

Sports



Staff photo by Brian Tate

Best wishes from Eastern Onion

Texas A&M University Athletic Director Mar-  
tine Tate, left, and Coach Tom Wilson of the  
Aggie football team received a pleasant sur-  
prise Thursday morning. Athletic Department  
secretaries arranged for the two to receive a  
visit from a representative of Eastern Onion

Singing Telegrams. The telegram, as well as  
the festivities seen here, were intended to wish  
Tate and Wilson good luck in Saturday's sea-  
son-opening Texas A&M-Cal Berkeley football  
matchup, which begins at 3 p.m. local time.

Soccer team opens on the road

The Texas A&M University men's  
soccer team Saturday travels to  
Denver to play LeTourneau  
College in its first match of 1981-

Young University and Chico  
State, then move on to Denver  
Sept. 13 to play Metro College.  
Included on Texas A&M's sche-

dule are only four home matches:  
Texas, Sept. 27; Arkansas, Oct. 4;  
Houston Baptist, Oct. 14; and  
Rice, Nov. 14.

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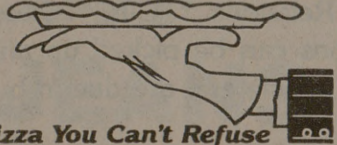
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SWC teams open '81 season  
this weekend with five games

United Press International  
Suddenly it's September and all  
the pennant races and tennis tour-  
naments in the world might as  
well not exist as far as College Sta-  
tion and Fayetteville are con-  
cerned.

The Southwest Conference  
football season opens Saturday  
and in Waco, Lubbock and Austin  
it automatically becomes topic  
No. 1.

Five inter-sectional games are  
on the schedule for the opening  
weekend of the SWC season, a  
campaign in which the league  
coaches forecast an abundance of  
balance.

Nothing, they say, can be cal-  
led an upset in the SWC anymore.

The top attractions on opening  
day are somewhat far afield —  
Texas A&M visiting California and  
Texas Christian going to Auburn.

At home, meanwhile, SMU  
will take on Texas-Arlington,  
Houston hosts New Mexico and  
Baylor entertains Lamar.

"We're tired of talking and  
waiting," said Texas A&M coach

Tom Wilson, speaking for all of his  
colleagues. "We're anxious to get  
on the field to find out what type of  
football team we'll have this  
season."

"We're a mystery team right  
now, but we're not going to re-  
main unknown for very long."

Texas A&M, indeed, is one of  
the mystery clubs in the SWC this  
year, but the Aggies will be going  
up against another one.

California has put together a re-  
vamped offense, guided by former  
Portland State coach Darrel  
"Mouse" Davis. He is now offen-  
sive coordinator for the Bears and  
he brought with him his "run and  
shoot" offense.

In California's offense there is  
no tight end, but there are two  
wide receivers, two backs split  
wide and plenty of passes. Four  
receivers are downfield instantly,  
often flooding a zone.

The quarterback is also on the  
move constantly. Using this  
offense, and with Neil Lomax run-  
ning it, Portland State scored 105  
points in a game last year.

"We know they will throw the  
ball a lot with a wide-open option  
offense," said Wilson. "We will  
just have to make adjustments af-  
ter the game starts."

"We have a hard-nosed, aggres-  
sive defense. We practice a varie-  
ty of coverages to be ready for just  
about everything. We have re-  
searched the run and shoot as  
thoroughly as we can. The defense  
has looked at it for two weeks now  
and our defense has steadily im-  
proved against it."

The meeting between A&M  
and California will be their first  
ever and will be one of two day-  
time SWC events. The other is the  
TCU-Auburn clash, which was  
moved to the afternoon after the  
LSU-Alabama game was switched  
to Saturday night for national tele-  
vision purposes.

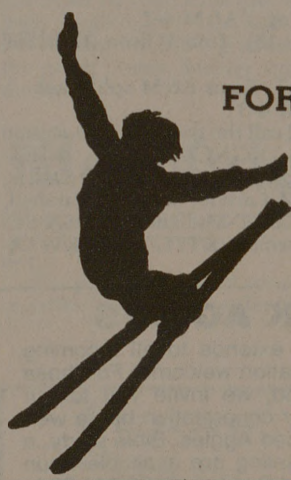
TCU, with high hopes for a  
markedly improved team, will

find out early just how improved  
its club might be. The Horned  
Frogs came close against Auburn  
last year, losing 10-6 in one of the  
many close calls that characterized  
a 1-10 season.

Back in Texas, the focus will be  
on the situation at Houston,  
where sophomore quarterback  
Audrey McMillian will try to gain  
the experience needed to again  
make the Cougars a factor in the  
Southwest Conference race.

Houston has won or shared the  
SWC title three of its five years in  
the league and the Cougars  
finished second last year.

SMU and Baylor are expected  
to have easy times in their open-  
ers. Mustangs coach Ron Meyer  
hopes to give his backup quar-  
terbacks some playing time since  
none of them have an ounce of  
major college experience.



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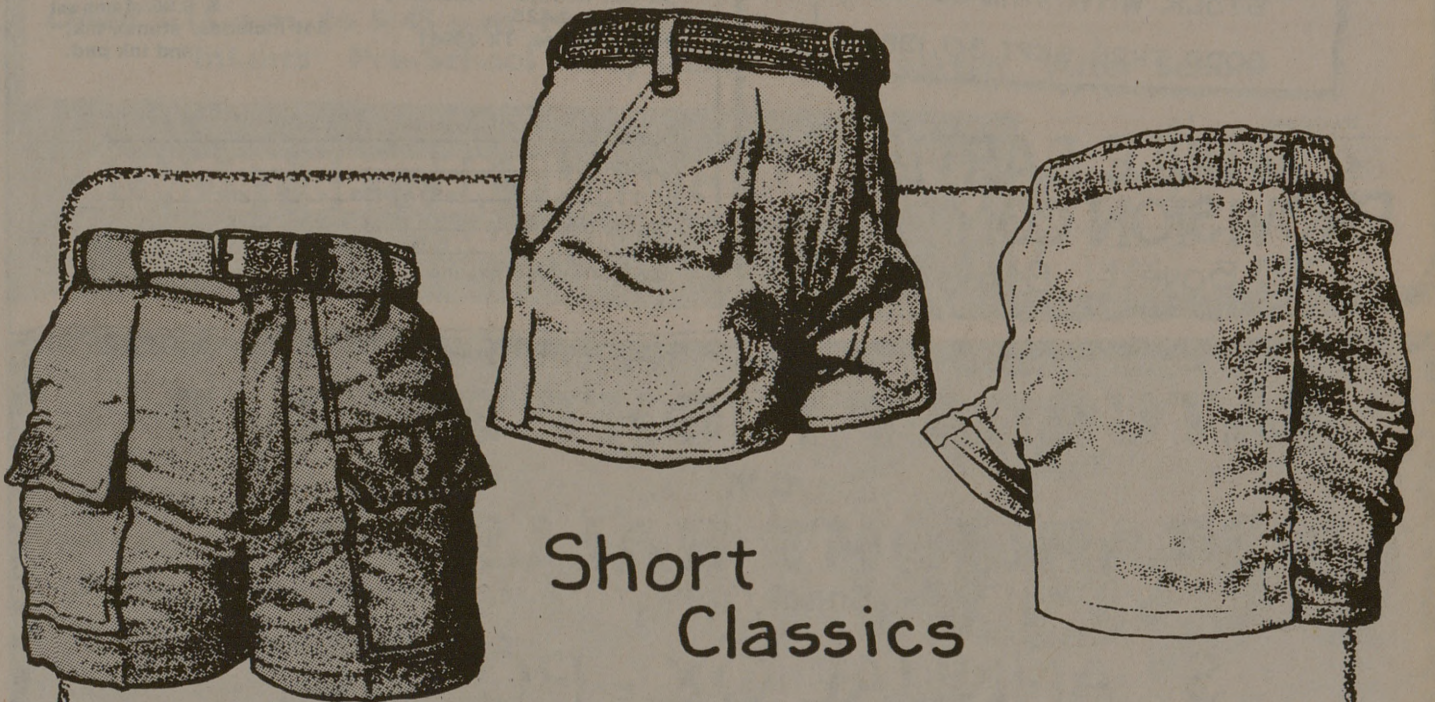
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