\$2,000 for his fight last month with a

Boston Globe sportswriter, was "no

entitled to player cooperation by the

terms of every NFL player's con-

Clayborn offered continual answers of "no comment" when asked

about the fine and also said "no

comment" when asked if he would

The other party in the Sept. 9 incident, sportswriter Will McDonough, wasn't so close-

"On behalf of myself and my attorney, we would like to express our

appreciation for Commissioner

Rozelle's interest in the matter, but

we feel it is only one small step. Further action should be taken,"

McDonough said in response to the

McDonough however declined comment when asked whether he would pursue further legal action

Clayborn made an apology to re-

porters on Sept. 10, and he prom-

ised to personally apologize to McDonough "the next time I see"

has seen Clayborn at least twice

since the incident and has received

McDonough said, however, he

against the Pats' defensive back.

appeal the case.

and "sports writers are

## gaining due respect By KURT ALLEN

Battalion Sports Staff
After last year's sub-par performnce, Texas Aggie fans were gener-ly apprehensive about what kind the Texas A&M secondary ald do this season. But many

oubts have since been erased, and ee safety Elroy Steen certainly derves some credit as a key figure in It's been a year of adjustment for ne 6-3, 197-pound junior from onzales. After lettering at cornerack his first two years for the Ag-

jes, Steen was switched to free afety this past spring. Now, with pur games under his belt, Steen is sed to his new home on the field nd says he couldn't be happier.
"I'm don't feel as restricted as I id at cornerback," Steen said. "I

hink I react a lot better now, beause it leaves me free to go from ideline to sideline. That lets me eep up with where the ball's going and prevent receivers from getting behind us for a big gain." If statistics are any indication of

erformance, then Steen and company have definitely improved since ast year. So far this year, Steen and rong safety John Dawson have ombined to break up 10 passes. teen has also caused two fumbles, ing him with linebacker Mike Litfor the team lead.

The secondary's performance as a shole is already way ahead of last ear. Through the first four games, secondary has intercepted eight sses. Last year, the group had ly seven interceptions the entire son. Ironically, Steen is the only ember of the secondary without interception this year.

Yeah, that's something I'm not appy with, but I know it'll change on," he said. "One of these days, ey're going to have to throw in my

direction, and when they do, I'll be waiting to pick it off. I think the fact the other guys already have this many interceptions is because we have a good pass rush. We wouldn't look so good if it wasn't for that front

Steen, Ags defense

Steen said he believes the consistency shown by the defense can be traced to the fact the squad has been

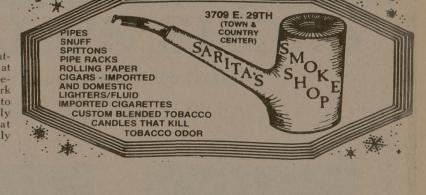
"(Defensive Secondary) Coach (Dean) Campbell didn't want any-body to burn us for a pass over 20 yards, especially one for a score. But that's just what Memphis State did to us. They were able to throw a screen pass 44 yards to tie the score Of course we were able to go ahead and beat them, but you can bet we won't be letting that happen

Looking ahead to Texas Tech, it's debatable whether the secondary will get a workout, considering Tech has a strong running game led by running back James Hadnot and quarterback Ron Reeves. The Red Raiders could surprise people with some quick passes to their wide re-

"They've got a guy named Edwin Newsome who's 5-11 and 160 pounds. He's able to run 40 yards in 4.5 seconds. With that kind of speed, he's definitely a threat, so

"People are finally beginning to see we can play. Jacob Green is doing a good job of keeping our front together. And of course our linebackers are tough. Everybody says they're undersized, but you know what, I wouldn't trade those three little guys for anybody.

sioner Pete Rozelle has fined him Rozelle, in issuing his ruling, said professional football players "have an obligation to cooperate with the



Elroy

together as one unit since last spring. He pointed out that all the defense to hang tough against Texas starters went through spring workouts together and are now better able to anticipate each other's

He added that the defense, unlike the offense, was able to learn all its basic plays during the spring. He said it actually added nothing new from week to week, working instead on perfecting individual skills.

At the start of the season, Defensive Coordinator R.C. Slocum set a number of season goals for the de-fense. Among the goals was not allowing any long runs and making sure the secondary "doesn't get burned." However, after last week's

# game against Memphis State, Steen said the second goal won't be totally

United Press International

Frank Bevers knows what it's like face a top-rated team in a key dist game. His Highland Park Scots d it a week ago against Class AAA second-rated Plano. And, ey'll do it again Friday night ainst third-ranked Lake High-

The Scots fell short against Plano, 17, on two last-minute passes.
We lined up out there last week d they just beat us," Bevers said. thought we could win, and maybe should have. But, we've reped and are ready to play again

We're not out of the district pice yet. And, if we win against ke Highlands, we're still in the

Another important showdown is weekend will be in Class A nen No. 2 Haskell takes on No. 7 ox City in a district battle.

Other big games this weekend d Class AAAA top-ranked bilene Cooper opening district ay at San Angelo, Class AAA ler Jasper hosting Dayton, and lass AA pace-setter Kendey host-San Antonio Cole. Class A topinked China Spring has an open

La Porte, ranked fourth in Class AAA this week, plays at Pasadena ayburn, fifth-ranked Conroe is at ing, sixth-rated Seguin hosts San ntonio MacArthur, seventh-nked Temple is at Waco Univer-y, eighth-ranked Houston Stratplays at Alief Elsik, No. 9 Midd Lee goes to Odessa, and 10thanked San Antonio Judson hosts outh San Antonio.

### Playoff scores

The Pittsburgh Pirates beat the innati Reds, 3-2 in the 11th ing to win the second game of the st-of-five game National League woff series

The Baltimore Orioles defeated California Angels, 6-3 in the th inning to win the first game of American League playoffs. The ioles and Angels will play today at 15 p.m. (CDT).



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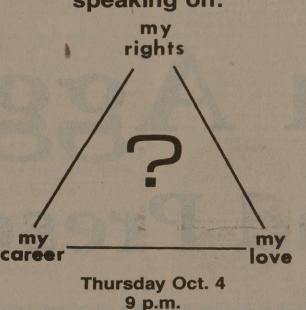
op prep teams battle Paris, Class AAA's No. 2 team, hosts Hallsville; No. 3 Kerrville hosts South San Antonio West, No.4

> French, No. 5 Huntsville is at Houston Furr, sixth-ranked Gainesville is at Denton, and No. Gregory-Portland hosts Flour Bluff. No. 8 Pecos, No. 9 Lubbock Estacado and No. 10 San Angelo Lakeview all have open dates this In Class AA, second-ranked Pittsburg is at DeKalb, third-ranked Childress hosts Clarendon, fourth-

Beaumont Hebert hosts Beaumont

rated Breckenridge hosts Clyde, No. 5 rated Whitehouse is at Van and sixth-ranked Hays Consolidated is at Burnet. Also, seventh-ranked Idalou is at Olton, No. 8 Bowie hosts Brownwood, ninth-ranked Wylie hosts Ballinger and 10th-ranked Hondo hosts Median Valley.

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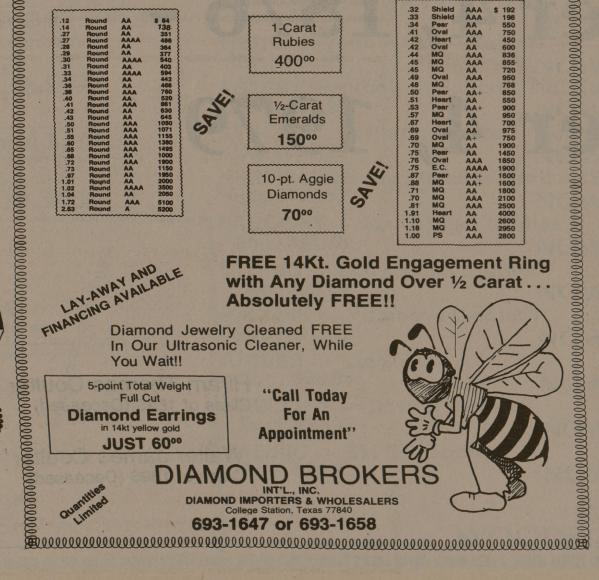


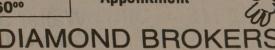
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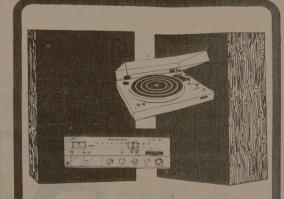
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