Aggie notes Waterpolo team wins

The Texas A&M water polo team Shannon Murray and Gough's first- last weekend in Houston. The Agdefeated the University of Texas inning homerun. But TWU took the Tuesday night in P.L. Downs Natatorium. The 17-5 victory increased the Aggies' season record to

"This is the best Texas team we've ever faced, even though the score doesn't show it," Aggie coach De-nnis Fosdick said. "We were a little rusty; it's been a while since we've played.

Steve Sampson scored 5 points and Scott Harris scored 4 points to lead the Aggies. All-America candidate Vicente Tavarez played had a good game at his goalie position, Fosdick said

The Aggies host Loyola University and the University of Illinois Chicago Circle Oct. 27 and 28.

The Texas A&M women's softball team finished second in the TAIAW state tournament in Canyon, Tex., last weekend. The Aggies lost to TWU in the finals to closeout the fall season with a 27-6 record. All six losses were to TWU

A&M opened play by beating Angelo State 7-3 with Cindy Gough and Vicki Markowsky getting three hits each. Then came an 11-5 romp over Baylor. Nancy Sullivan had a homerun in that game. TWU came from behind to knock the Aggies into the loser's bracker 4-3. A&M beat Sam Houton 7-1 with Sullivan hitting her second homerun of the tourney. Then the Aggies handed TWU its first defeat of the season 2-0 behind the 3-hit pitching of

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title with a 7-3 win in the final game. Gough had a great tournament with 13 hits in 20 at-bats. Sullivan and Marylou Wargo were 6-for-11. Murray ended the season with a 14-3 record while Sami Evans was

13-3.

gies lost to UT Arlington in the finals, 9-15, 7-15, 15-13, 9-15. The Aggies defeated 10th-rated

Houston 15-1, 15-11, in the semifinals before losing in the finals. The Aggies now have a 25-9 rec-



Texas player brings the ball down for the Longhorns as (as A&M's Steve Sampson (24) and Jim Woodman prepare

to defend in Tuesday night's water polo game in P.L. Downs Natatorium. The Aggies defeated the Longhorns 17-5.

Bellard offers no excuses or team's loss to Houston

MARK PATTERSON

e first time this season ing his Aggies took from at fullback. ast weekend

we no excuses," Bellard ston came into the game ared and played well. We em too much to start with

n't catch up. ftime I told the team we course but to hold them and score 34 points. We nout, but we needed some to get into it. They never

big story in the aftermath ston game are the injuries the Texas A&M squad. ve backfield is suffering with two starters listed as for Saturday's contest

(Dickey) is hurt and we're

fullback position.

If Dickey and Armstrong are un-Bellard didn't shower the with praise at his weekly afference. It was a quiet Bel-addressed the press Tues-wering questions on the swering questions on the swering questions on the swering questions on the run-ning back corps will include Brothers, Dale, Herbert Booker and Holly Wilson at halfback with Raymond Belcher and Roger Wiley The offensive backfield isn't the

only position hurting this week. Starting center Ed Pustejovsky is definitely out for this week's game and it is not known when he'll return to the lineup. Backup center Don Wright sprained a knee in Monday's practice and is doubtful for Saturday's game. That leaves Preston Dickson and freshman David Bandy to handle the snapping

duty for the Aggies Saturday. "It seems like all of our injuries hit at one position at once," Bellard commented. "Before the season began we thought we had good depth at both the running back and center positions, but now we're short-handed at both.

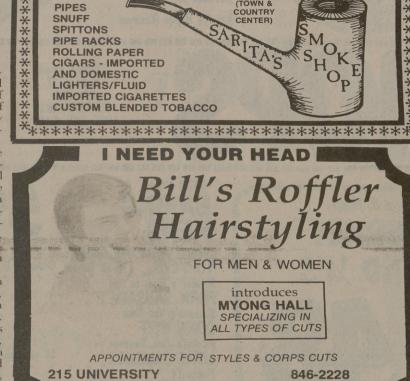
We won't alter workouts this ight and day to get him week with all our injured. We'll

has been shifted to halfback from his move the football," Bellard explained. "We did not block well and Houston dominated the line of scrimmage. It wasn't a question of not knowing who to block. We knew who but we just didn't do the block-

ing It was the poorest showing for the Texas A&M offense thus far this season. Out of the 15 statistical categories kept, the Houston game was the worst for the Aggies in seven of the offensive categories, including first downs, total offense offensive plays and , most obviously, scoring. It was the first regular season shut out of a Texas A&M team since 1971.

Defensively, out of the 13 high and low categories kept this season, the Houston game ranked lowest in nine of the categories for the Aggies. The defense had its worst game this year, allowing the most first downs, rushing yards, total offense in a game, touchdowns both rushing and passing, and, most importantly, points allowed.

No, it wasn't one of Texas A&M's better games. And it's up to the team to work its way back into the good graces of its fans. And, more importantly, back into the favor of



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