

# Texas given nod

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DALLAS — The nine Southwest Conference basketball coaches made the defending NIT champion Texas Longhorns the logical favorite to win the conference title this year, but they also said it probably would not be easy for the Horns to win their second straight SWC crown. "Texas has to be the favorite because of their proven players," said MU coach Sonny Allen in a typical comment. "But a lot of teams have possibilities." The Longhorns return four starters from their surprising team of last year, but Texas A&M, because of freshman center Rudy Woods, and Arkansas, because of its tradition, were also given a chance to challenge Texas. "The league winner could have as many as four losses," said Texas coach Abe Lemons, whose Longhorns beat Temple, Nebraska, Kansas and North Carolina State to win the NIT. "Last year Arkansas had the best record it ever had," he said, "and they lost four games. There are just too many people who have improved. The Aggies have the only overpowering guy in the league. The rest of us have to depend on our good every night." Lemons echoed the comments of almost every coach when

they spoke of Arkansas. "Any team with Sidney Moncrief can't be all that bad," Lemons said. Arkansas tied Texas for the league championship last year, but Marvin Delph and Ron Brewer have graduated, leaving Moncrief to carry the bulk of the load. "There is no doubt in my mind that everybody in the league will be as good or better than they were last year except us and maybe Houston," said Arkansas coach Eddie Sutton. "But Houston always has good talent and they are tough to play at home. Everybody has to pick Texas, but I think Texas will have some tough spots." Baylor coach Jim Haller said he thought the league had more question marks this year because there are so many good newcomers into the conference. "Texas is the choice everybody makes, but Texas may not have the toughness with everyone shooting at them. Last year they were loose but this year they might be trying not to lose." Rice coach Mike Schuler, whose team has seven freshmen, a sophomore and a senior among the top nine, hopes to move up the ladder. "Somebody has to be ninth," he said. "And all I hope is that it isn't us."



Battalion photo by Kayce Glasse

## Flying high to Dallas

Chuck Martin displays flying form during a rugby tackling drill. Martin is a member of this year's Texas A&M rugby team. Currently with a 6-2 record, the team will travel to Dallas for a tournament this weekend.

# Dorsett angry at press

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MILWAUKEE — Dallas Cowboys running back Tony Dorsett is becoming sensitive about criticism in the Dallas media and says he likes the press is trying to run out of Dallas. "I feel like the press is trying to run me out of Dallas," Dorsett broke out of a personal interview Sunday by rushing for 149 yards in 23 attempts in the Cowboys' 42-14 victory over Green Bay Packers. Dallas broke a two-game losing streak by winning the game.

substandard play. Dallas, last season's Super Bowl champion, is 7-4 and one game behind Washington in the NFC East. The Cowboys will host the division leaders Thanksgiving Day. "It seems that when things aren't going too good for us, everyone is pointing the finger at me," Dorsett said. "When you're down, they want to talk about you and write bad things about you." Dorsett, who said the criticism has caused him to quit reading newspapers and magazines, had not played up to expected standards in

the past three games and was disciplined through limited playing time last month when he slept through a team meeting and did not inform Cowboys' officials. "I feel like the press is trying to run me out of town," he said. "I'm hurt about all the articles that have been written. It hurt to read them. I don't think it is right when people use that kind of story just to make headlines."

# Golf, cross country teams do well in weekend outings

Texas A&M University men's country team traveled to Georgetown, Texas to run in the District meet Saturday. The top 10 finishers of the 10,000 race go on to the NCAA cross country championship Nov. 20 at Madison, Wis. Aggies had one man finish in the top ten and will make the trip to the Senior Manfred Kohrs South Africa finish 10th to the Aggies' efforts. Aggies placed ninth out of 17 teams entered from the West and Southland Confer-

ences took team honors as two runners tied for first place. The rest of the Aggie team placed as follows: Lane Mitchell, Keith Bratten, 51st; Rick Davis, 67th; John Bleyl, 70th; Havens, 71st and Kent Wilk-

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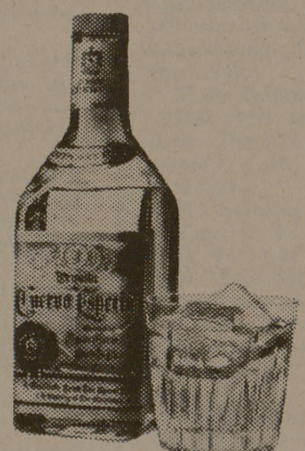
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