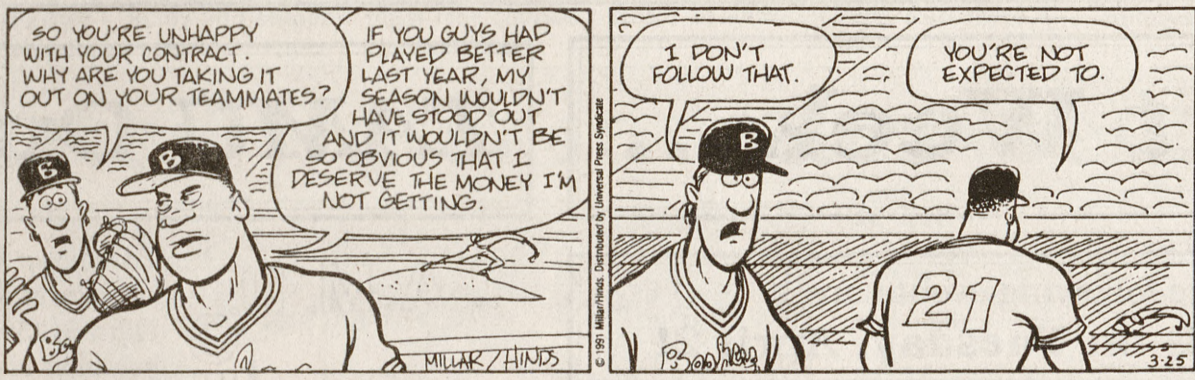
When the foul winds of CAA investigations die down, Davis will be gone. But he will teach again at another school and he will be successful.

Adversity builds character, and after riding out this storm, Davis can only be stronger.



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North Carolina, Duke give ACC two entries in Final 4

By The Associated Press

North Carolina and Duke, whose campuses are just a long jog apart, will be sharing a new neighborhood next weekend in Indianapolis.

The Atlantic Coast Conference rivals advanced to the Final Four on Sunday, giving the league half of the NCAA semifinal field for the second straight year.

North Carolina held off tenacious Temple 75-72 for the East Regional championship, ending Dean Smith's longest absence from the Final Four and making him the first coach to get there in four different decades.

Duke defeated St. John's 78-61 for the Midwest title, joining UCLA and Cincinnati as the only schools to make four consecutive Final Four appearances.

The victories set up intriguing semifinal matchups next Saturday at the Hoosier Dome.

The Blue Devils (30-7) will play

top-ranked UNLV (34-0) in a rematch of last year's championship game, a 103-73 rout by the Runnin' Rebels. North Carolina (29-5) meets Kansas (26-7) in a pupil-teacher showdown between Dean Smith and former assistant Roy Williams.

The Final Four also had two ACC teams last year, Duke and Georgia Tech.

King Rice hit four free throws in the last 22 seconds and Temple's Mark Macon missed a potential, game-tying 3-pointer with four seconds left, putting North Carolina in the Final Four for the first time since winning the national title in 1982.

"Maybe now I won't get any letters asking why I hadn't been to the Final Four," said Smith, who lost four consecutive regional finals after winning his first seven. "I can hardly remember the last time we made it. I'm pleased for the seniors who haven't been there before."

Although his team lost, Macon wasn't haunted by his humiliating 6-for-29 performance in the 1988 East Regional final, which took place on the same court in East Rutherford, N.J.

The senior guard scored 31 points on 12-of-23 shooting and earned regional MVP honors. His fourth 3-pointer, with nine seconds left, cut North Carolina's lead to 73-72. But Rice then hit two free throws and Macon misfired on his final 3-point attempt.

"I've never guarded anyone other than Rodney Monroe that has so much confidence in his shot," said Rick Fox, who shadowed Macon on his final drive. "He's definitely one of the best shooting guards in the country."

Smith moved into a tie with UCLA's John Wooden for most career victories in the NCAA tournament. Smith's tourney record is 47-21; Wooden was 47-18.

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