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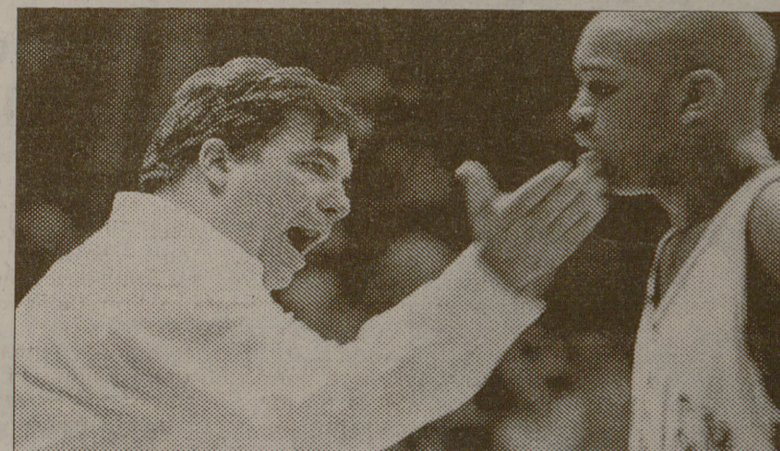
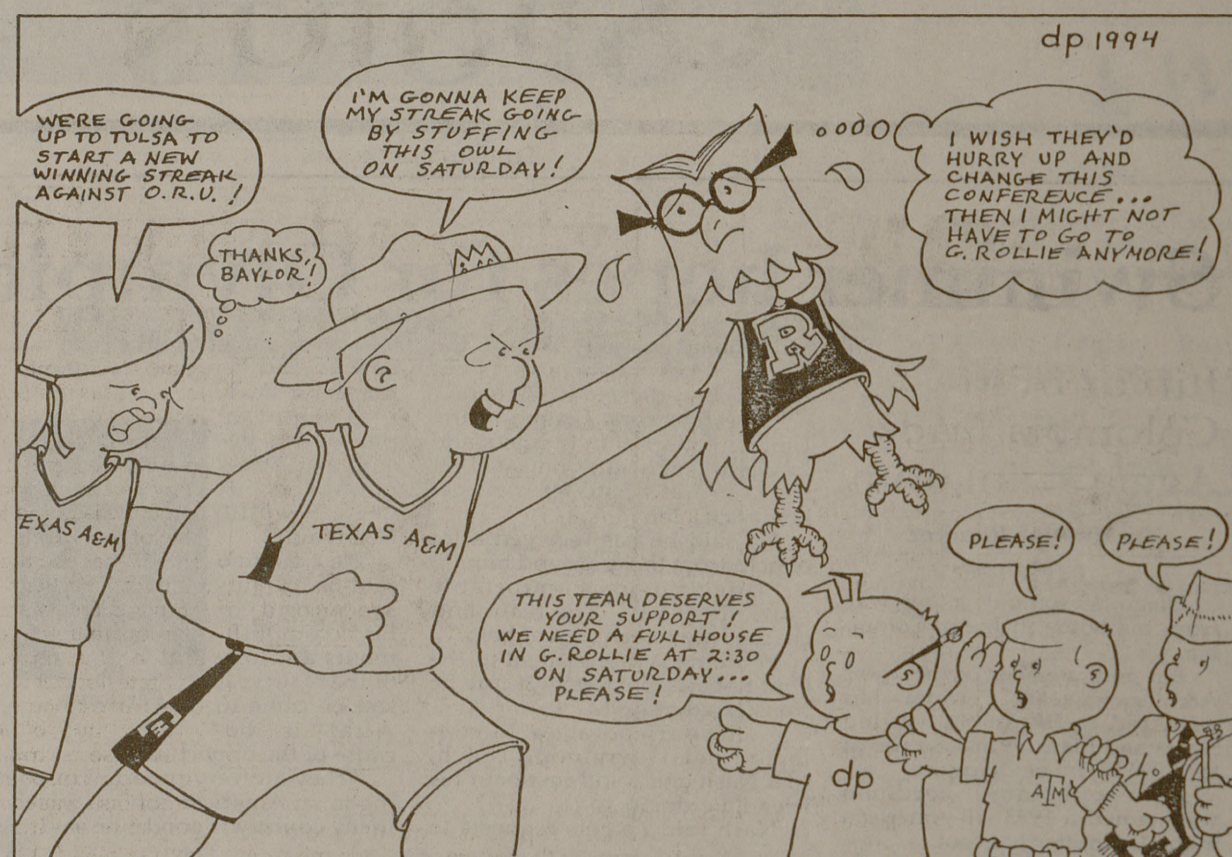
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William Harrison/The Battalion  
Tony Barone talks with David Edwards during the game against the University of Houston on Wednesday night.

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**Perdomo**

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with the new swimming facilities at the Recreational Sports and Natatorium will help recruiting for years to come.

Perdomo also hopes to attend the Olympics in 1996. He has already represented Colombia in various international meets.

"I've been representing my country 10 to 15 times in international meets. I have a good chance to go to the World Championships and finish eight to twelfth," he said.

Perdomo says his sense of hu-

mor and international experience has helped the team especially the freshmen. He said he gives

**"It has been really hard for me. I get homesick a lot."**

- Diego Perdomo, A&M All-American junior swimmer

them this advice.

"I swim because I enjoy it and I do my best. Sometimes you have to lose and you don't win

all the time," he said. "You can't beat everyone just try your best."

Nash said Perdomo is a hard worker and has brought experience to the team.

"He's a very, very hard worker and very competitive. His international experience has helped with the younger guys and gives them more confidence," Nash said. "He gets fired up for competition and gets excited with some of the things we can do this year."

He said after he graduates he plans to swim in the Olympics and finish in the top eight.

"I want to go to the Olympics after my senior year. I'd like to swim for three more years," he said.

**Edwards**

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nation of numbers as odd, but when describing a point guard, what does one look for? A point guard has to be a playmaker, someone who can spontaneously create on the court.

On offense, an ideal point guard has to be able to spot the open man or take the shot when it comes to him.

The point guard usually draws one of the toughest defensive assignments every game since he has to guard the opposing point guard. What Edwards gives up by being slight of build (he stands at 5 feet 9 inches), he more than makes up with his sleight of hand, leading the conference in steals with 2.9 per game.

Despite having only one swipe against UH, Edwards now has 206 career steals, putting him only two behind all-time A&M leader Todd Holloway (1983-87).

Edwards has also moved within reach of A&M's all-time assist record, currently held by Dave Goff (1976-80) with 535. With his Wednesday night total, Edwards has 516 assists.

At times this season, Edwards has been overshadowed by another SWC point guard, UT's B.J. Tyler, and at other times by his teammates, including the dominating emergence of Joe Wilbert, and the last-second heroics of Chuck Henderson. Despite his

lack of press time, Edwards has become an all-around player, on pace to set career highs this season in assists, steals, minutes played and three-point field goals.

He adds an extra dimension to the Aggies' attack by averaging 4.9 rebounds per game, fourth on the team. He also leads A&M in free throws made, attempted and free throw percentage.

But the numbers mean nothing if you've never seen Edwards in action. Against UH, made a pass that I don't think anyone short of Magic Johnson or Jason Kidd could have pulled off. With the Cougars still threatening late in the first half, Edwards dribbled into the left corner, and bounced the ball

backwards between his legs. From the press row, I thought the pass was going to Chuck Henderson who was cutting through the lane, but Henderson had stopped short of the ball's trajectory.

But the ball instead landed right in the hands of its intended receiver, Wilbert, who made an easy lay-up, and drew the foul.

Perhaps the highest praise a player can receive is from his coach, and when it comes to starting point guard, Barone has nothing but praise.

"David is an unselfish basketball player, there have been a lot of good guards in the SWC over the years," Barone said. "This honor is a tremendous credit to David Edwards."

**Boitano falls, sees Olympic dream dashed**

The Associated Press

HAMAR, Norway - Have an off night with the ice show, and there's always the next town.

Own the ice show, as Brian Boitano did, and it gets even better. Because then the judges can't get at your paycheck or your paycheck.

About a year ago, not long after professionals were allowed back into the Winter Games, Boitano announced he was swapping all that for this non-paying gig. Say what you will about his judgment, he said he needed the competition.

Yet he was probably rethinking his needs after falling flat on his butt coming down out of a triple axel jump barely 50 seconds into Thursday night's technical program.

"Nerves, yeah, I'm sure that was a part of it," Boitano said.

"More than that, though, I think it happened because I was thinking of something else. I kept saying 'I hope I land it, I hope I land it, instead of staying in the moment...."

"But everything else was first-rate," he added. "And I'm happy with myself for being able to concentrate after that."

For the first time in a year, Boitano was being forced to confront the possibility that all the work and all the sacrifice would count for nothing because of one false step in a 2-minute, 40-second routine filled with dozens of exceptional ones.

Sweat ran in rivulets down his longish black sideburns and his right leg jiggled with an overflow of nervous energy.

"It's like a dream, like it really can't be happening," he said. "It's like you're really not there."

"It's like," Boitano paused. "Like an out-of-body experience."

Though the rest of his program was nearly flawless, at the time the judges at the Olympic Amphitheatre panned down their hammers, Boitano, the 1988 Olympic champion, was securely nailed to eighth place.

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Track

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the best in the conference early in the season at the meet in Norman, Ok., and Stacy Zamora last year's runner up in the 100 will be top contenders in men's 600-meter run.

Richard Murphy, Larry Wade and Curt Young will be the Aggie hurdlers in what is the team's strongest event as depth is concerned.

Nelson says the lengthening of the track to 180m from the 150 should give better times than previous years.

Nelson calls the meet just another step in the teams' preparation for the outdoor season and downplays the importance of the meet emphasizing that the Aggies are traditionally stronger outdoor team.

"We want to be strong going into the outdoor meets," Nelson said. "We are looking to score many team points as possible but we have to be realistic about our chances on the indoor track. We are not where we should be."

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