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Aggies ready for weather, Hogs

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There is some good news and bad news for the people traveling to Arkansas for the Texas A&M-Arkansas football game Saturday. First the bad news.

The weather today calls for temperatures in the mid-30s with scattered showers through the night. Wind will be from the north at 15-20 m.p.h.

Now the good news. You may be able to hang your winter clothes in the closet before going to the game. The forecast calls for clear skies with 5 m.p.h. winds. The temperature should be in the low 50s by kickoff. And Texas A&M's Tom Wilson couldn't be happier about the forecast.

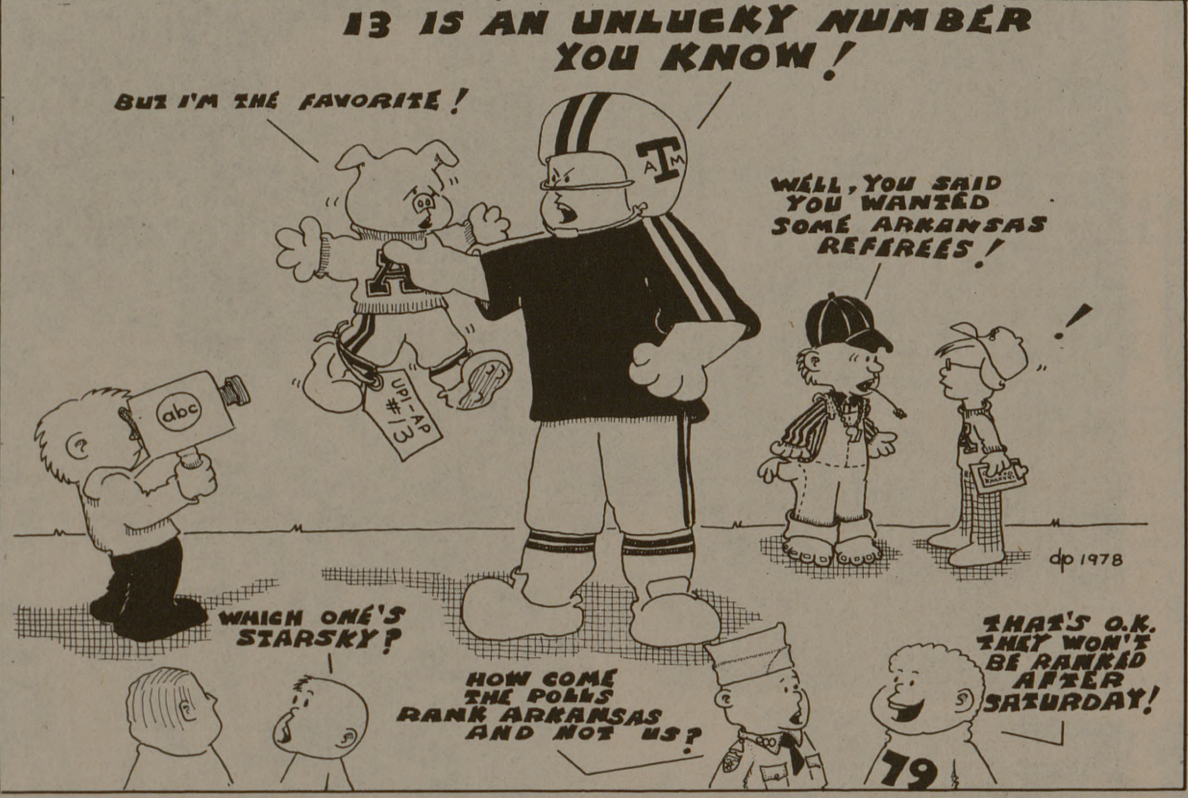
"I sure am glad we had the game changed (from 7:30 p.m. to 11:50 a.m. for television)," Wilson said. "It sure will be a lot warmer. It would have been down into the 30s at night."

But no matter what the temperature is in the hills of Arkansas, the fans of the Razorbacks turnout in droves to call their Hogs. The game will be played in Little Rock instead of on the Arkansas campus in Fayetteville so more people can attend the game. And as expected the game is a sell out.

"The crowd will be as vocal and as partisan a crowd as we have at home," Wilson explained about the Pig fans. "When they start calling the Hogs (yelling Soooooooy Pigs) it seems like you can hear it all through the hills."

"But the crowd really won't be a factor. It's different to play in a game up there but we've never been intimidated before. We won't be Saturday. We don't care how much noise there is. We just want to be able to hear our audibles and snap counts."

The Arkansas Razorbacks are at the end of a disappointing season for the team. Coming off an Orange Bowl victory over Oklahoma last season the Hogs were picked by most to sweep through the Southwest Con-



ference and contend for the national championship. Unexpectedly, the Hogs have dropped two games thus far this season, to the Texas Longhorns and the Houston Cougars. Overall with a 6-2 record, they are 3-2 in the conference and very disappointed.

"In pre-season I had to favor Arkansas to win the conference with the proven offense and proven defense they had coming back this season," Wilson said. "Plus they were coming off the big win over Oklahoma. On paper they looked like the team to beat."

"At the beginning of the year Arkansas looked like a better team than Texas A&M. But a lot of things have happened since the first games in September."

"Going into this year we had a very young defense that was untested.

But this team has improved with every game its played. And now with our more versatile offense we're to the point that on paper we're as good as Arkansas is.

"When two teams of equal ability step onto the football field, a break

here or a mental breakdown there could mean the difference in a game. You never know what's going to happen and I guess that's why we play the game."

Saturday's game may also decide which team goes on to a bowl game

Moore fired at KU

United Press International
LAWRENCE, Kan. — Bud Moore was fired as head football coach of the University of Kansas Thursday, just two days before the Jayhawks were to meet arch-rival Kansas State in the 1978 season finale.

Moore, who was Texas A&M's offensive coordinator under Gene Stallings from 1965-71, had two years remaining on a five-year contract and Kansas Athletic Director Bob Marcum said negotiations on a settlement with the deposed coach would begin soon.

the gridiron this season except for the two games the Jayhawks were given no prayer at all — against UCLA and Oklahoma. Kansas topped then eighth-ranked UCLA, 28-24, and lost to then top-ranked Oklahoma, 17-16, when a Jayhawk two-point conversion try failed with 16 seconds remaining.

The rest of the season has been a succession of mismatches including a 37-10 loss to Texas A&M, a 31-2 loss to Washington, a 38-6 loss to Miami of Florida, a 63-21 loss to Nebraska and, last weekend, a 48-0 embarrassment at the hands of arch-rival Missouri.

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SMU-Texas Tech	Texas Tech by 6	Texas Tech by 6	SMU by 20
Baylor-Rice	Baylor by 10	Baylor by 26	Baylor by 14
Texas-TCU	Texas by 24	Texas by 32	Texas by 18
USC-UCLA	USC by 4	USC by 13	USC by 10
Missouri-Nebraska	Nebraska by 7	Nebraska by 28	Nebraska by 14
Purdue-Michigan	Michigan by 9	Michigan by 13	Michigan by 7
Navy-Florida State	Navy by 3	Florida State by 10	Navy by 6
New Orleans-Dallas	Dallas by 13	Dallas by 24	Dallas by 17
Miami-Houston	Houston by 4	Miami by 9	Houston by 4

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