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Cooper

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Kansas and Missouri, along with several basketball scholarship terested in playing at Texas

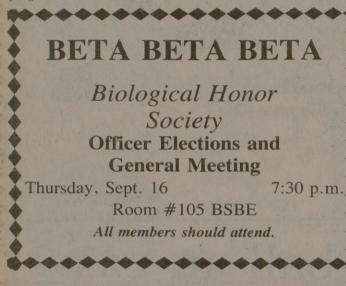
But Cooper chose Texas A&M.

The main thing I was looking for in a school was a good solid athletic program with a good reputation," she said. "I also wanted to go to a school with senior). a top softball program and a All it took was a visit to the good women's athletics campus and Cooper was program."

As her senior year came to a close, Cooper wrote a letter to terested in playing at Texas A&M. The feeling was mutual.

"He already knew all about " Cooper said, "And he wrote me back and told me he was interested in me, because they were losing their third baseman (Maria Resendez, a

hooked.





"and there weren't many top of things against them." said, people around, but I was really impressed with the school and its neatness. You know, the cam-

She'd heard about them, but speed. she'd never had to bat against them. Cindy Cooper, meet Aggie softball tradition numbers one and two — Lori Stoll and Shan McDonald.

they control them.

in practice I knew they were good, but it wasn't until I got up to bat against them that I stepto bat against them that I step-ped back and said 'Wow, these guys are awesome,'' Cooper says the Aggies' 10-0 start may be a sign of things to come. said

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'I came on a weekend," she get a hit, but you have to be on

And so far, the Aggies' oppo nents haven't been. Cooper and her teammates are rolling right pus is so pretty, and of course I along. The freshman third base-had heard all about the tradi- man fits right into the Aggies' mold of pitching, defense, and

In the first inning of the Aggies' second game against Baylor on Monday, Cooper singled, moved to second on a sacrifice, and scored when the Aggies' pitching staff. They don't just pitch in ball games, pick her off. That was Texas A&M's only

When I watched them pitch run, but McDonald threw a two-

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Rockets, who are suddenly offense-poor one month before training camp, gave their fans something to watch next season besides themselves.

While Coach Del Harris struggles to rebuild his club over the winter in the wake of their trade Wednesday of high scoring center Moses Malone, South Texans can zero in on the performance of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The worse the Cavs play, the more the No. 1 draft choice obtained from the Philadelphia 76ers will be worth in 1983.

That draft choice was obtained by the 76ers from the Cavs in 1977 and, along with 76ers center Caldwell Jones, made the Malone trade go through.

If the Cavs should finish last this season as they did in 1981-82, then the Rockets would flip with the Eastern Conference's worst team for the rights to draft 7-4 center Ralph Sampson — a franchise-maker like Malone. Sampson, the University of Virginia All-America, would be Harris' choice

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'Sampson. No question," he But even if center Pat Ewing

would have required selling the 16,000-seat Summit a entered the draft after two seacreasing ticket prices, The sons at Georgetown? "Then it would be a lot of fun said.

to pick between the two," Harris 'We were still ready tom run at it, to see if we could crying 16,000 fans in here," hes the sh Rockets owner Charlie Tho-'until Moses said he wasn'

mas said he decided to trade Malone when he learned Malone when he rearried Malone wanted to play for the 76ers more than he did the Rockets. But Thomas didn't dis-close to the 76ers his disappointment in Malone, and Thomas would not budge in his demand for Jones and Cleveland's No. 1 draft choice in bargaining faceto-face with 76ers owner Harold Katz Tuesday night.

"When we went down their list of offers, nothing else would work. It wasn't that we wanted what they wouldn't give," he

Katz returned to Philadelphia early Wednesday without a deal but his attorney called Thomas' attorney in the late afternoon to accept Thomas' terms, the Rockets owner said

The 76ers' Sept. 2 offer of \$2.2 million a year to Malone,



"He doesn't know what I a and what I can't. I took that sonally. I would never says man can or cannot do. I get in the league to get

Thomas bought the Roo Houst in June

Paine

(continued from page) "The experience facto probably as much of a prob as anything. I still feel like got a lot of room for impr the Bra

ment," he said. "I'm glad we have twor non-conference games. T give me a chance to get a fer hard,

playing Of his unexpected, quick try into the starting line 21/2 ga Paine said he always felt that as the complexity of the tight a sweep duties in the Aggie offen kictory





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Jones what the 76ers would next t paid him this season—\$50 tears r

Jones the same amount McIlhe

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good solid free agent for than that," Thomas said.

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