

SWC football: Better than expected

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Texas Tech. it has been learned, can stand the heat. But that wasn't the only thing that became clearer on the opening Saturday of the Southwest Conference football season.

We have all discovered for instance, that the Texas Longhorns now know how to throw the ball. SMU has suddenly happened onto some people who can make its offense dangerous. TCU is having its same old problems. Rice will not go

unless this season and Arkansas is in fine shape under new coach Lou Holtz. Finally, it has become obvious that Texas A&M fullback George Woodard is missing a bet by not renting himself out a taxicab.

In a fairly offensive weekend, the Southwest Conference beat up on four nonconference foes and the eight-ranked Texas Tech Red Raiders and nowhere-near ranked SMU won early season league outings to share the lead in the race for the

title and the Cotton Bowl. Tech's 17-7 win over Baylor came as 117 degrees worth of heat simmered up from the astroturf at Baylor Stadium.

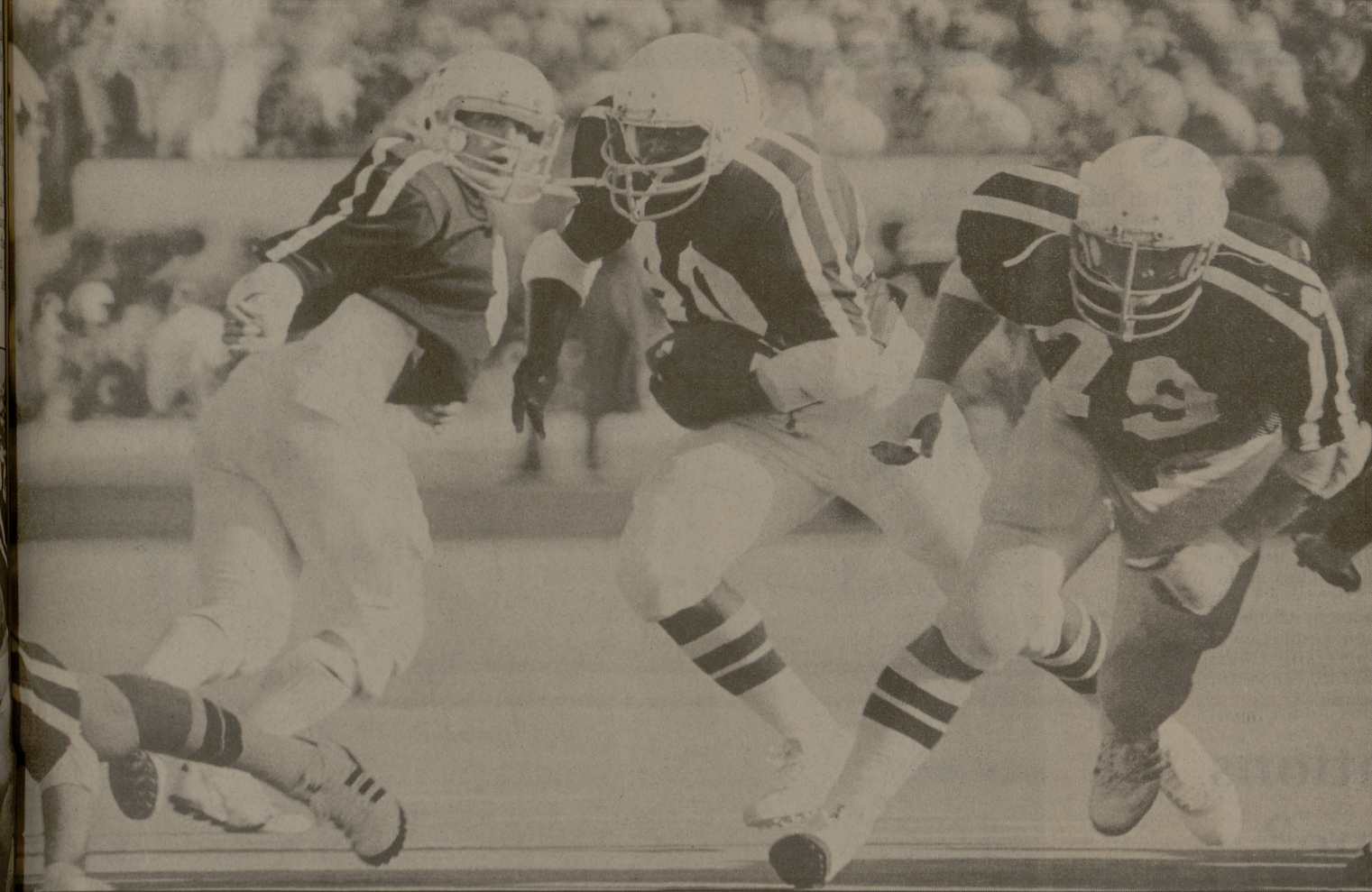
"I don't think I've ever played in heat like that," said Tech quarterback Rodney Allison, who ran 54 yards for the Raiders' opening score and later threw a four-yard touchdown pass to Jimmy Williams that put his team in front for good.

"And I don't think I have ever been hit like I was hit. I've never been through anything like this in my life."

SMU ran off a 45-21 win over TCU in the other conference game thanks to the dazzling footwork of transfer halfback Paul Rice and the surprisingly cool workmanship of freshman quarterback Mike Ford. TCU, meanwhile, lost its 12th straight and first under coach F.A. Dry.

Texas has a new coach of its own — Fred Akers — and to celebrate his arrival the Longhorns passed for 238 yards. That's the most for a Texas team since 1971, and backup quarterback Jon Aune threw an 88-yard touchdown pass to Alford Jackson setting a school record. The Longhorn's aerial circus pinned a 44-0 loss on Boston College.

The Rice Owls unveiled another freshman quarterback, Jeff Swab, and he performed well in guiding Rice past Idaho, 31-10. Arkansas — after giving up a touchdown in the first 90 seconds — came back with the long distance sprints of Ben Cowins to pulverize New Mexico State, 53-10.



Breaking through

Adger Armstrong (No. 40) takes a hand-off from David Walker. Armstrong gained four yards before being tackled

by linebacker Mike Beal. A&M defeated Kansas 28-14.

Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

Plans underway for new dorm

By BETTY GHIO

Texas A&M University's women athletes will soon live in a dormitory similar to Cain Hall. Plans are underway to construct such a complex — one of the first facilities of its type in the nation.

The new dormitory will provide living space for at least 120 female athletes.

"We are looking for the project to be completed within the next two to three years," said Kay Don, assistant athletic director for women and president-elect of the Texas Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (TAIW).

University officials and the Board of Regents are currently planning steps to determine the exact location and anticipated completion date of the complex.

The decisions will be announced later this month.

Donald S. Morris, a former student, said the stock is valued at more than \$400,000 for the complex. Morris is a 1951 graduate and President of Drilco, an oil tool firm.

All women athletes, full scholarship and partial scholarship recipients, would be required to live in the new facility. In addition,

"walk-ons" will also be housed if at all possible.

"We hope the facility will be as nice as we expect and the girls will want to live in the new dormitory," said Don. "It is also very timely due to the already limited housing facilities on campus."

Currently, female athletes are housed in Fowler and Spence halls.

Last year, Texas A&M had 115 women competing in eight intercollegiate sports: track, tennis, golf, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, softball, and swimming.

"The new dormitory will give us a big boost in our ability to attract top female athletes and will enable us to have one of the best women's athletic programs — both in the state and nation," said Don.

Women's athletics began unofficially in 1972, when it was only recognized as a sports club under the Intramural Program.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris, who are funding the complex in coordination with the University, have made many contributions to the University. The Morris' have also established a President's Endowed Scholarship to the Aggie Club, the organization responsible for raising scholarship funds for student athletes.

Darling hopefuls to meet tonight

The first meeting for all Diamond Rings candidates will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Lettermen's lounge on the first floor of G. Rollie White Coliseum. Any Aggie coeds interested in joining the organization must be at this meeting.

Applications will be available at the meeting or in Room 203 in G. Rollie White Coliseum prior to the meeting. The purpose of the organization is to help promote the A&M baseball program. The Aggie baseball team is the defending Southwest Conference champions and will be playing in a new \$2 million stadium this spring.

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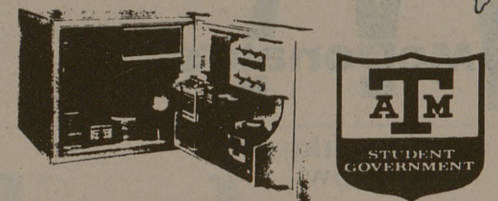
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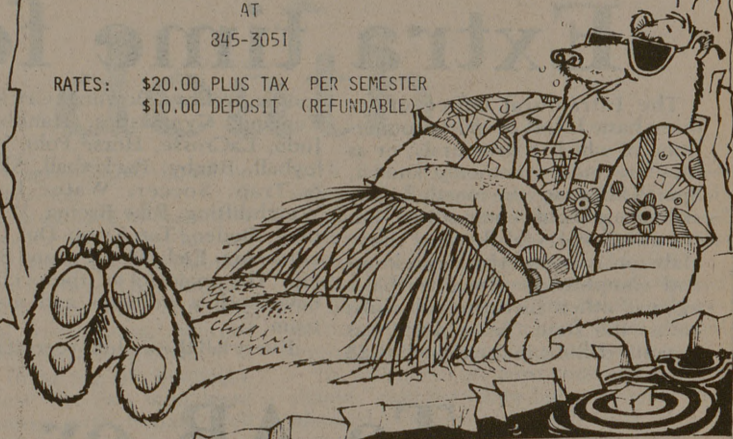
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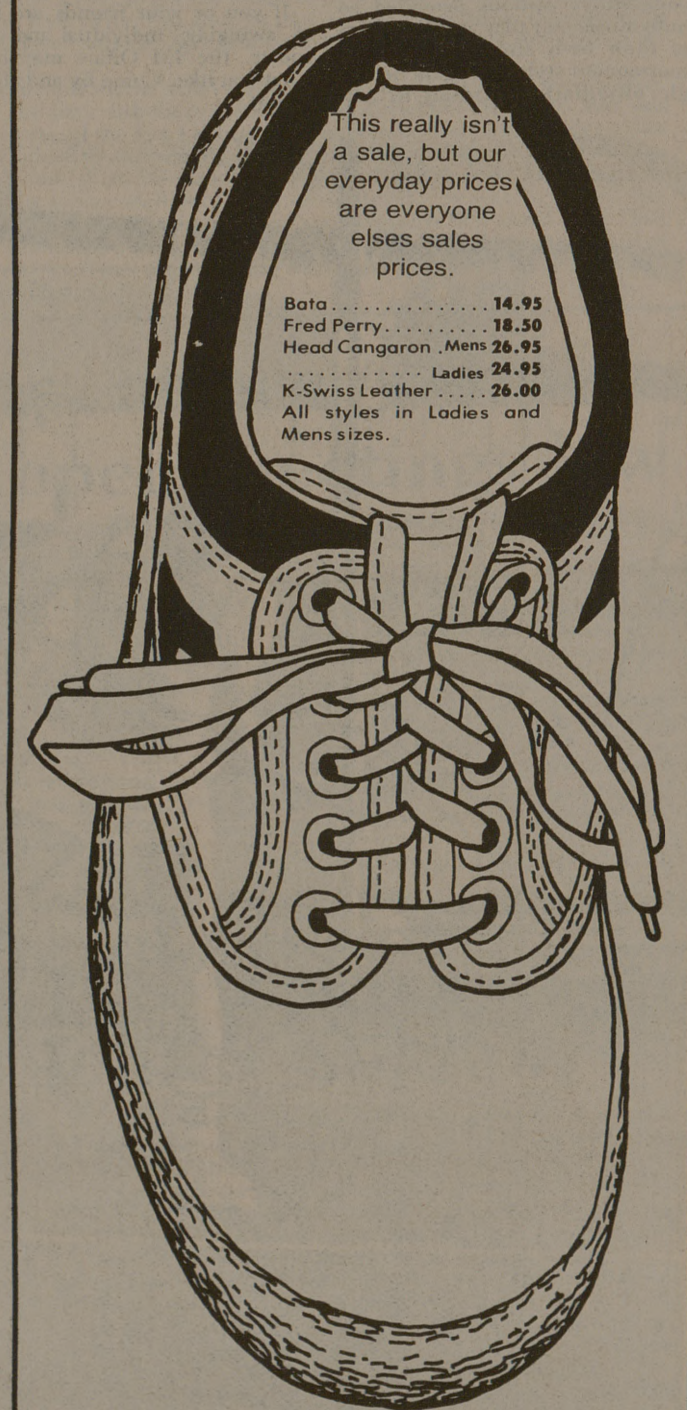


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