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# SMU hopes history repeats itself

#### By PAUL ARNETT Battalion Sports Editor

Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning -Winston Churchill

Texas A&M returns home from a ong road engagement to play the SMU Mustangs. It marks the real ginning of the Southwest Confer-

SMU Mustangs lightly. They have a mental mistake which gives them an am fine football team. "They do a lot of things well. On

ry balanced attack.

idering a freshman is at the the starting fullback as of now.

ing the Mustangs. But that won't be an easy task. SMU is a much better ball club than the Rice Owls. And that was a team A&M played poorly. "I thought we did a lot of things well against Rice," Bellard said. 'We made some mistakes on offensive drives, but our defensive sec-

ondary played a darn good game. "Our team has been making prog-ress this year. We keep making mental mistakes that stop us from rece (SWC) season. "Every game from here on in is an mportant one," coach Emory Bel-ad said. "We won't be taking the

extra advantage. The Mustangs' received an unfordense SMU has the best passing seen advantage earlier in the week. narterback (Mike Ford) in the con-George Woodard, A&M's great rence. Add to that fact, tailback fullback, strained a hamstring musthur Whittington, and you have a cle and is doubtful for tomorrow's

The Ponies are averaging 120 "He pulled his hamstring muscle ands per game on the ground and on Monday," Bellard said. "Right 55 yards per game through the air now I do not know what his status ays. That is a well balanced attack, will be tomorrow. Eddie Hardin is

Hardin, in his start against Texas "Thave a lot more to learn," quar-Tech, did an adequate job. He, erback Mike Ford said. "But I along with the rest of the Aggie hink I have done a good job since team, will have to do better than my start against TCU. That game that in order to defeat the Mus-was a real confidence builder for tangs.

The real season begins tomorrow. The Aggies need a confidence If the Mustangs upset the Aggies, it builder this weekend. Nothing is the end of the beginning for Cot-ould help them more than defeat- ton Bowl dreams.

#### A&M rugby teams face hectic weekend schedule

the Texas A&M Rugby Team ng Texas Rugby Union Champions, e Houston Heathens.

This weekend the Rugby Club ill send a team to participate in the an Antonio 7-side tournament. venty to thirty teams are expected be involved.

with the A&M women's rugby team reveled to Houston only to suffer its hosting a tournament. The men's team will play an exhibition game team will play an exhibition game that same weekend with the Dallas Rugby Club. The rugby games are played on the Main Drill Field, and the Club welcomes everyone to

come out on Saturday and watch. Anyone who wishes to come out to try their hand at rugby is very welcome. If you are interested, call

On Saturday, November 5, rugby Craig Belew, club president, at 845-4568



Head Football Coach Emory Bellard . . . was interviewed by an ABC News team during practice on October 25. The interview centered around the now famous kicking style of

Tony Franklin. The interview will be shown on the ABC Evening News with Barbara Walters on Friday November 25. Battalion photo by Larry Sharp

Readers, take a walk with me down memory lane. Think back three years ago to the 10776. three years ago to the 1974 football season. On a rainy November afternoon the Aggies played the SMU Mustangs in a SWC matchup in the Cotton Bowl.

were in first place in the conference, 4-0, and hopeful of a conference ti-tle. The stage was set for the game. Though the actors were present, the Aggies forgot their lines that af-ternoon. The Mustangs went home to Dallas with a 18-14 upset victory over A&M.

That loss to SMU would eventually knock the Aggies out of the Cotton Bowl and give the Baylor Bears, who were defeated by the Aggies that year 20-0, the conference championship, with a 6-1 confer-ence record. The Aggies ended up 5-2 in the conference, eventually losing to Texas in the last game of the season

The loss to SMU in 1974 was coach Emory Bellard's first and only loss to the Mustangs, going into tomorrow's gam

In 1977, SMU stands 2-2 in con-ference play while the Aggies are 3-0 and tied for the lead in the conference. Does tomorrow's setting sound familiar?

SMU would like nothing more than to add another mark to Bel-lard's loss column. But in order for SMU to repeat its performance of.

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In last week's game, the Mus-tangs played a solid first half of ball against the University of Texas. The Ponies went into halftime trailing the number one team in the nation 20-7. But with 6:11 remaining before the intermission, the Mustangs SMU entered the game with a 2-2 fore the intermission, the Mustangs conference record while the Aggies led 7-0. Four turnovers later the wall had caved in and the Ponies never recovered in the second half. But the Aggie game is a new start for the Ponies and they'll be ready to play. Conference leading quarter-back Mike Ford attemted 46 passes against Texas, completing 21. The sellout crowd tomorrow be treated to another aerial show by the SMU freshman. Ford has averaged 29

passes per game this season. When SMU turns to its ground attack, tailback Arthur Wittington or slotback Emanuel Tolbert usually get the call. Wittington is the number six rusher in the conference

with a 74.7 yards per game average. Challenging the A&M offense is an SMU defense that has allowed an an SMO defense that has anowed an average of 23.6 points per game. Led by two-year letterman Putt Choate at linebacker, the SMU de-fense will try to shut down the Aggie offense as it did in the 1974 game. But thet game user alread four

But that game was played four years ago by virtually two different teams than the two that will take the field tomorrow.

So readers, we must turn out sights to the present and hope for the best Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m.

#### Pistol team finishes fifth

The Texas A&M Pistol Team journeyed to Arlington for the Fall UT-Arlington Invitational Pistol Meet. Three schools entered in the forthe Aggies in the individual rank-ings, as the top A&M shooter took fifth place. UT-Austin finished first first pistol competition of the 1977 school year; UT-Austin, UT-Arlington, and Texas A&M.

The Aggies entered two teams of 5 persons each, plus three indi-vidual competitors.

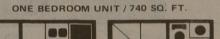
UT-Austin received first and third Field Indoor Smallbore Range. Fir-

and second in the individual competition, with UT-Arlington finishing third and fourth.

The next scheduled competion will be a Southwest Conference In-vitational Meet at Texas A&M on Saturday, November 5, in the Kyle place trophies, while UT-Arlington ing will begin at 9 a.m. for the first took second place. relay of shooters.

# **Owning a townhome vs renting an apartment:** an alternative with sound financial advantages for the parents of A&M students.

If your son or daughter is a student at Texas A&M University. you may want to consider investing in an April Court town-



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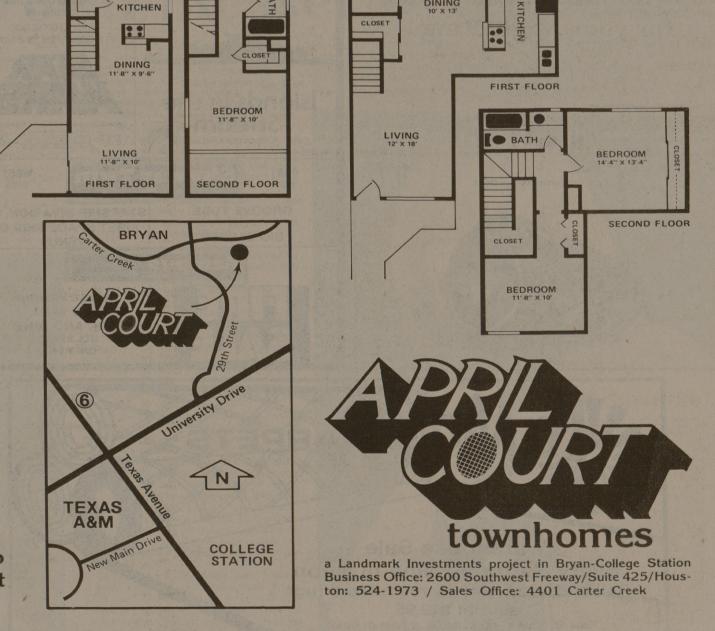
home in Bryan-College Station.

The financial advantages of townhome ownership vs. apartment rental are obvious: depreciation and interest save taxes; inflation and community growth encourage property appreciation.

And there are certain intangible advantages of April Court townhouse living compared to renting an apartment. It's usually quieter in a townhome. There's more room for living in April Court than most apartments. There's less hassle for parking than many high density College Station apartments. There's more wooded outdoor space for recreation or reflection. No pet restrictions. Washer dryer connections in some models. Interior finish materials are of better quality than many low budget apartments. And there are less rules, less restrictions to frustrate and irritate young adults who are perfectly capable of managing their own life without the supervision of a property manager only two or three years their senior.

If townhome ownership is a viable alternative for housing your A&M student, you will want to visit April Court without delay. Only 24 units will be available for the fall term. Forty additional units will be completed by spring. One and two bedroom models, starting at \$21,500, are still available.

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