

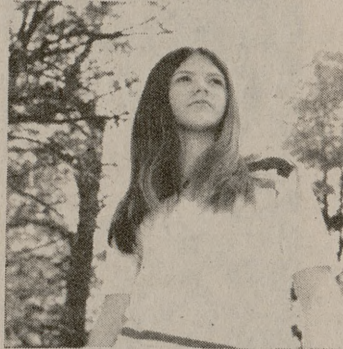
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"Maroon Dragons" to show style against Tech

Aggie specialty teams face challenge

By MIKE BRUTON
The A&M specialty teams will face their biggest challenge of the season Saturday, when Lawrence Williams, one of the nation's best kick returners, comes to town. "The Maroon Dragons" alias "The Goons" alias the Aggie specialty unit will try to exhibit the form that ranked them second nationally last season in punt return yardage allowed with 1.3 yard average. Matt Freeman, who snaps the ball on punts and place kicks, voiced the sentiments of the group. "We had better coverage than we've had all year against Kansas," Freeman said. "We're really ready for this one against Tech."

Let's hope that "The Goons" are ready because the kicking game is a very important part of a football game, especially close ones. Texas Tech and the Aggies both have great running backs behind huge blockers, and stubborn defenses. So the outcome of Saturday's nationally televised game will probably be determined in the kicking game.

If the "Goons" can contain Williams who led the nation in kickoff returns in 1972 and finished near the top last season, and if Carl

Roaches, ace returner for the Aggies, can seep through the Red Raider specialty unit we'll probably end up on the good side of the

scoreboard.

Williams could run into trouble with people like Lester Hayes, Willie Thompson, and Craig Glenden-

All-Aggie Rodeo held this weekend

The annual All-Aggie Rodeo will be held this Friday and Saturday at the Aggie arena. Performances start at 7:30 p.m. both nights. A slack will be Saturday morning at 8.

This is an intramural show and contestants must be TAMU students, faculty or staff.

Events featured in the rodeo will be calf-roping, steer wrestling, team roping, bull riding and saddlebronc riding for men; and barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying for women.

The A&M Rodeo Club is sponsoring this rodeo for the enjoyment of fellow Aggies and as a fund raising project.

Profits from this rodeo will help in putting on A&M's National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association

(NIRA) show next May. The NIRA is a national organization that extends its rodeo interests in institutions ranging from Michigan westward to California.

TAMU is in the Southern Region which includes colleges in the eastern half of Texas and a portion of Louisiana. Cowboys and cowgirls compete as individuals and teams for their schools.

Rodeos are based on a point system with the top 2 teams and top 2 individuals in each event for the season going to the College National Finals Rodeo.

Tickets will be on sale at the gate for \$2.00 or advance tickets are available in the MSC lobby at \$1.50.

ning, all who are frequently making big plays in the kicking game. Grady Wilkerson, who made a thunderous tackle at Baton Rouge against the Tigers, said that the "Goons" had a score to settle with Williams. "He (Williams) embarrassed us last year when he returned a kickoff out across the 50-yard line, and we want to make sure it doesn't happen again," Wilkerson said.

David Greeno, who is usually

found near the ball carrier on kick returns, said that the specialty performers really take their job seriously. "We're not starters, and covering kicks is our chance to lay it out there, so it's something that the guys take pride in," Greeno said. Greeno was wrong when he said that specialty team players are starters. Every football team has three starting units, an offense, defense, and a specialty team.

Did you know

By MARK WEAVER

The Aggies will be on national television this weekend at Kyle Field for the first time since 1967 against SMU. The Aggies lost 20-17.

There is one record at A&M that most Aggies would probably rather forget. That's the record for the most fumbles in a game in the conference with nine in 1945. Sometimes it seems like the Ags are trying to break all the records.

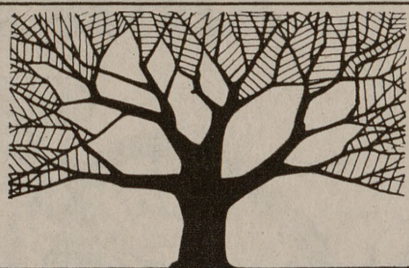
In 1923, the Ags had some real animals playing on their team. Ox Dietrich and Bull Johnson poked holes in the opposing lines so their back Mule Wilson could take off. That must have been back when A&M emphasized agriculture in their curriculum.

The Farmers have had their ups and downs in the past. In 1898, they won their opening game against Houston High School 51-0 but lost their third game against the same team that season 6-0.

A&M has been shut out 112 times in history, but has not been shut out in their last 33 games. The last time the Ags have been shut out was by Cincinnati in 1971 by a score of 17-0. The Ags were the pre-game favorite.

A number of different teams have attempted to take on the Aggies. In 1894, the Ags bounced Ball High School 14-6. In 1906, Transylvania bit into the Ags 29-6. But the Aggies came back in 1910 to put the stake in their heart 33-0. In 1901, the Ags played Baylor three times and Baylor won twice. That must have been an "unbearable" season.

On a more serious side, the Texas A&M Women Intercollegiate, possibly better known as the Maggie Jocks, Athletics have begun play in softball and volleyball. They are competing and winning against some other Southwest Conference teams and need the support of all of A&M. All games will be announced in the Battalion.



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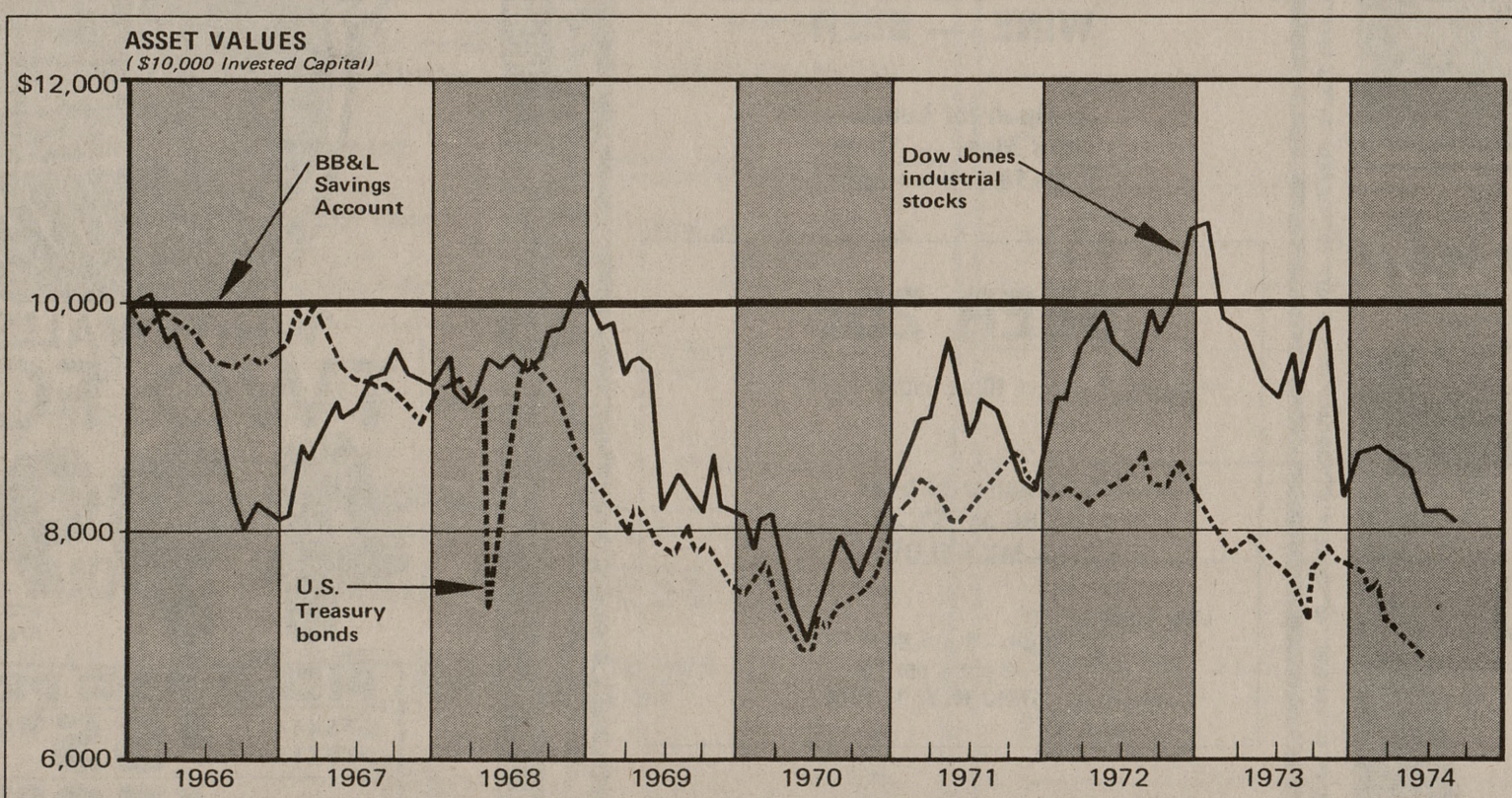
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