ggies fall to national champion Rice

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May an The No. 10 Texas A&M baseball cam dug themselves into a hole uesday night at Olsen Field, and kills idn't escape as No. 6 Rice held on to win 15-10.

A&M beat themselves early on, lowing Rice to run up the score to 14with me 1 by the middle of the fifth inning. The

ggies tried to stir up ome "Olsen Magic" in the te innings, but were withut a miracle to overcome such a large deficit against e defending national

"You get 14 to two and it ind of gets away from ou," said A&M head coach lark Johnson. "It just got b where it was contagious or one reason or another, and we end up throwing omething like 227 pitches the ballgame. Then we had hit bats-

men and bases on balls, 12 of those.' For the most part, the Aggies uldn't keep a lid on their mistakes,

and the Owls capitalized. The Aggies committed four errors, walked bottom of the order hitters and issed out on key double play opportu-

ties in the third and fourth innings. The Owls responded to the Aggies' stake with patient and timely hitting, hich lead to more runs than A&M

third with back-to-back five-run innings. An error by A&M sophomore shortstop Cliff Pennington, already his 13th of the season, came back to haunt the Aggies in the third. Pennington was trying to turn a double play, but ended up dropping the ball, leaving runners on first and second with no outs.

Owls' junior first baseman Adam Rodgers responded with a three-run

home run to left field, knocking A&M freshman pitcher Doug Frame out of the game. Frame would be the first of six pitchers used by the Aggies on Tuesday night.

The damage didn't stop there as the Owls scored two more runs after what could have been the second and third outs, if not for

Pennington's error.

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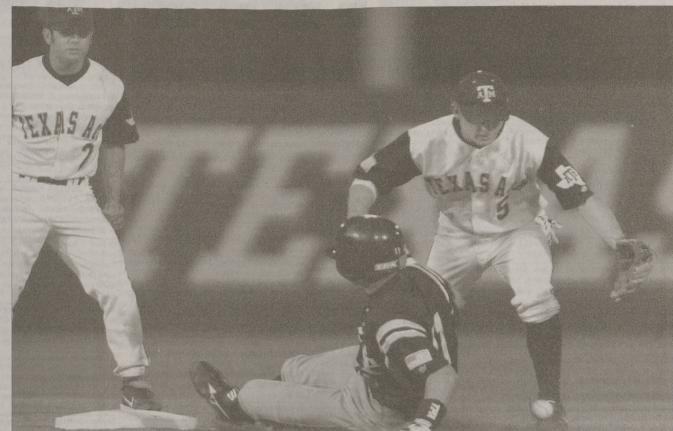
Texas A&M head coach

A mix of walks and poor fielding prevented the Aggies from stopping the pain, as the Owls' lead swelled to 14-2 by the middle of the fifth.

"We didn't play good defense and I don't know why," Johnson said.

The Aggie offense, came alive in the bottom of the fifth, scoring four runs off three hits.

The Aggie surge would prove to be too little as Rice freshman relief-pitcher Already leading 1-0 off of an Adam Hale went in and quieted the



Texas A&M sophomore second baseman Cliff Pennington (right) drops the ball while Rice Owls base runner junior Paul Jannish slides into second base during the third inning Tuesday night.

Aggie bats. Hale allowed an inherited runner to score, but no more, limiting the Aggies to two hits over two and twothirds innings.

The Aggies made one last gasp for air in the eighth, scoring four runs, but it wouldn't be enough. The order

"That happens every year, every team has an embarrassing loss," Johnson said. "You just hate to do it in front of a packed house on a beautiful night.'

A&M football players suspended, must take awareness classes

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Two Texas A&M players have been suspended indefiitely after they were charged with alcohol-related offenses and accused of shouting racial slurs. A&M head coach Dennis Franchione said the eam will consider allowing center Geoff Hangartner and offensive lineman Cole Smith to return after they attend a multicultural course,

perform 24 hours of community service and omplete an alcohol awareness program. These young men have to meet several criteria 10 be considered back on the squad," Franchione

raid in a statement. "First and foremost, they had to ddress their actions in front of their teammates.' Hangartner has denied making racial slurs.

"Geoff did not make any racial slur and finds hat kind of language abhorrent," said attorney

Smith couldn't immediately be reached by

A&M spokesman Alan Cannon told the AP Tuesday that the players met with teammates londay and were informed of their suspension. Last week, Hangartner, a junior, was charged with driving while intoxicated, and Smith, a ophomore, was cited with public intoxication.

Employees at a fast-food restaurant called police March 15 to report that two white men in the drivethrough were shouting racial slurs at black passengers in a car in front of them, according to court documents obtained by The Eagle.

Franchione told the newspaper he is pleased accept the players back with how his team — which has seen nine members arrested since September — has handled the situation. He said it would be a joint decision by the coaching staff and the team on whether to will drive everybody on this team closer."

"Adversity only does one of two things," Franchione said. "It drives you further apart or it drives you closer, and in this situation, I think it

AGGIES IN TROUBLE

arrested during Spring 2004

Aggie football players when arrested

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· Senior Malicious

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• Jan. 20



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• Feb. 7

Recruit in Tyler

Robbery

 Attempted theft Evading arrest



Todd

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 Evading arrest

· MIP

• Feb. 8

Geoff Hangartner Center

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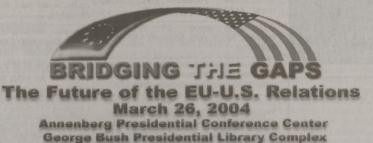
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1:30 - 2:30 pm - Panel III

"International Criminal Court" Presidential Conference Center, Rooms 1011, 1011A

2:45 - 4:00 pm - Panel IV

"Global Security Issues"

Presidential Conference Center, Rooms 1011, 1011A

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