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## Arizona 'Cats lead 'weak' West

The Associated Press

Basketball teams from the West didn't do much to help themselves in this year's NCAA tournament.

With five conferences going 1-for-9 in the first round, western teams landed with a thud loud enough to be heard clear across the Mississippi.

Most embarrassing was the performance of the Pacific-10, which sent four teams, including two No. 5 seeds, UCLA and California. Both were gone after the first round.

"I don't think anybody feels good about that," said Arizona coach Lute Olson, whose team is the lone survivor from the Pacific and Mountain time zones. "Certainly we're disappointed about that, but there's nothing we can do about it."

The tourney appearances by Big West, Western Athletic, West Coast and Big Sky conference schools were just as brief. New Mexico State, New Mexico, Hawaii, Pepperdine and Boise State all went down in the first round.

Olson knows something about underachieving at tournament time, having seen his team lose in the first round as a No. 2 seed last year and a No. 3 seed the year before.

"We let the conference down last year," he said. "This year it's our turn to do the job."

After beating Loyola of Maryland handily, Arizona meets Louisville in Thursday's regional semifinal.

## Turning the corner . . .



Mary Macmanus/The Battalion  
**Billy Carroll** rounds third during the Aggies 20-7 loss to the University of Texas on Sunday. A&M plays Mary Hardin Baylor University tonight at 7.

## Southwest Texas coach resigns after first-round loss

The Associated Press

SAN MARCOS — Jim Wooldridge, who guided Southwest Texas State to its first ever NCAA Tournament this year and a 25-7 record, was named Monday as Louisiana Tech's new head men's basketball coach.

The announcement came from Louisiana Tech President Dr. Dan Rneau and Athletic Director Jerry Stovall. Wooldridge's appointment is pending approval of the Louisiana Board of Trustees.

Wooldridge will be introduced to the media at a press conference at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in

Ruston.

"Jim Wooldridge was offered the position as Tech's men's basketball coach Sunday and accepted this morning," Stovall said.

Southwest Texas officials said a search for Wooldridge's replacement will begin immediately. Athletic director Richard Hannan said he hoped a successor was named quickly because of the approach of the signing period for NCAA national letters of intent.

Wooldridge takes over for Jerry Loyd who was head coach for five years after three years as an assistant.

Loyd resigned at Tech after a 2-25 season.

His contract was to run out in June.

Wooldridge played at Louisiana Tech in the mid-1970's earning his Bachelor's Degree in 1977. Twice he was named the Bulldogs' outstanding defensive player and in 1975-76 starred on Tech's Southland Conference championship team.

He began his coaching career at Tech as a student assistant in 1977-78 under J.D. Barnett.

Wooldridge got his first chance as a head coach at Central Missouri in 1985 after serving three years there as an assistant coach, including 1983-84 when the Mules captured the NCAA Division II National Championship.

## Swim

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head swimming coach Mel Nash's squad.

Michaels was redshirted in his first year at A&M after transferring from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

Michaels and his teammates would be pleased to match their female counterparts' performance this past weekend at the women's end of the championships this past weekend in Indianapolis.

The women finished 20th overall in the tournament, their highest finish since 1985, when they finished at 11th place.

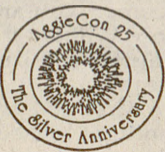
The women's team was led by junior Susie Geyer who finished fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke, and was part of the 400-yard freestyle relay team that earned honorable mention All-American honors.

Geyer said the team's high placing in the meet was not a surprise to her and her teammates.

"We went in thinking we could

make the top 20, we didn't want anything less than finishing that high," Geyer said.

A 10th place finish in the 200-yard free relay was much more than that to the women's team. Their finishing time of 1 minute, 32.94 seconds may only have been tenth-best at the tournament, but it was the fastest time ever for the women.



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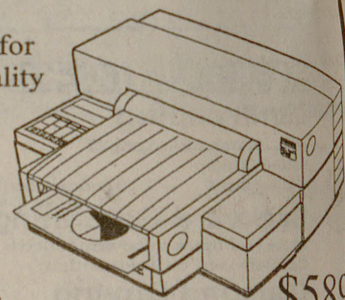
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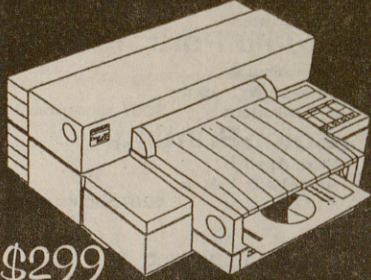


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