

Fans growing restless **Bears need winning season**

Teaff gave Bears fans an awful lot arship fund this year. real quick after he took over the club in 1972.

Three years after Grant's arrival in Waco the Bears won the Southwest Conference championship for the first time in 40 years.

But during the two years since Baylor has produced a 10-9-3 record and has not been back to a bowl. So have the area residents lost interest as the one-time darling of underdog fans.

"Lord, no," said Teaff. "Quite the pposite. We have sold more season tickets this year than we ever have even though we are picked no bet-ter than sixth in the league.

'I've never seen the excitement like we have. And it's the solid kind of support." Baylor has sold more than 10,000

season tickets this season, up almost 1,000 from last year, and the foot-

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"We have a deal every year called meet the Bears," Teaff said. "We have folks come out to a dinner and visit with the players. They pay \$7 to come

"This year we had 1,000 people come out to that even though most of the players there had never played in a varsity game before." So enthusiasm has now dwindled in Waco. Now all the Bears have to

do is to produce another bowl team and things will really get out of hand

And to have a winning team this season the Bears need to have someone produce at the quarterback spot. Teaff has chosen to go with sophomore Sammy Bickham, but, with only a week left before the Bears' opening game against Texas Tech, Bickham was on the injured list

United Press International ball-mad fans have already contrib-WACO — Baylor coach Grant uted more than \$7,000 to the schol- der," said Teaff, describing an in- of progress during two-a-day work- the Southwest Conference jury which usually keeps a player out for weeks and weeks. "Fortu-nately, it is only slightly separated and it is on his right shoulder, Bickham is left handed

'The doctors think he will be able to work out during the week before the Tech game. But the loss of work has hurt.

cause of baseball, but he worked Wood, another sophomore. But, finally we had to say 'ok, this is the one we are going to start with.' And we have done it."

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A record breaker

Tony Franklin will be a key figure for the mal start last year. If A&M is within 70 yan Aggies this season. His record breaking boots helped the Aggies overcome a somewhat dis-Franklin.



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obviously not what Teaff

want if he had any say about

the Baylor schedule and

Cougars surprised the Bears

Last season Houston was fin

And it was Boston who The Red Sox stayed with the Yankees with an 8-4 clu the Rangers Sunday night. ton manager Don Zimmer victory symbolized the te his ballclub this year.

"The Yankees have pl heck the last few weeks and stayed within range," Zimm "We have five games left w and we are four games do loss column. This is no ti

throwing in the towel. 'New York has everythi for it, but 20 days ago streaking and they that could win the pennant

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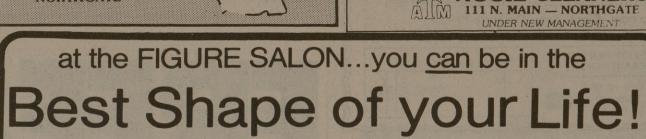
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