Ags plaster San Antonio

N (varsity) gave notice that they were end coming of age by defeating San Anally tonio, 21-8, on Saturday. This was Aggie the best performance of the fall sea-Li'son, said faculty representative Dr. the s Gerard O'Donovan, noting that SA gania was a finalist in last spring's Texas tion Rugby Union Championship.

O'Donovan pointed out that "the arrival of Alan Jeffrey from Scotland on campus was hailed with delight. He played on the Maroon squad until this game and his promotion was a masterly move by the selection committee.

"He played outhalf, however, instead of fullback for this game. Taking his passage from scrumhalf Curley Simmons, Alan — like a Glasgow surgeon — knifed holes galore in the usually tough San Antonio defense. At one time he would rifle the ball, two-handed to center, John Rayton, at another he would fake and run ahead before passing and at e other times he would deftly kick ahead. The latter move bamboozled San Antonio, catalyzed the Aggies to follow-up the play and set up-most of our scores," said O'Dono-

"The idea of such low grubber kicks is to place the ball between two or more would-be tacklers for ROA: you or your teammates to run on to. It was pleasant to see the Aggie forg wards on top of every play, hungrier than Manhattan Wildcats. O'Donovan said that internationally known referee Tony King has told

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Mike Tompkins and Nancy Adair

opped competitors in the All-Aggie

spective All-Around Cowboy and

Cowgirl honors. Approximately 150

students and several faculty mem-

bers entered the Rodeo Club-

sponsored event, club sponsor Dr.

Champions in each event re-

ceived a championship belt buckle.

The top three contestants in each

event also shared a jackpot of entry

fees collected from contestants in

Winners in men's events were: Bare-back riding — Mike Beas-

ley, Calf roping — Tom Blakeney,

Steer wrestling — Keesie Kothmann, Saddle Bronc riding —

(tie) George Norman and John

Truehitt, Team roping — Joel Hamm and Joe Dutton, Bull riding

Mike Tompkins.

Girl winners were

Gary D. Potter said.

that event.

Rodeo last weekend, earning re-

them, "We will win by playing fundamental rugby. The other team will be forced to err; we must capitalize on such breaks and take the ball over having picked it up

"It was so true on Saturday," said O'Donovan.

"The trip was a memorable one for me for several reasons: 1) The large number of players and nonplayers who made the trip was noted and much appreciated by me; 2) Though San Antonio may kill you on the field - that is rugby - their post-game hospitality has no equal. On Saturday night they treated everyone to a magnificent barbeque with adequate refreshments and provided overnight accommodations for anyone who needed them: 3) Many of our past and present players have come from the San Antonio area and each had his own entourage watching. Ray Zwartjes, our hooker, had the biggest follow-. but then hookers always ing . . . but then ho do!" said O'Donovan.

"Mr. and Mrs. Tony King not only made the trip but brought with them Owen Long of New Zealand who was visiting the USA on a short-term visa to learn about pecans. The former New Zealand International star heard about the game and to a man from Down-Under, 'Rugby is the only game in town!' His hints and little tips were of immeasurable help to Tony and myself and we were very honored by his presence. We thank Mr. over Gallejo for a try. O'Donovan

Tomkins, Adair take Rodeo

Breakaway roping - Nancy

Adair, Goat tying - Angie Av-

erhoff, Barrel racing - Nancy

Mike Tompkins earned top cow-

boy honors with 87 points earned

from bull riding and 72 points from

bare-back events for a high men's

overall of 159. Nancy Adair's high

total of 207 combined 120 points

from breakaway roping and 87 from

Saturday nights at the Aggie Arena

on campus west of Wellborn Road.

An annual Rodeo Club fund-raising

project, the contest drew 800 to

The Rodeo Club's "primary

reason for being," sponsor Potter said, "is that it's the local chapter of

the National Intercollegiate Rodeo

Association." The Aggie club spon-

sors a six-man, three-girl team that

competes with teams from the 11

other colleges in the NIRA South-

1,000 spectators both nights.

The rodeo was held Friday and

barrel racing.

Long for his interest and camaraderie. We even took notes," said O'Donovan.

The whites played first and after losing a few early scrums to a much larger San Antonio side, the Ags settled down and did not lose another scrum until late in the game. "Accordingly, Simmons would find Jeffrey of the multi-option, and we were off to the races," said O'Dono-

Texas A&M scored first, the try being taken over by Jeffrey. Placekicker and fullback Tim Field tacked on the two-point conversion for a 6-0 lead.

San Antonio came right back as Danny Tamez broke four haphazard tackles for a well-earned try. Gallejo missed the angled kick and the Ags maintained their lead 6-4. Jeffrey kicked ahead on the right side and the omnipresent Fitch pounced on it for another try

The extra point attempt was wide giving the Ags a 10-4 lead. Field kicked a 37-yard penalty goal to make it 13-4. Billy Tigler did a marvelous job running and kicked ahead. The ball fell free and Wayne Womack was on the spot to snatch it up and dash over from the 22. Womack also blocked a two-point conversion by Gallejo

The conversion on the Aggie try failed and the score remained 17-4. O'Donovan called the last Aggie try 'vintage stuff." Billy Goodwich picked up a loose one and bulled

Each team compiles a composite

score from rodeos sponsored by

each school in the team's region dur-

ing the school year. The top two

teams in each region compete in the

NIRA National Rodeo, held each

June in Bozeman, Montana. The A&M team has traveled to the na-

tional event the last three years by

benefit of first- or second-place

rankings in the Southern Region.

the top ten teams nationally.

They have consistently been among

The All-Aggie Rodeo provides

most of the finances for the Rodeo

Club's other activities. The

hundred-member club sponsors

their own NIRA rodeo each year in

May. Club members also hold sev-

eral social activities during the year,

including dances and barbecues

The club sponsored a clinic recently

for girls' rodeo events such as

barrel-racing and goat tying, and is

hoping to hold a similar clinic for

men's events in the near future,

points out that Gallejo is not known for his easy tackling. The Ags led

San Antonio provided the last score of the match when winger Lee Hutton raced down the sideline breaking three or four tackles for a beautiful try. The Ags prevailed though 21-8. O'Donovan called Hutton's try "perhaps the finest try I have seen this year.

The Maroon squad however did not come home quite as lucky, losing a heartbreaker 8-7. Butch Lewis opened scoring with a long 47-yard penalty goal. Dick Shutt, in a superb effort blocked and dived on the ball for the Ags' only try.

Lewis missed the conversion and the Ags owned a 7-0 lead. "We lost our excellent hooker Bruce Noble, and several changes had to be made," said O'Donovan. Carl Mesloh provided the crowd with a nifty piece of scrambling when he fielded the ball near the goal line, raced behind the posts and found touch

O'Donovan said, "Both the San Antonio tries were questionable, so the Maroons were unlucky to lose. Trahan made two try-saving efforts, played hard all day and never once lost his temper.

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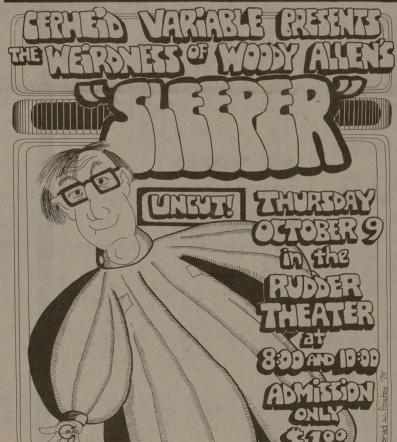
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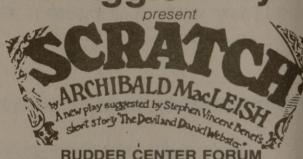
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