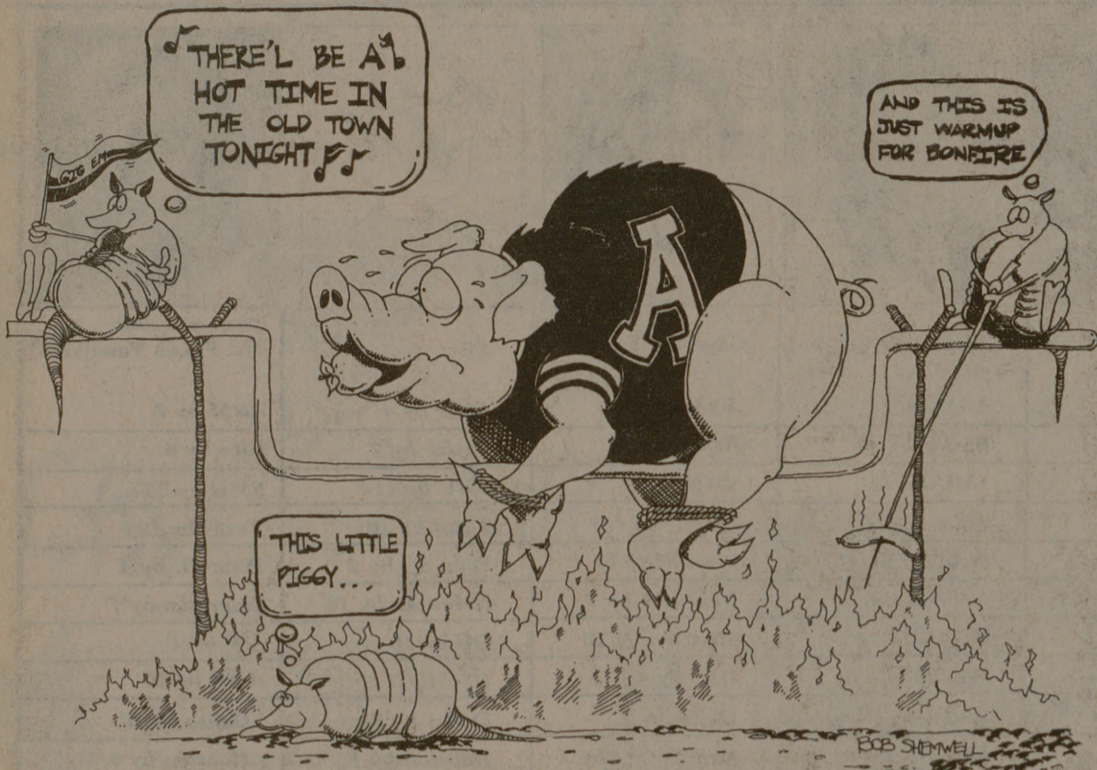


# Sports



## Tennis team faces tough competition in Austin

By RICK STOLLE

**Battalion Staff**  
The Texas A&M University tennis team this weekend will face four teams that were rated in the national top 20 last spring.

The Aggies will face the University of Texas, Southern Methodist University, Texas Christian University and Trinity University at the Westwood Invitational Tennis Tournament in Austin.

SMU and TCU finished ahead of the Ags in Southwest Conference play in the spring, while Texas ranked ahead of the Aggies nationally but behind them in the conference. Trinity finished very high in the national rankings.

"We are eager to go over there and compete," Aggie coach David Kent said. "We feel we can play with them."

The coach said the team is more confident going into this tournament than it has been before.

"We had problems in most of our other meets this fall, having someone out either due to illness

or an out-of-town trip," Kent said. "But this week, we have everybody together to play."

He said he will take only six players to the tournament and two of the other team members will travel to Beaumont to compete in the Pinewood Invitational Tournament against Rice University, Southwest Louisiana University and Lamar University.

"Arnold Kettacker and Van Barry were invited to compete and since we had not planned on taking the whole squad to Westwood, I felt like it was a great opportunity for them," he said.

The Aggie team competing the Westwood tournament will consist of Brian Joelson, Kimmo Alkio, Mike Pazourek, Ron Kowal, Greg Hill and Tom Judson.

Judson is coming off a foot operation and will compete for the first time in over a month.

"Tom is still a little tentative on his feet," Kent said. "He hasn't gone full speed yet, so this will his first real test."

He said he has shifted his dou-

bles teams to try to give his three freshmen a little extra confidence by playing them with upperclassmen. The doubles teams will be Alkio-Kowal, Hill-Kowal and Pazourek-Joelson.

"Since all the juniors are excellent doubles players, as well as very experienced in tough meets like this one, I think the freshmen will need that experience to rely on," Kent said.

Kent said the team is looking forward to the meet, which includes some of the finest tennis players in the nation. It will be a needed experience, he said, because the Aggies will play each of those teams again in the spring — when the matches really count.

"It would be a long winter if we didn't play them now and had to wait to get a shot at them," he said.

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## Hog band sends team off in style

**United Press International**  
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — The Arkansas band, cheerleaders and pom pom squad joined the Razorbacks Thursday in concluding workouts for Saturday's crucial Southwest Conference game against Texas A&M.

"We wrapped up preparations today," coach Lou Holtz said. "We weren't as sharp mentally as I'd like, but the players are in a great frame of mind considering the rough road they've had to travel."

"The band came down and gave us a lift," Holtz added. "We won't have anyone with us down there at College Station, but we'll take this with us in our hearts," Holtz added.

During the band's appearance at the practice, Holtz called the freshmen players forward. He and defensive coordinator Don Lindsey organized an impromptu dance in the middle of the field with majorettes and female band members.

Holtz said the team is not as healthy as he might like. "I wish we could be healthier, and we had more people show up at practice this week," he said.

Holtz said the team would pass up Friday's usual light workout and fly to College Station early Friday morning.

The Razorbacks will stay at Huntsville, 30 miles from College Station, Friday night and will bus to Kyle Field Saturday for the 2:50 p.m. kickoff in the regionally televised conference game.

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