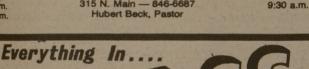
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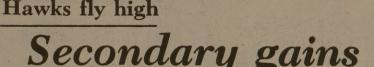


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Secondary gains nickname for alert, aggressive play

By PAUL McGRATH Four lone hawks patrol the outer

reaches of the Aggie defense. The Hawks—alias James Daniels, Tim Gray, Pat Thomas and Jackie Williams—form Texas A&M's defensive secondary.

The nickname "Hawks" was coined by Coach Dean Campbell. During one scrimmage, the secondary intercepted more passes than the offense was completing. Camp-bell then made up the name to describe the secondary's ball-hawking tactics.

Later, the quartet decided amongst themselves to obtain some signifying emblem. They decided upon baseball hats. The hats are solid black with a white braid across the bill. Also in white is emblazoned the name Hawks and the player's individual jersey number.

'The hats are a way of looking at ourselves as a unit," said Thomas. 'We wear them to emphasize our aggressiveness and our unity." The four have been wearing the hats since last Thursday before the Clemson game.

The hats are another example of can, get a mental advantage. If you the Aggies "new image" defense. Aggressiveness has been instilled into each member of the defense. "We're out to do it all this year," says Williams. "We'll attack who-ever has the ball. The white defense enjoys hitting.

The Clemson game brought a welcome relief to the Hawks. "We were getting tired of hitting each other. We were wanting to hit somebody else for a change," com-mented Williams. He added that he believed that Clemson was the hardest hitting game he had played in. "We got more good, hard licks in that game than all of last year. We're all sore from the hitting.

The Aggie secondary was fifth na-tionally last year and hopes to do better this season.

One tactic of the Hawks is to use intimidation to gain an edge over their opponent. The secondary tries to touch, push or bump the receiver on every play. "You have to let them know you're there," Williams said. 'We have to get every edge we

get them thinking about you, you bust up their concentration." The players use insults and threats, although rarely printable, to accomplish this. "It's even better when you back it up with a good hit," notes Williams

Besides the nickname Hawks, a title was created for the whole defense. The Wolfpack is the defense's new moniker. The name is a Mike Jay original. Jay initiated the name when he entered a defensive team shouting he was "out to get that pack of wolves now

However, by any name the Aggie defense still remains the same hard-hitting bunch of guys. Just ask Clemson

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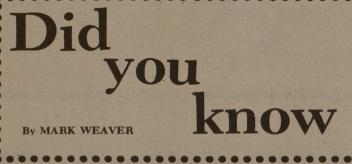
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Aggie halfback Bubba Bean said he has no personal goals set for this year. He just wants to play on a team that wins the SWC championship this year. When asked about the possibility of surpassing 1,000 yards in total rushing this season, Bean said, "If I keep playing I'll make it. And I plan to keep playing."

The Aggies had 103 players suited up for the Clemson game Saturday. In the 24-0 Aggie win, 59 players saw action.

This marks A&M's 80th season of football. The Aggies have won 382, lost 283 and tied 45. The Aggies are ranked third in SWC all-time won-lost records. Texas is first with 536 wins, 195 losses and 28 ties. Arkansas is second with 397 wins, 286 losses and 33 ties.

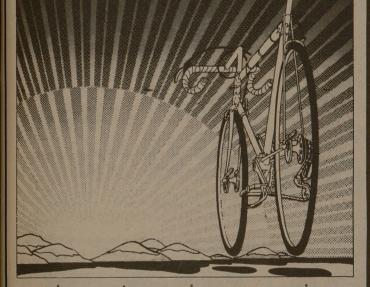
Texas has won the SWC championship 18 times and the Aggies are second with 10 SWC crowns.

University of Texas has hired Bill Lyons, 25, as an assistant athletic director. He is the first black to hold such a position in the southwest conference.

The Southwest Athletic Conference Sportsmanship Award was conceived in 1948 by Jimmie Nelson, co-editor of the Texas A&M Battalion. A&M has won the award two times in the last 26 years. The original trophy was donated to TCU by the Battalion after three successive wins. A new trophy was donated by TCU in 1957.

The first account of any sports event via wireless took place in College Station in 1921. Three cadets rigged up a crude but workable telegraph machine and "broadcasted" A&M's 7-0 victory back to Austin.

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LSU leads in the series against A&M 22-12-3. This includes the 1943 Orange Bowl game that LSU won. In the nine games played in Texas, the Aggies have won six, lost one and tied two. This is the next to the last game in the current LSU series for A&M, all games played at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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The A&M soccer team travels this Saturday to Longview for a game with LeTourneau College, then to Nacogdoches for a game with Stephen F. Austin University on Sunday.

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TENNIS

The tennis club will meet tonight in Rm. 225 of the MSC. The meeting will be at 6 p.m.



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