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A&M's pass defense, meanwhile, was having another fine game, holding freshman SMU quarterback Lance McIlhenny to 29 yards on

three completions. On the ground, however, the Mustangs were racking up 228 yards using sterling starters Craig James (92 yards) and

After the game, the scene in the A&M lockerroom was an all-toocommon one, as players quickly dressed and readied for another long

"They beat us with our kicking team," said fullback David Hill. "We basically did a good job. The kicking game is just breaking down. "We haven't fallen apart yet. Our defense has never played better.

They (SMU) only got one legitimate TD. They ran one punt back and the blocked field goal. The rest of the time, they weren't in scoring

"We had so many penalties," he said. "We've just got to get ready and learn (because of off-week this week). I just hope everybody keeps

a good head about all this. We need to get ready to play Arkansas and

"Something always seems to go wrong. Everything's happening. We've got to bounce back. We made a lot of mental mistakes."

Hill said most of the team's effort is good. "We moved the ball on them," he said. "We're just having some trouble getting points. I'd say 90 percent of the things we do are good,

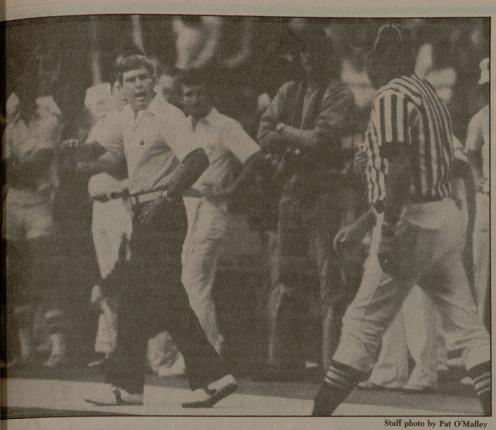
it's just the 10 percent that are stopping us. "For instance, we had one 80-yard drive and then a holding penalty. That stopped us."

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Aggie Head Football Coach Tom Wilson makes his point to an official Saturday after the official didn't measure for a first down as Wil- superiors because of his record.

son requested. Wilson, whose A&M squad has lost four in a row, is under fire from some

## A&M loses 4th straight game

Eric Dickerson (71 yards).

Kubiak was quiet after the game.

bus ride home.

range. Scott agreed.

Sports Editor Despite beating SMU on paper, the Texas Aggies were smeared on the field Saturday by the Mustangs, 27-0. The loss was A&M's fourth in a row, the first time since 1972 the Ags

had accomplished that less-than-notable feat. "We're still learning," said wide reciever David Scott. What the Aggies learned however, was just another way to lose a ballgame

After fumbling one away one week against Rice in a 10-6 loss and committing a costly penalty against Houston in a 17-13 heartbreaker,

committing a costly penalty against Houston in a 17-13 hearbbreaker, the Aggies simply couldn't get the ball rolling against SMU. Not their way, anyway. For SMU, the ball rolled the right direction all day. With 7:48 left in the first quarter, freshman A&M punter Kyle Stuard had to leap to snag a high snap and then watched in dismay as white jerseys were all over him as he stepped forward. The result was a blocked punt (the seventh of the year against the

Aggies) by Mustang Byron Hunt that caromed backwards for a few

yards before Hunt snagged it and ran it in for a 59-yard touchdown. Once again, that first opposing score proved to be the downfall for the Aggies. Approximately a minute later, Stuard finally got off a punt. SMU's John Simmons, however, took the punt and raced 66 yards

for another score. In a little over a minute's time, the Mustangs had put the game away.

With 55 seconds left in the half, Alan Smith entered to try a 44-yard field goal. Once again, John Simmons rammed through the line to block the attempt and Hunt picked up the ball and sped 51 yards. Only a fine spirited effort by Mike Whitwell to catch Hunt stopped a TD. A field goal resulted instead and the Mustangs had a 17-0 lead at the intermission.

A third quarter field goal and a pass TD in the fourth quarter rounded out the scoring for SMU.

The Aggies offensively ran up 273 yards to the Mustangs' 257, but could not get into the end zone.

Sophomore Gary Kubiak, starting his third game ever as an Aggie, was eight-for-22 for only 108 yards.

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"There was some misunderstand-ing ... and Wilson wanted to give

Wide receiver David Scott

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Stanford th of the season. In 1979-80, With that statement, weeks of 22-2-1 reviercover talk about a possible ching change at Texas A&M be-republic, and Wilson did not ex-y take the news with open arms. tcheact, Wilson was downright indig-

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listened to the criticism of groups such as the Association of Former Students and decided he'd had

enough. Winning may be important, but Bellard noted it wasn't everything.

Two years later, Bellard has guided Mississippi State to a brilliant

## Comment

season, capped by a 6-3 stunning win over No. 1-ranked Alabama Saturday

The Association of Former Students is strangely silent now. Whereas Bellard decided he'd lis-

tened to enough babbling and left, Wilson is not so easily swayed.

'Either I'm going to coach or they're going to get another one," Wilson commented simply Sunday night. "Problems this year have been caused by us, by me, by what I've done. It's also been a basic inexperience, and problems caused by disci-

plinary actions. "It's all been done to help the program. I just hope somebody will realize how much we've done. I'm the one that's being criticized. I just want to be able to continue in an atmosphere that is conducive to

growth and improvement. The seemingly hot war between Wilson and the vocal Wisenbaker quieted notably Sunday.

When The Battalion called Wisenwhen the Battalion called Wisen-baker Sunday night, he refused to comment about the situation, except to say he really didn't want to talk about it.

Hison caused comment early in "This thing's gone a little far," he season after a bold move which said. "We're just gonna be quiet ab-"This thing's gone a little far," he After being more than happy to

a 33-0 whitewash by Houston and a following loss to Baylor, and the all-too-prevalent talk started. Bellard blaspheme Wilson's name in one of Texas' larger newspapers and in front of several of Texas A&M's hierarchy the Board," said Texas A&M Acting President Charles Samson. "(Board of Regents Chairman Clyde) Wells during the week, Wisenbaker said he hadn't brought on the situation. "The gravity of the situation was

not caused by me." Some would refute that claim. The talk was just that — talk — until Wisenbaker took to the streets.

'The comments really came to light when one of our Board mem-bers made some of the statements he's made," said Wilson. "Unfortun-

ately, that is now out in the open. "I don't care to get in a word battle with him, though.

While Wisenbaker seems to have made up his mind about Wilson's future as Texas A&M head football coach, other Aggie officials have found more solace in being patient and waiting.

'Tom Wilson is a head football coach at Texas A&M University and he has a two-year contract," said Athletic Director Marvin Tate Sun-day night. "I'm reading the paper and hearing those things, too.

"Last year, we recommended a one-year extension on his contract,

and that's all we're going on. "Oh sure, there's talk and rumors. It's unfortunate. Arkansas has lost three, but I don't see any rumors there. Maybe we can't parallel those two programs. I'm getting calls and letters, and some are in support of Tom.

Tate said no action against Wilson

has occurred thus far. "Nothing official has been done," he said. "Not one thing has been done

Wilson, however, has already presented his case before the Board of Regents. That meeting, on Oct. 24, was set up to allow Wilson to willingly answer questions the Board might A news leak before the me

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him. He's still rebuilding. You can't take over a team and in just two years just be a national champion. and the chancellor agreed to set it Wilson now has two weeks to look

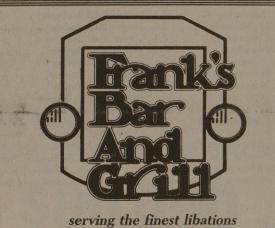
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"I can't force them (the regents) to do anything; it's in their hands," said Wilson.

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