By Kathleen McElroy Battalion Reporter

The end of the Texas A&M-Penn State football game marked the beginning of a wild Aggie victory celebration that reached its peak at Easterwood Airport Saturday night. Thousands of Aggie fans — cur-

rent students, former students, and would-be students - crammed into the small airport to greet the Braniff 727 jet that carried the Aggie team, 27-14 winners over the Penn St. Nittany Lions in University Park,

Estimates of the crowd ranged from five thousand to ten thousand. The crowd started arriving at the airport around 9 p.m. Saturday. The usual procedure for the greeters was to ask an airport worker what time the plane was arriving, get a soft drink or candy bar from a small snack bar, and then go outside and lean against the small wire fence that separates the runway from the rest of the airport and wait.

The plane was sheduled to arrive at 10 o'clock but airline officials told the crowd the plane would arrive at 10:50, which was when it finally ar-

people started to climb on the roof covering the area behind the fence to get a better view. Police officers to get a better view. Police officers seemed startled by all the hoopla. who had arrived to control the crowd ordered them to get off the first experience with the Aggies.

yells and singing Aggie songs. However the leaders of the yells got the words wrong a couple of times and started to sing "The Spirit of Aggie-

Before the plane arrived, the everyone seemed to explode with energy and even more spirit. The crowd settled down when the camera stopped filming.

The crowd went wild when the plane was sighted and everyone started singing "The Aggie War

"I think we're a bunch of nuts," said Margaret Singley who had worked her way close to the fence.

The plane looked as if it had been captured by an army of erratic army ants. People completely surrounded the plane waiting. There was hardly any room for the passengers of the At first there were only enough people to line the fence, but by the time the plane arrived there were rows of people lined up behind the fence. The situation got so bad that

For some of them, this was their

The crowd amused itself by doing this," said Leigh Sims with a smile. Yusef Lasana also said this was his first big encounter with this type of greeting. "This is great," he said. They (the football team) were great.

Derrick Grubbs, who works in biggest excitement was a television camera that was filming the crowd. The noise became louder, and everyone seemed to explode with pected a mob that size.

"You could hear the roar outside," Grubbs said. "The engines were loud, but you could hear."

You could feel the force of the people against the plane. I was

"It had to be a great ending to a great day," he said.



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Sipe, Browns bomb Cowboys, 26-7

United Press International
CLEVELAND — Brian Sipe fired two touchdown passes and free safety Thom Darden ran back an interception for another touchdown Monday night to lead the undefeated Cleveland Browns to a surprising 26-7 victory over the Dallas Cowboys.
Sipe brought the Browns out

like gangbusters in the first quarter, hitting on scoring passes of 24 yards to wide receiver Dave Logan and 52 yards to tight end Ozzie Newsome.

Darden then intercepted Roger Staubach's pass and returned it 39 yards for touchdown to boost Cleveland to a 20-0 lead with 7:55 left in the first quarter.

Staubach, stymied repeatedly by an often heavy Cleveland pass rush, finally got his club going later in the first quarter, connecting with wide receiver Tony Hill on a 48-yard TD strike

Neither team scored in the second quarter, but Cleveland's defense came up with several big plays to stop Cowboy drives. Staubach had a bad handoff exhausa with survival and the Taylor. change with running back Tony Dorsett on the Browns' 2-yard line, which was recovered by linebacker Dick Ambrose to end what looked like a certain Dallas

Later in the second quarter, reserve tight end Curtis Weathers blocked a 35-yard field goal

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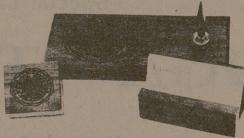
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