

# Richard Smith

## Republican for State Representative

### BACKGROUND

- ✦ Businessman / rancher
- ✦ Texas A&M Class of 1959
- ✦ B.S. Mechanical Engineering
- ✦ Corps of Cadets, Squadron 22
- ✦ Former Captain, U.S. Air Force



### LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ State Representative, 1985-1991
- ✦ Member, Appropriations Committee, 1987-88
- ✦ Chairman, Committee on Public Safety, 1989-90
- ✦ Named to Texas Monthly's "Ten Best Legislators List", 1987
- ✦ Recognized as "Crimefighter of the Year" by Texas State Troopers Association, 1990



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## Light at end of tunnel for Aggie



**Men's Basketball**  
Following a heartbreaking overtime loss to University of Texas on Jan. 15, the Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team took Thursday and Sunday off to recharge its batteries. But the road gets no easier for the Aggies this week as they travel to Lawrence, Kan., to face the Jayhawks. A good game would do a lot to boost the confidence of the young Aggies, who are looking forward to the test.

### If we're David, then y'all must be...

With the Aggies venturing to Allen Fieldhouse to take on the Jayhawks tonight, it springs to mind that playing the top-ranked team in the country might not be the best way to end a seven-game losing streak. While playing Kansas on the road is a daunting task for any team, it will be the Aggies' first real taste of big-time, major college basketball. Basketball is to the Jayhawks what football is to the Aggies, and what frat parties are to the teasips.

That being said, the young Aggie hoopsters should concentrate on one thing as they cross the

cornfields — having fun. No one expects them to win, so why not just play loose (but intense) basketball and enjoy where they are?

A&M Head Coach Tony Barone said with challenge comes opportunity, and that's how this young team should view this game. For a young team cutting their teeth on Big 12 competition, the contest should provide a good measuring stick of where they are and how close they are to where they want to be.

### Any day now...

Despite playing competitively in every game during their current seven-game skid (excluding the Oklahoma debacle), the Aggies have been unable to get things going their way during crunch time. They have either shot themselves in the foot (Baylor), been the victim of late-game heroics (Nebraska) or run into foul trouble in overtime (Texas). Setting aside their frustration, the players and coaches have found several positives in the excruciating losses. Interior passing has been better, as has their transition game. And the players, with the possible exception of the Oklahoma game, have never quit playing hard.

"We're doing the right things to win, and I can't tell you why we haven't gone and got it done," Barone said. "You can look back at the last minute of the last three games and you'll see incredible things that happened that you've never seen before. I just sit there and the ball will bounce our way eventually."

### Player of the Week

With apologies to Whataburger during this weekly section well beyond the stats to target a difference-maker for the Aggie cages. The first recipient of this coveted honor is freshman point guard Tony Barone, who deserves recognition simply for playing this season.

Because of a knee injury suffered his senior year in high school and the subsequent reconstructive surgery, Barone was supposed to be redshirted this season. He defied the injury last December by practicing by October. The knee still appeared to be bothering him and the coaches didn't know if they were going to play him. As things happened, he was needed early in the season because of some academic problems with Derrick Hart.

"What he brings to the table is effort," coach and proud papa Barone said. "What he brings to the table is knowledge. What he brings to the table is a guy who wants to make everyone else better. And from a point guard, that's what we need."

Barone had his best game of the season against Texas. He tallied team-high eight assists and three steals to go along with three rebounds and more hustle plays than you can shake a stick at. His all-around hustle and heady play kept the Aggies on an even keel and helped put them in a position to win. Even though he missed the game-winning shot, Brian Barone is our Player of the Week.

## Rangers' payroll keeps rising

ARLINGTON (AP) — Another day, another multimillion-dollar deal for the suddenly spend-happy Texas Rangers.

Texas signed All-Star pitcher Roger Pavlik to a \$2.85 million contract Tuesday, boosting the tab on their three-day shopping spree to \$13.3 million and keeping them out of salary arbitration this off-season.

Pavlik, 29, was 15-8 with a 5.19 ERA last season. He struck out 127

and walked 81 in 201 innings. He threw a one-hitter in May as part of a 12-2 start that helped him earn his first All-Star invitation.

Pavlik was the third arbitration-eligible Ranger in as many days to sign a one-year deal. All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez got a single-season record of \$6.65 million on Sunday and third baseman Dean Palmer got a 149 percent raise Monday by signing for \$4.8 million.

Such willingness to spend money is crushing the ownership's tightwad reputation. The shards of that memory can gather dust alongside the franchise's reputation for losing, which ended last season when Texas won the AL West.

The payroll for that title was between \$37 million and \$38 million. Management had hoped to keep this year's payroll around \$44 million.

# Now Playing

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## Intramurals

More Than Just Fun and Games

### Intramural Registration Dates

Sport	Registration	Fee
Three Point Shot	Jan. 13	free
Basketball	Jan. 13	\$35
Pre-Season Basketball	Jan. 13	\$10
Wallyball	Jan. 20	\$20
Squash	Jan. 20	free
Team Bowling	Jan. 20	*
Pre-Season Outdoor Soccer	Jan. 27	\$10
Outdoor Soccer	Jan. 27	\$35
Slow Pitch Softball	Jan. 27	\$35
Pre-Season Softball	Jan. 27	\$10
Valentine's Day Run	Feb. 3	free

\* Cost of first four games and shoe rentals

## Wallyball



Finally, it's your serve as the wallyball registration begins at the Rec. Wallyball is like volleyball but in a racquetball court.

Registration begins today and continues to January 28

Only \$20 a team!

### Start Stretching And Get Ready

Valentine's Day Run  
February 14 • Registration Begins Feb. 3

Kyle Field Ramp Romp  
February 14 • Registration Begins Feb. 17

## TAMU Outdoors

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### Climb The Rock!

Challenge yourself at the Rec Center's 42 foot 3-dimensional rock wall. Required orientation class includes harness, knots, belay, and rock wall risk instruction. Group climbing orientation is \$15 and private orientation class for two people is \$20. Contact TAMU Outdoors at 845-4511.

### Take An Adventure

TAMU Outdoors offers a variety of skills clinics for learning or improving various outdoor activities. You can also take an adventure trip and practice your new skills. Spring TAMU Outdoor schedules are now available at the TAMU Outdoors office.



### Current Trip Activities:

- Backpacking
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Kayaking
- Mountain Biking
- Rafting
- Rock Climbing
- Sailing
- SCUBA Diving
- Sea Kayaking
- Snow Skiing
- Windsurfing

## Big Bargain.

- 2 for \$2 Bacon, Egg and Cheese Biscuits
- 2 for \$2 Quarter Pounder Cheese burgers
- 2 for \$1 Fresh Baked Apple Pies



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## Public Forum

Programs or Services in Recreational Sports for people with physical or learning disabilities

Rec Sports invites you to come share your ideas for inclusion of people with disabilities in recreational sports programs. If you have any questions or ideas, come to the public forum, or call our new Special Needs hotline below.

### Public Forum

January 23, 3-5pm 155 Koldus Building

Special Needs Hotline DeAun Woosley 846-3995