

# Plot thickens now for Wilson

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Football at Texas A&M always seems to run in cycles. The cycle length may change, but the plot line never varies.

The scenario begins with a new head coach showing great promise for the future. He confirms that promise by leading his team to fairly immediate success.

The coach goes on to have at least one or two good years, before the Aggies suddenly find themselves dropping football games left and

## Analysis

right. This results in great alumni displeasure, prompting them to pressure the university for a new coach.

Mind you, the pull alumni have at any given time depends on whether the board of regents shares and heeds their viewpoint. After the power-play events of this past summer in the Texas A&M system, it's questionable whether the regents care about anything the alumni have to say.

Virtually every Aggie head coach ends up in this situation sooner or later. How he deals with it is another matter. Some coaches have been unable to resist the pressure, opting to move on and find other jobs. Others have fought to the end, only to wind up being fired. Almost none have successfully defended themselves.

It's unfortunate that such a situation keeps cropping up, yet we once again may be finding ourselves in that part of the cycle.

Just why Texas A&M continues to flounder is hard to say. If you ask anyone connected with Aggie football in any way, including Head Coach Tom Wilson himself, you'll be hard-pressed to find any one reason that nails the problem down.

Instead, there seems to be a complex combination of factors which has brought the Aggies to where they are now. One obvious factor is the team has no continuity.

So far, no one starting lineup has been used twice. The reasons are many, including injuries to key players and the shuffling of personnel following a drug investigation.

One of those unwritten rules says a team's got to play together for a while before it can be good. Players have to learn how to anticipate each other. The Houston Oilers adjusting to quarterback Ken Stabler are a good example.

One thing that Wilson feels isn't wrong with his team is attitude. Starting with the Texas Tech game, the Aggies seemed to display a new "try-hard" attitude. It's continued through the last two games despite the losses.

"I've still got great confidence in this football team," said Wilson after the Baylor game. "I still think this team is going to put it together, maybe not next week but in the future."

Wilson also said he has used many young players who someday would be very good. That points up another problem. Young players only improve by seeing action. It's also takes time to mature.

Thus, Wilson needs time to solidify the starting squads. In some ways, the Aggies are still rebuilding, and it's not fair to always expect championship play.

Still, it's hard to explain why Baylor played so well and the Aggies did so poorly. The best guess is that the Bears played like the exceptionally good team they are and the Aggies perhaps tried too hard.

Now that Texas A&M has lost to both Houston and Baylor, those who delight in stirring up controversy can't wait to compare this season with 1978.

However, what they forget is that the circumstances in each year are completely different. In 1978, the Aggies reeled off four straight wins before collapsing. They had been expected to strongly challenge for the conference championship and finish with a high national ranking.

This year is just the opposite. The Ags were thought to be a good team, but not strong enough to make a run for the league flag. Unfortunately, some people always expect the moon. Asked about the probable heat from alumni after losing to Baylor, Wilson made a comment that bears repeating.

"People that talk don't bother me that much," said Wilson. "I'm not going to quit though, if that is what you are asking. I said when I took this job that I was going to do the very best I could and I still stand by that. I'm going to do it with my head up and if that's not good enough, they can bring somebody else in."

Obviously, Tom Wilson is not a quitter, and his attitude is a commendable one. It's also the only way a coach can think and still be able to confidently run a football team. It's just unfortunate he has to work in a climate where patience is a shrinking commodity.

# Cowboys beaten; Oilers beat Bucs

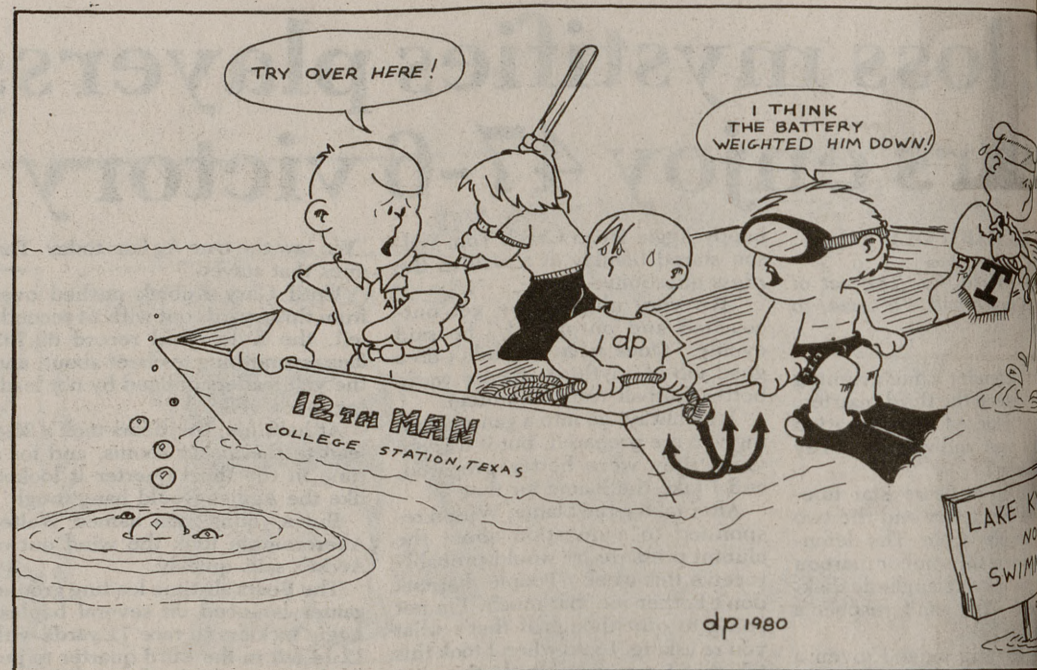
An interception by nose tackle Charlie Johnson set up a 15-yard touchdown pass from Ron Jaworski to Charlie Smith with 4:27 to play Sunday that gave the Philadelphia Eagles a 17-10 victory over the Dallas Cowboys in Philadelphia and sole possession of first place in the NFC East.

In Houston, Kenny Stabler passed for 242 yards and one touchdown to compliment a Houston running attack led by Earl Campbell's 202 yards Sunday to help the Oilers snap a two-game losing streak with a 20-14 win over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Stabler, passing for the most part from a revamped Oilers rushing offense featuring the recently acquired Casper, completed 19 of 26 passes. Stabler spotted tight end Mike Barber with a 17 yard touchdown pass in the second quarter that forced Barber to jump over the head of linebacker Dewey Selmon to pull down.

The Eagles-Cowboys battle was tied 10-10 at halftime and for most of the second half before Dallas quarterback Danny White saw a pass intended for rookie running back James Jones tipped by Eagles' linebacker John Bunting and picked off by Johnson just before it hit the ground at the Cowboys' 20.

Three plays later, Jaworski, who completed 13-of-25 passes for 214 yards, found Smith cutting across the middle of the end zone between two Dallas defenders for the winning touchdown as the Eagles moved ahead of Dallas in the division with a 6-1 record.



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## IM Game Plan

**ENTRIES OPEN:** Racquetball Doubles and Archery Singles and Doubles highlight the activities that are opening today (Monday, October 20) in the IM-REC SPORTS OFFICE. Corps and Dorm teams may compete for points in Racquetball Doubles in the Men's and Women's Divisions. Archery participants are reminded that they must provide their own equipment. Be sure and stop by the IM OFFICE to check on equipment restrictions.

**ENTRIES CLOSE:** Soccer, Long Driving and the Bowhunter's Shoot will be accepting entries through 5 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday, October 21). Interested individuals should sign up in the IM OFFICE.

**ID CARDS REQUIRED:** All individuals using the recreational facilities after 5 p.m. daily and on weekends are reminded that they must present their Student I.D. Card or a current Recreation I.D. Card in order to enter the facilities. Students having classes in G. Rollie White in the evening must also present their I.D.'s to enter the building.

**BOWHUNTERS SHOOT:** The 1980 version of the annual Bowhunters Shoot will be conducted this Wednesday (October 22) at 5 p.m. The contest will take place on the left of Highway 60 West just past the Country Kitchen. Participants must provide their own bow (compound or recurve) and a minimum of five arrows.

**SOCCER TEAM CAPTAIN'S MEETING:** Soccer captains and managers are reminded of the meeting to be held on Thursday, October 23 at 5:15 p.m. in Room 267 of G. Rollie White.

**INTRAMURAL SOCCER OFFICIALS:** Individuals interested in becoming IM Soccer Officials should attend the training meeting this Wednesday (October 22) at 8 p.m. in room 230 of G. Rollie White. Persons unable to attend should see Lynette Ginn in the IM Office (159 East Kyle).

**INTRAMURAL SWIMMING:** The following divisions will swim preliminaries on these nights: Monday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m. — Corps, Fish, Mens' Independent; Tuesday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m. — Mens' and Womens' Dorms, Womens' Independents, Co-Rec.

**PLAY-OFF SCHEDULE CHANGES:** ALL football captains should recheck play-off schedules due to rain postponements.



Robin Ford prepared for her IM bowling match last week. Robin bowled 244 for two games and is our "Be Our Guest" winner this week. She can obtain her card for a free meal at the IM Office.

## IM Action



"How do they expect me to get this ball through that windmill?" Miniature golf action, above. At right, Richard Harrison of K-1 practices for his handball singles match tomorrow evening against Ian Seaton of Squadron 3.



## Intramural Chairman — The Key Link

There are three functions which must go together for Intramural Sports to be successful. The initial link must be an Intramural Office to start the process rolling and the final links is the participant.

The middle link may be the most important as it joins the above two together. That middle connection is the Intramural Chairman.

An Intramural Chairman is his or her dorm's team manager for all IM competition. They are in charge of alerting dorm members of upcoming competitions, helping in recruiting for teams and making sure the competitors are familiar with their obligations.

The Dorm Intramural Chairman's job is made up of tasks done daily as well as weekly. Each day he/she should: check his/her mailbox for information from the IM Office; check the previous day's results for accuracy; look for new information on upcoming events, rule

changes, etc; check the next day's schedule for teams and individuals; make what re-schedules are necessary; report scores of games in the dorm and check to see when playoffs begin so the dorm can be notified.

Mike Dunn, a junior Mechanical Engineering major from Sugarland, is the Intramural Chairman for Davis-Gary. Dunn said the main duties of his position are to keep in touch with the IM Office at least three times weekly and to be available to dorm members. "It's important to make yourself available and to let people know who you are. It's not just making signs," Dunn said.

Dunn contends that it is important for a dorm to have a positive attitude toward intramurals. He believes that conveying this positive attitude is the dorm chairman's job.

This job, as any other, has its ups and downs. Dunn said that

the biggest difficulty is keeping on top of the job. If he gets behind, it makes for a lot more work. The plusses of the job, according to Dunn, are meeting people and seeing dorm members enjoying and often winning intramural competition.

"Three of the guys I signed up for Class A Tennis Singles are in the semi-finals and we have eight teams playing Flag Football," Dunn said. "It is gratifying to hear these guys talking about their games."

So the next time you enjoy a dorm intramural activity, be sure and thank your Intramural Chairman.

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## A&M Rugby Club Victorious

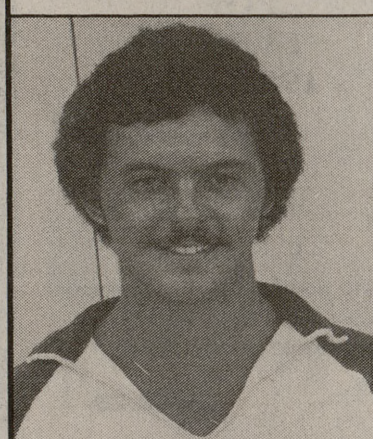
Pitted against the tough Houston Rugby Club, the Texas A&M Rugby Club chalked up its second straight victory of the young season. The victory was especially pleasing since it was a come-from-behind win over a team that had just returned from a successful Mexico City Tour.

Trailing 7-6 at the half, the Aggies fell even further behind at the start of the second half when Houston made the score 12-6. With twenty minutes remaining,

the A&M Club closed the 12-10. However, minutes later Houston defender scooped errant Aggie pass and yards for a score.

The Aggies refused to Granberry made the score. With less than five minutes play, Billy Goodrich fed the Rose Morgan for the score. Moments later, Jan scored the insurance goal, the victory for the Ags.

## Broyles Tops Golf Field



IM Golf Singles Class A All-University Champion Randy Broyles.

Consistency was the key in the 36-hole Intramural Singles Tournament. Randy Broyles was the leader in the final round with a 68 finished second in the Randy Broyles shot a total round of 145 (72 & 73) take first while May had stroke with a 146 (69 & 77).

Doug Watershead of Class B after the round with a 76 but was from the competition. Lee snatched the title with a final total of 155 (77 & 78) Johnson was second with a 157 (82 & 75).

Charles Amster of Class C the whole way with a 189 total (93 & 96) Ladies Champion was Flynn of Keathley with a hole total of 121.