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Texas A&M reshuffles line

By PAUL MCGRATH
Battalion Assistant Sports Editor
Changes in the offensive and defensive lines have marked the first week of practice of the Texas A&M Aggies.

Doug Holmes, a 5-11, 219 lb. sophomore was given the No. 1 status at the right guard position. He replaces sophomore Thomas Gregory.

Texas A&M offensive line Coach Dan LaGrasta said Holmes had performed well during recent scrimmages and had earned the starting berth over Gregory.

"It wasn't that Thomas Gregory was playing poorly," LaGrasta said, "it was just that Holmes was playing well and we thought he deserved a chance on the first team. Gregory is a fighter, though, and he'll battle to regain his first-team berth."

Offensive tackle Zack Guthrie will probably not see action early in the season because of high blood pressure. Guthrie left the team for a short period to see his ailing grand-

mother but has returned to the squad. The 265-lb sophomore's presence will be missed as he was expected to add depth to the Aggie front.

Former linebacker James Zachry has been moved to defensive tackle by Aggie defensive coordinator Melvin Robertson. He will serve as back-up to a position that is of great concern to the Texas A&M staff following the departure of stand-outs Jimmy Dean and Edgar Fields.

Defensive end Eugene Sanders and linebacker Roderick Reed return to the Aggie squad after making up grade points in summer school. The two will give some relief to a defense that is woefully weak in experience. Sanders was the Aggies' best pass rusher last fall and Reed ably subbed for all-American Robert Jackson during the last part of the regular season. His return was one of the reasons Zachry was switched to the defensive line.

Halfback Holly Wilson underwent knee surgery for a torn cartilage during the off-season but is

expected to be back running within a week. Aggie coaches hope to see him back in action by mid-season.

Walk-on center Don Wright will handle deep snap chores this fall in the absence of Matt Freeman. Freeman and former quarterback David Shipman were two-thirds of place kicker Tony Franklin's success story last year.

Wright will do the centering on both punts and place kicks. Freshman quarterback David Beal will do the holding on field goals and extra point attempts.

Three other frosh quarterbacks have been moved to running back during the two-a-day practice sessions. Newcomers Rhett Dawson, Jay Dale and Jennings Teel were the players affected by the switch.

Courageous paving way to American Cup

United Press International
NEWPORT, R.I. — Courageous and Enterprise yesterday began a final showdown for the honor of defending the America's Cup and the Swedish yacht Sverige teetered on the brink of elimination from races to pick a foreign challenger.

Independence, skippered by Marblehead, Mass., sailmaker Ted Hood, was eliminated Monday from trials to determine which American boat will face a Swedish or Australian challenger in finals beginning Sept. 13.

Sverige must beat Australia today to keep alive its chances in a best-of-seven elimination series. Australia, a new 12-meter sailboat backed by Perth real estate tycoon Alan Bond, Monday logged its third straight win over the Swedes in winds of up to 20 knots on the 24.3-mile course.

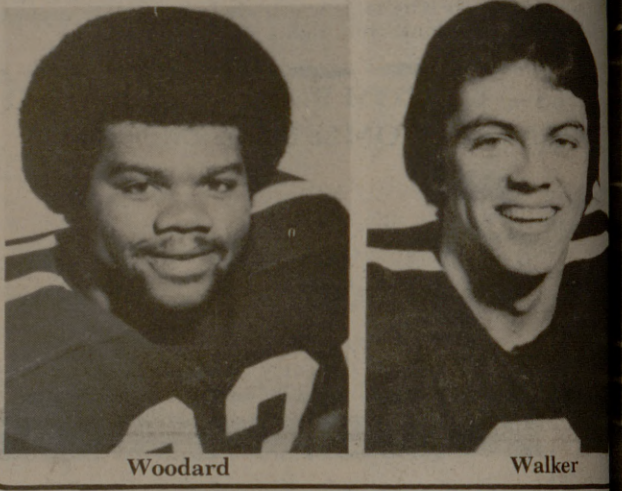
"We had more boat speed, upwind and downwind," Bond said. "On the last leg we were protecting the boat from damage and not even putting on the pressure."

Australia skipper Noel Robins conservatively coasted to a 50-second victory, recovering from a mishap at the fifth mark that shredded the yacht's yellow, green and white spinnaker sail.

Bond said a clamp jammed as Australia turned upwind, forcing the spinnaker to snap backwards across the deck like an umbrella blown inside out. He said the sail could be repaired or replaced in time for today's contest.

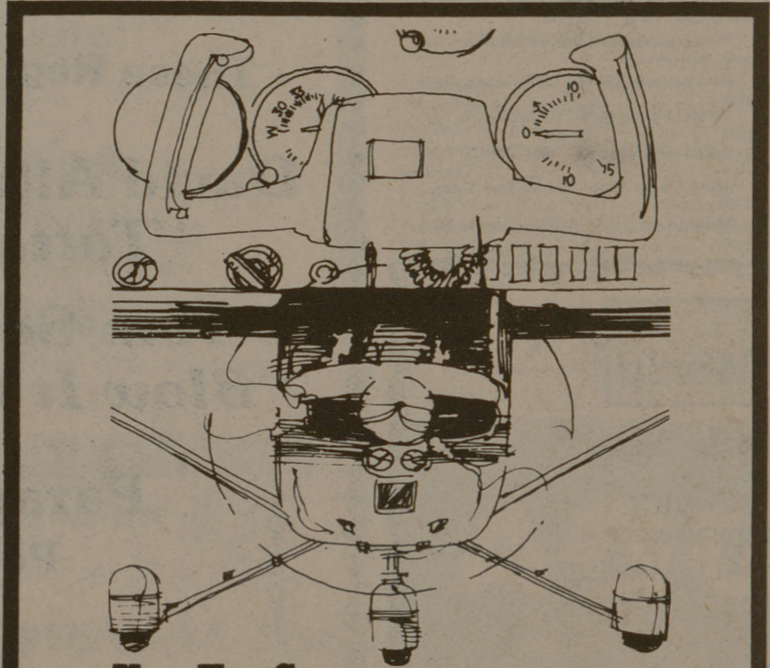
Aggie Notes

The Texas A&M football team will have the longest winning streak in the Southwest Conference as they head their season opener with the University of Kansas. The Aggies of Coach Emory Bellard won their last eight games last season, including a Sun Bowl victory over Florida. The closest team is Houston with six consecutive victories going into this season. . . . The Aggies have won their last seven seasons, the last four by shut out. Texas A&M defeated Wake State four times in the 1970-73 openers and has blanketed Clemson, Ole Miss and Virginia Tech since. . . . Aggie Coach Emory Bellard shares the seniority title amongst college coaches with Baylor's Grant Teaff. Both are starting their 20th seasons. . . . Quarterback David Walker worked as a real estate agent this summer. . . . Freshman cornerback Dan Woodard, 5-10, 160-pounder from Texarkana has plenty of spring legs, a much needed talent for his position. Davis high jumped 6-10 during a practice session in high school and cleared 6-10 a meet. . . . Tim Ward, the 270-lb defensive tackle recruit out of Conroe is an accomplished guitar player who has performed professionally in Houston. . . . Walk-on Jeff Booth has earned every bit of his one-year scholarship by playing this fall. Booth will quarterback the scout team (players play the part of opposing squads during practices) against top defensive units. There have been easier ways to get a scholarship. . . . Bellard remains in the lost column to the three SWC foes after his first five years at Texas A&M. Aggies are 2-3 against Texas and Texas Tech and have a mark against Houston. Bellard is 3-2 against Rice and Ariz. and is 4-1 against all other conference teams. . . . The Associated Press pre-season football poll has the Aggies in No. 9 slot with Texas Tech No. 8. . . . Fullback Gene Woodard, place kicker Tony Franklin and offensive line Frank Myers are pre-season all-America picks. . . . Head Coach Bud Moore will be returning to Aggieland when he brings his Jayhawks to town on Sept. 10. Moore was A&M assistant coach under Gene Stallings. . . . The Texas A&M Sports Information Office is looking for students in coverage of fall sports. No experience is required, knowledge about softball, volleyball, cross country, or gymnastics would be very helpful. Any journalism experience would also be helpful, but is not required. Interested students should contact the Sports Information Office at 845-5723, come by Room 203 in G. Rollie White Coliseum between hours of 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



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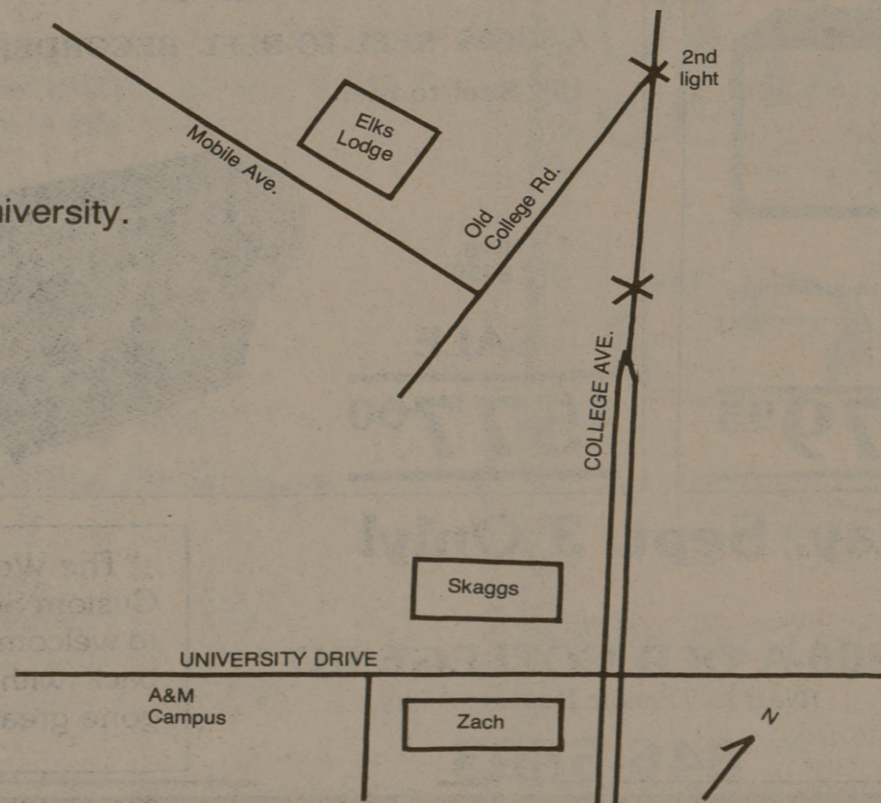
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