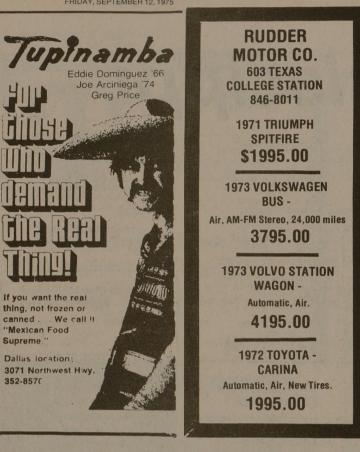
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Ags open tonight **Frosh WP tourney**

By PAUL McGRATH Battalion Sports Writer

The water polo season gets cranked up tonight as the Texas San Antonio-based Chaparral Swim

A&M freshmen host a ten team Club round-robin tournament in the Downs Natatorium.

tion until next Wednesday when morning until 3:00 p.m. for a break they travel to Houston to face The Bunch, a local water polo club. The tournament is divided into two brackets with the Aggie fish fielding a team in each bracket. The

A team draws the opening card tonight at 6:30 p.m. and will play again at 8:30 p.m. Five high school teams, a junior

college squad and two swim clubs will participate in the 24 game tourney. Midland's freshman team is the only other collegiate entry.

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The high schools include last just beginning to disappear. "We're year's state champion, Lamarque, A&M Consolidated, Clear Creek, McAllen, and Alamo Heights of San first scrimmage looked like

Joining the high schools, Midland and A&M's two teams are the Wichita Falls Swim Club and the

Action will resume on Saturday as the Aggies swim at 8:00 a.m. and at The Aggie varsity will not see ac- noon. The tourney will continue all because of the football game.

The third place team will be decided in a 7:30 p.m. match and the

champion decided at 8:30 p.m. Besides the men's competition, the A&M women's team will take on Wichita Falls at the Art Adamson Pool at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. Like the men, the women will also field two teams.

The varsity has been through two scrimmages thus far and the rust is just starting to get out moves back and getting our timing down. Our everyone was swimming in slow

motion," said Head Swim Coach Dennis Fosdick. "We're just now starting to get those automatic reactions back

Varsity captains this season are seniors Jim Yates and Oran Marksbury. Although missing All-American Paul McKinzie at the goalie slot, the Ag varsity should equal or better their 18-2 record of last year.

For the A&M fish, Bill Yates, brother of the varsity captain, and Scott Harris have been named as the captains. The younger Yates was an All-American in high school in polo while Harris was an All-Stater and is now the freshman goalie

Expected to start tonight for the Aggie tankers are Roger Lien from Santa Clara, David Stewart from Consol, Dallas' Bill Kuvlesky, Chris Shipp from Dearborn, Michigan and filling out the lineup will be two Texas products, Rick Golding and Brad Swendig.

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Well folks, an entire edition of football talent has no come full circle in the Bellard machine. No more Stalling boys to blame. Bellard himself is looking for his fourth letters head coach and may well be a strong candidate for All-America status.

Tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock, 5211 pounds Aggie starters will line up opposite 5035 pounds of Ole Ma starters. The Aggies will have 22 Senior lettermen and Junior lettermen enter the field.

The last names of three Aggie footballers begin withan 15 with B, five with C, five with D, none with E, six with F, st with G and so on. 27 people are listed as backs of one sorter another and another 60 are listed as linemen. The younge Aggie player is 17, the oldest is 23.

It's easy to see how trivial and ridiculous figures, statisti and facts can become. I could have just as easily listed all past honors awarded team players, listed their speed in the forty, and given a quote from a coach about 'good move 'lateral action' or 'good hands.

But there is only one intangible thing that will determine whether or not the Aggies win tomorrow, and all seasons become SWC and possibly National Champions, which players think they are, and for which they most definitely has the potential. That one, non-describable, yet most importa property is desire, attitude if you will.

This team will always be remembered as that team of the Cotton Bowl etc., and likewise it belongs to the classof 76 The class that has sweated through four years whether on the field, in the stands or next to the radio for this, the climar what will become the best Aggie athletic years in histor Those years will continue, but this is the end of the upwa climb. Really, the beginning.

I have the luck to be able to attend the games and wat from the press box. Likewise, I guess, I am supposed tob unbiased at least in writing. Journalism and all that rot yo know. But my heart will be pounding at the kickoff know that this may be the finest college football team I will everse I will suffer until then

Fans unaffected by NFL strike

NEW YORK — A year ago, when the National Football League Players Association went on strike at the start of the exhibition season, a lot of fans found they could do without those preseason games This year many of those fans are still doing without the exhibitions.

And next year, the NFL may also find it can do without some of them,

Exhibitions, which used to be little more than interclub scrimmages

game in the 78 pre-seas of 1973, the year before thest In 1974, the fans decider paying as much as \$18 a tick watch exhibition games c with rookies, free agents a ond- and third-line players v much. Attendance dipped to a erage of 36,653.

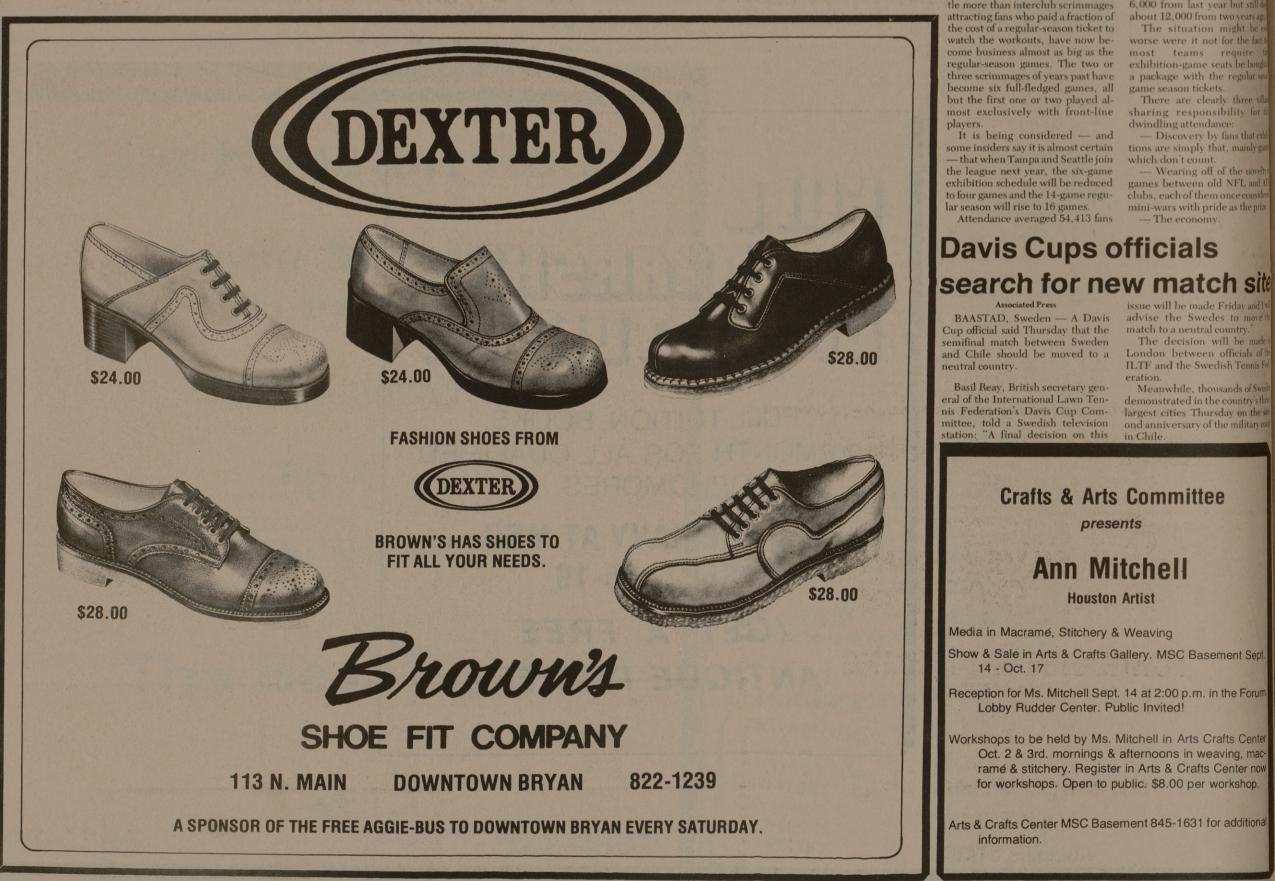
There has been some re this year. Heading into the weekend of exhibitions, the le has averaged 42,382 fans, up 6,000 from last year but still do guys it." M

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