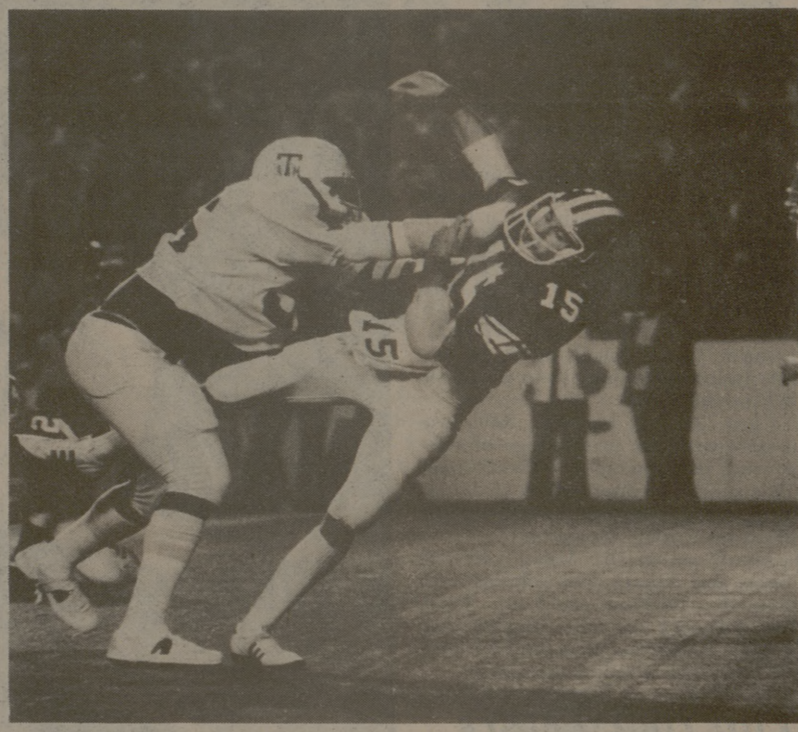
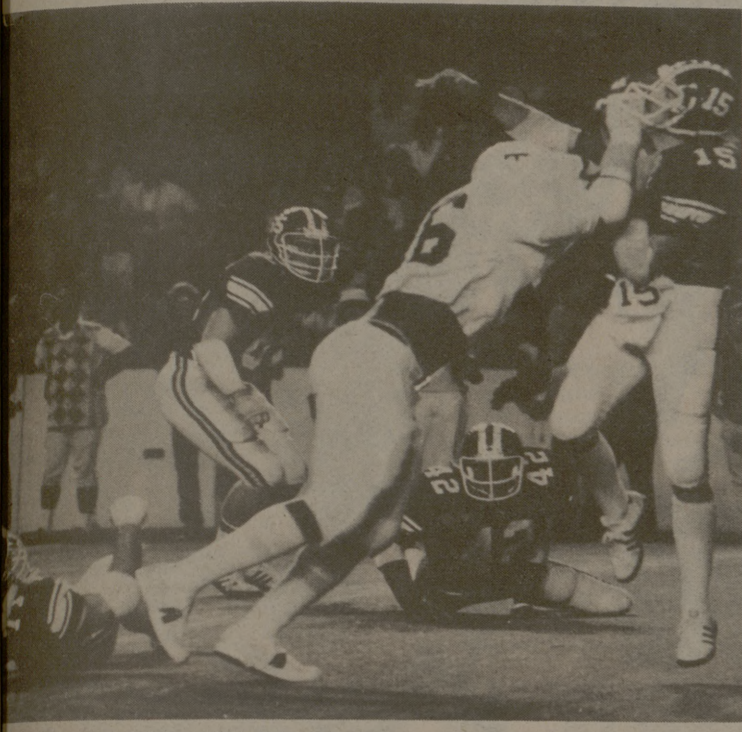


Violence: a part of the game



Battalion photos by Pat O'Malley



Aggie defensive end Eugene Sanders clobbers Rice quarterback Randy Hertel just as he releases the ball. The A&M pass rush has been suspect the entire season. Rarely do the defensive lineman sack the quarterback without the help of a blitzing linebacker or safety. Tied with Texas for the conference lead, the Ags play host to SMU this Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Water polo teams do well in tournaments

By DAVID BOGGAN
Both the Texas A&M men's and women's water polo teams played in tournaments last weekend. The Aggie men's team played in the Loyola Invitational in Chicago. In their attempt to receive an NCAA tournament bid, the Aggies beat Western Michigan 8-5 and Southern Illinois 13-6, but were defeated by Loyola 12-8, by Bucknell 14-11 and by University of Illinois at Chicago Circle 17-12. Aggie coach Dennis Fosdick said his team will probably not receive the NCAA bid this year. "We played super well," Fosdick said. "We just blew it. It's a matter of the team getting experience. We know we're as good as those other teams," Fosdick added. "They just played extremely well as a team and we didn't."
Junior Scott Harris, member of the team, agreed with Fosdick. "We felt we really played well at times, but we just couldn't keep it going," Harris said. "We've been better at each game and by next year we should be a national level team again."
Fosdick sighted mental errors, poor passing and failure to score on man-down situations as the Aggies' main problems. A man-down situation occurs when the opposing team loses a player on a penalty for a specified length of time.

Fosdick played his inexperienced players during much of the Loyola Invitational. "We didn't play our starting team that much," he said. "The purpose of the tournament was to give the players game time."
Fosdick said that inexperience is a problem of the women's water polo team also. In the Women's Southwest Water Polo Championship Tournament last weekend, the Aggies took second place. The University of Arizona A team finished in first place and the University of Arizona B team took third place. In the finals the Aggies were defeated by the University of Arizona A team by a score of 11-9. For A&M, Cheryl Houghton scored four points, Debbie Starr scored two points and Vicki Brown, Cindy Hallaran and Jennie Hicks each scored one point. All-Tournament players included Vicki Brown, Shirley Hill, Cheryl Houghton, Ann Ketterer and Debbie Starr of Texas A&M, Pam Hendricks, Diane Johnson, Steph Minton and Sue Sheehan of the University of Arizona A team, and Linda Stanford of Alamo Heights. The men's team plays Lamar at 7:30 and Rice at 8:30 tonight in P. L. Downs Natatorium. The women's team will play in the Rocky Mountain Invitational in Tucson, Arizona on November 18 and 19.

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