

# Athletes, A&M fans feel frustration after defeats

Twenty minutes after the Houston Cougars had limped past the Aggies in the Astrodome 24-20, you could still feel it.

After the Cougar fans had celebrated and the Cougar band had orchestrated, you could still feel it.

And even after the cleansing act of a losing yell practice, it was there — a feeling in the air that was as thick as the red-clothed crowds partying in the parking lot.

It was frustration — pure, simple, utter frustration.

The Aggie student section had just suffered through another humiliating defeat, and the faces in the crowd looked tired. Not only had the Aggies lost, but the Cougar fans had seized the opportunity to harass and ridicule those "farmer types" with the peculiar traditions.

It was a difficult evening if you were wearing maroon.

And the students' faces showed it. The strain of yelling, standing, and giving that extra 10 percent when the team needed it was etched into the expressions of those students who really cared about beating the Cougars.

There were a few who were screaming for the Twelfth Man to keep on yelling, to not lose faith that if everyone humped it one last time, King Gill himself would appear from the top of the Dome to score the winning touchdown.



John Wagner

But nobody was listening. Everyone was too frustrated.

And you really can't blame them. This year's senior class has suffered through four seasons of total turmoil. Drug accusations, coaching changes, upset losses and a dismal 19-20 record, dating back to the 1979 season.

It's enough to depress even the most devout "Good Ag."

An example: Texas A&M versus Baylor at Waco in 1981. The Aggies are 2-0 in Southwest Conference play, and the Aggie student section in Baylor Stadium is packed like so many sardine cans, with fans hoping to help lead Texas A&M past the Bears.

And the Aggies are leading 17-16 with

less than 6 minutes to play. They have the ball and are on the move. The Twelfth Man is going crazy — its members can taste another SWC victory.

But the Aggies fumble the ball and Baylor recovers on its own 28. The Bears start a drive that ends in the winning field goal with 22 seconds left, so Baylor snatches the game away. The Aggies lose again.

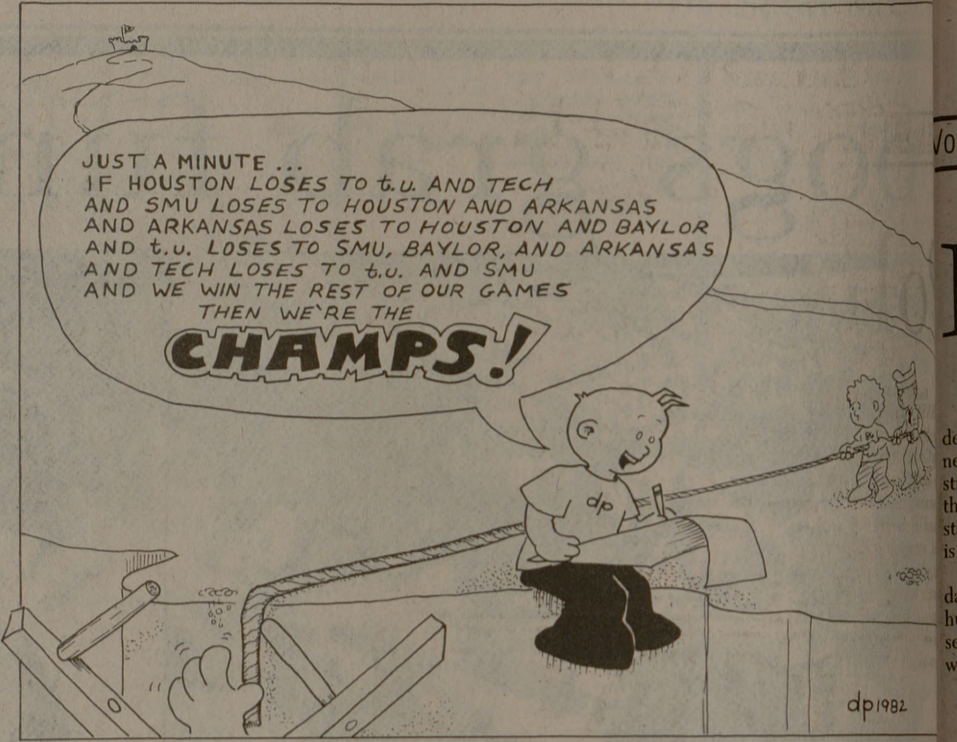
It does no good to point fingers of blame at anyone. Certainly the players are going through a frustrating time also. They're the ones who work all week, practicing, reviewing and preparing for each game. It has to be disappointing for them to lose.

But they have control over the game, and the fans do not. The students can only stand and watch as the game progresses. They're the ones who pay good money for tickets and gas to follow the team around the state. They're the ones who are pelted with ice and abuse.

So they'll continue to be frustrated and upset and angry when Texas A&M loses a close one to the Cougars or blows a lead against Baylor. That's part of being a Texas Aggie football fan.

But they'll be back the next week to scream and hope and pray that things go well for the men in maroon.

Because that's part of being a Texas Aggie.



## Aggies

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Dausin: "We made some bad mistakes."

Linebacker Bobby Stroger: "We made too many mistakes."

It was unanimous. Had it not been for one penalty and one fumble there's a good chance Texas A&M would have beaten Houston. The loss was disappointing but the Aggies don't have time to sulk, Stroger said.

"We can only let it (loss) hurt us until tomorrow because we've got to get ready for Baylor," he said. "I think we still have a chance in conference. A lot of teams are going to be upset this year. You never know what's going to happen in the Southwest Conference."

Sherrill also saw some bright spots in the loss.

"We weren't consistent but we moved the ball well at times," Sherrill said. "Kubiak played

well, but I think maybe we should have passed more. If we get some players in certain positions, I think we have a chance to do some great things."

### ATTENTION:

All 1st Semester

General Studies Freshmen

Report to Room 100 Harrington Tower to sign up for mid-term Probationary Meeting.

## Volleyball team wins LSU event

The Aggie women's volleyball team won the Tiger Volleyball Classic at Baton Rouge, La., by defeating the host LSU in the championship round Saturday.

The Aggie Ladies won the match in two games, 15-5, 15-7 to win the title for the second straight year.

Texas A&M defeated South Alabama 15-2, 15-6 and Nicholls State 15-9, 15-4 to advance to the finals against the Tigers.

In other weekend Texas A&M sports action, the men's golf team placed third in the LSU National Invitational at the Sherwood Forest Country Club in Baton Rouge. In the 36-hole event, which was shortened by a round because of rain, Texas won with a total of 562 and Oral Roberts finished second at 570.

The Aggies compiled a score of 574 to finish third in the 14-team tourney. Oklahoma and Weber State tied for fourth at 578.

Paul Oglesby lead Texas A&M with rounds of 70 and 72, while Bart Cobb finished at 143 with rounds of 72 and 71. Other scores include David Jones, 72-72 for 144; Danny Briggs, 74-71 for 145, and Jacky Lee, 83-75 for 158.

Texas A&M will play in the Pan American Invitational in Harlingen starting Thursday.

The women's golf team placed 11th in the 21-team Dick McGuire Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M., shooting rounds of 311, 335 and 336 for a tourney total of 982. After trailing only TCU after the first round, the Aggies fell to 11th while playing in cold

weather and a wind chill factor of 15 degrees.

Shirley Furlong led Texas A&M with rounds of 76, 80 and 80 for a three-day total of 236. TCU won the tournament with a score of 947.

The Aggie Ladies will compete in the Nancy Lopez Invitational Oct. 20-22 in Tulsa, Okla.

Brian Joelson and Kimmo Alkio of the men's tennis team advanced to the semifinals of the Texas A&M three-way tournament, but Sunday's rounds were cancelled because of the wet weather. Freshman Vanne Akagi of the women's team also won her way into the semifinals against Wendy Wood of Rice, but didn't play because of Sunday's rounds.

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### IM GAMEPLAN

**FLAG FOOTBALL** — The Flag Football Playoff Schedules will be posted by the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office after 2 P.M. today, October 11th. The Playoffs will begin on Tuesday, October 12th. Be sure you come by and check to see when you are playing.

**VOLLEYBALL** — Volleyball enthusiasts! Now is the time to get into the action! Entries open today, October 11th and continue to be open through Tuesday, October 19th. A \$15.00 entry fee will be collected at the time you register your team. Spike'em Ags!

**SOCCER** Soccer entries open today, October 11th and will continue to be open through Tuesday, October 19th. A \$15.00 entry fee must accompany all entries. Come to the IM-REC Sports Office and get a kick out of soccer today!

**BOWLING SINGLES** — This is your last chance to sign up for this event as entries will not be accepted after 5 P.M. Tuesday, October 12th. Come by today and sign up for a day, time, and lane for the qualifying round. An entry fee will be charged as follows: CLASS A & B — 4 games totaling \$4.60 and CLASS C — 6 games totaling \$6.90.

**SWIMMING** — Aggie swimmers, plan ahead for the swimming competition that will be coming soon. All entries will be taken at the pool on the evening of your team's preliminaries. Corps and Fish register and swim on Monday, October 25th at 7 P.M. Men's and Women's Dorm and Independent Divisions register and swim on Tuesday, October 26th at 7 P.M. Come by the IM-REC Sports Office for more information.

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## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!

We have two very special events for you this week. On Tuesday, October 12th at 5 P.M. at the Penberthy Intramural Complex the annual PUNT, PASS and KICK CONTEST will take place. Entries will be accepted at the event site until 5 P.M. Please remember to bring your student or recreational ID and tees. Footballs will be furnished at the event site.

The second event scheduled is the IM PUTT-PUTT GOLF TOURNAMENT on Thursday, October 14 at 6 P.M. The tournament will be held at Pooh's Park Amusement Center, 1907 Texas Avenue South, College Station (across from the water tower). Entries will be accepted at the event site until 6 P.M. Don't forget to bring your student or recreational ID. All equipment will be available

at the tournament site. A \$2.00 green fee will be collected during registration at Pooh's Park. See you there!



The TAMU Women's Rugby Team At Work

### AGGIES AT BAT

The Home Run Hitting Contest was held on Wednesday, September 28th. Twenty-four men and four women entered the event. Each contestant was permitted ten swings at fastballs delivered at the same level and speed by a pitching machine. Points were awarded for hits landing within designated markers.

In the Women's Division, the winner was Randi Reid with a total score of seven points. Randi, a Civil Engineering major from Houston won the contest with two line drives and grounders. In second place Janet Braly, an Engineering Technology student from Texas.

In the Men's Division, the contest twice ended in a tie which resulted in playoffs. The first round ended with three contestants having fifteen points each. The contest ended with the second playoff with Mike Gower, a Marketing major from Amarillo in first place, Mike Gower in second and Ross in third.

## SPORTS CLUB CORNER

- Monday, October 11th  
Sports Club Association Meeting — 6:30 P.M. in room 167 E. Kyle
- Saturday, October 16th  
TAMU WOMEN'S RUGBY TEAM VS. HOUSTON BRAWN — home all day on the Drill Field
- TAMU MEN'S SOCCER TEAM VS. BAYLOR — 11:00 A.M. on the Drill Field
- Sunday, October 17th  
TAMU WOMEN'S RUGBY TEAM VS. DALLAS — home all day on the Drill Field