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Dickerson has improved since 1981, Holtz says

United Press International AYETTEVILLE, Ark. — ansas coach Lou Holtz said only comparison he could ke to the 1982 model of uthern Methodist running ck Eric Dickerson is the 1981

fries' AIA "The closest we've come (to a mparison with Dickerson) is Maryland, 0 th SMU last year," said Holtz. t as good, but close. Most

people get better with experi-y with the sence and when things are going Clemson Twell He's definitely much better ear, Clemson this year than a year ago. ed AIA, 694 There's no comparison." Holtz and his eighth-ranked

azorbacks will get a first hand ok at Dickerson and his undeted SMU teammates at 2:50 Saturday at Texas Stadium

The Mustangs can finish the season 11-0 and take the outt Southwest Conference need south them to the Cotton Bowl if they can beat the Razor-backs, 8-1. But Arkansas wants to go to the Cotton Bowl Jan. 1, 've planed too, and Holtz said his Razor-

ring semester acks would be ready. tis schools and feature and the sounded respectful but six schools and featful of the Mustangs astics Confet Ihursday at the end of Arkan-Hays Stateman final workout before the phis State.

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running back Craig James hey looking will be imperative for Arkansas. his year," he Dickerson is just 75 yards shy of they're goint new SWC career rushing re-pretty soon tord. On the season, he has is been the As a shad on the season, the has a season, the has a season of the season of the has a season the floor example of the floor

the floor escaras per carry. It. Other top: James, who has rushed for ude Mark 4866 yards and four touchdowns se; Jim Rubis season, also punts for the cio Orozo, Mustangs and boots an average Grant Laude of 44.7 yards per punt. und David Se "SMU is not only a power team but an option team," Holtz also have neural. "And yet they are a big-play nich are gym Passing team, and that is diffi-

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cult to defend." Holtz said the Mustang defense creates turnovers and gives up few. In their game last year, SMU picked off two crucial Arkansas passes, returning one deep into Arkansas territory and returning the other for a touchdown in a 32-18 victory at Fayetteville.

'We can't throw interceptions, yet we're going to have to throw the football," Holtz said. 'The same thing was the case last year."

Arkansas leads the league in total offense with a balanced attack of the run and pass. Senior quarterback Tom Jones is to start Saturday against the Mustangs, but sophomore Brad Taylor, as he has done all season, probably will see plenty of playing time.

"Our quarterbacks have to play well for us to have a chance to win," Holtz said. "I've seen them in this type of game, this type of situation. They'll play well. The pressure and the big game — that's not going to bother them. SMU will bother them, but the pressure won't.'

Jones and Taylor together this season have completed 93 of 200 passes for 1,433 yards and 10 touchdowns. Jones has com-pleted 54 percent of his 87 pas-ses, while Taylor has netted 835 yards on 46 completions. Arkansas also leads the SWC

in total defense and in defending against the run. The Razorbacks have given up an average of 236.8 yards per game total and only 81.2 yards per game rushing. They lead the nation in the fewest points given up, allowing an average of 7.2 points per game.

Statistically, all-America de-fensive end Billy Ray Smith leads the Razorback defense this season with 47 unassisted and 21 assisted tackles, including 12, tackles for losses of 66 yards. Defensive tackle Earl Buckingham ranks a close second, being in on 40 unassisted and 36 assisted tackles

Volleyball team shooting for league title Saturday

by John P. Lopez

Battalion Staff Texas A&M is vying for a conference championship this Saturday. No, not at Kyle Field, but at the Frank G. Erwin Spe cial Events Center on the University of Texas campus.

The Aggie Ladies and the Longhorns will face each other for the Southwest Conference volleyball championship in the final regular-season match for both teams.

Texas A&M head coach Ter-Condon says the game is a do-or-die affair for both teams, since the winner will advance to the NCAA championships and the loser, no matter how talentladen, most likely will stay home.

"The NCAA does give at-large bids," Condon said, "but those almost always go to the California teams. They (Californians) usually get about 10 atlarge bids, which means there aren't many bids left for the rest of the country

'So we're just pretending like we haven't even played this season and it all boils down to Saturday. We know exactly what they (Texas) are going to do so we just want to go out and play our game. Texas is tough. They have everybody back that was hurt for them at the beginning

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Texas should be the favorite in the contest even though both teams have identical 8-1 conference records. The Lady Longhorns have the home-court advantage and the Aggie Ladies enter the contest with the status of all-America Joey Vrazel, who injured her knee in a match last week, questionable.

Another important match Saturday has the Texas A&M men's swim team hosting perrenial swimming powerhouse In-diana at P.L. Downs Natatorium p.m.

Indiana embarrassed the

Aggies last year in a duel meet in Indiana, so Aggie swim coach Mel Nash says he'll be more than happy to return the favor this

"They blew us out of there last year," he said, "but we're a much better team this year. And the players that went to Indiana are looking forward to swimming against them again. They've been burning for a year. They really want to get back at them.'

Nash said his squad should be well-prepared for the Hoosiers, since the Aggies are coming off a performance against

good SMU.

Our guys showed no respect whatsoever for the Mustangs, Nash said. "So we should be pretty well-prepared. Indiana doesn't have as many good swimmers as SMU, but they have the best diver in the coun-try. It should be a very good match.'

In other Aggie sports, the **women's basketball team** defe ated St. Mary's 73-70 in San Antonio Thursday night to raise its record to 2-0 for the season, Jenni Edgar led Texas A&M with 18 points, while Kelli Harned added 11.

The Aggie Ladies will play Tulane in New Orleans Saturday at 1:30 p.m.



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The writers' 39th annual ka's Mike Rozier. m, composed of 25 players m 22 schools, included five vers besides Walker who also on last year's team. They ide receiver Anthony Car-Michigan; center Dave gton, Nebraska; offensive

an David Dreschler, North ina; defensive lineman Billay Smith, Arkansas; and deive back Terry Kinard,

Rimington was the 1981 Out-

terior lineman.

John Elway of Stanford was selected as quarterback. At the running back position with Wal-ker — a junior who has been selected each year of his college America All-America team career - are Southern Methodist's Eric Dickerson and Nebras-

> Schools placing two players on the team other than Nebraska were North Carolina, with Dreschler and defensive lineman William Fuller, and Arkansas, with Smith and offensive lineman Steve Korte.

Other honorees were line-backers Wilber Marshall of Flor-ida, Vernon Maxwell of Arizona State, and Darryl Talley of West Virginia, defensive backs Dave d Award winner as the na-bis outstanding college in-Mark Robinson of Penn State. Duerson of Notre Dame and

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