

ies go Frogging

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Depending on who you talk Texas A&M men's basetball team has either had the orst good showing or the best ad showing of any team in the outhwest Conference since the e Christmas holidays.

The Aggies started the year f on the right foot with a fiveoint win over Rice on Jan. 4, ally to be stomped three days ater in Barnhill Arena by kansas. But head coach Shel-Metcalf was quick to reassemver Angelo State and Baylor. Things seemed to be looking Moup for the Aggies. Then there

couraging. In fact it was highly encouraging. What was discouraging was the win over Texas Wesleyan that followed. Not that non-conference wins aren't important, but it helps when a team looks good in win-

But in their most recent game at SMU, the Aggies looked neither bad in winning nor good in losing — they just got killed. And now they face TCU's Kil-

ler Frogs.

ble his youngsters and renew heir confidence in themselves a time for badly-needed wins ble his youngsters and renew Don't laugh, though. Coach Jim Killingsworth's Killer Frogs may have an 0-5 conference record but it's been said that they have potential, which is what most teams with losing records

All things considered, though, the loss to the Cougars was not in the least way disvised by TVS and broadcast by KCEN-TV, channel 6 in Waco with the tipoff set for 2:10. The last two televised games the Aggies played were against Houston and Arkansas. That in itself is highly reminiscent of A&M's football season — not that people these days would believe in jinxes or anything.

> But the Aggies should have their hands full dealing with jinxes of a different sort. Like TCU's Dennis Nutt, the 6-2, 165-pound junior guard, who scored over 30 points twice last week against teams who could in no way be considered lightweights. Nutt hit for 32 points against Arkansas after making a career-high 36 points earlier in the week against Houston.

Snead leading

PHOENIX, Ariz. — J.C. Snead, Corey Pavin and Gary Hallberg fired rounds of 5under-par 66 Thursday to share the first-round lead in the \$400,000 Phoenix Open.

Snead, nephew of golfing legend Sam Snead, carded his 66 over the Phoenix Country Club layout by dropping five birdie putts. The 17-year tour veteran has not won since the 1981 Southern Open, but was 51st on the money list last year with more than \$100,000.

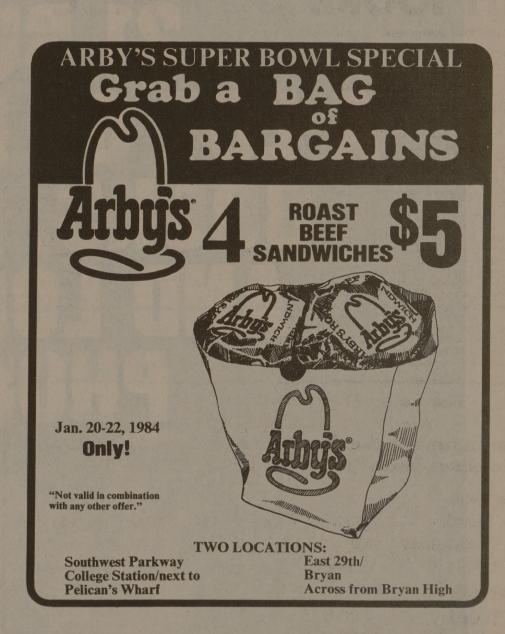
Pavin, a tour rookie, moved into a tie for the lead when he scored an eagle-3 on the 18th hole by dropping the ball into the cup with a pitching wedge from 40 feet. He won the 1983 South African PGA and also captured the German Open and the Calberson Classic before joining the PGA tour this year. He also played on the 1981 Wal-ker Cup team while attending

Hallberg's 5-under came on six birdies and a bogey.

Ben Crenshaw, Lanny Wadkins, Larry Mize, Russ Cochran, Don Hammond, and Al Geiberger were tied for second at 67, one stroke ahead of a group of 12 that included Johnny Miller,

Tom Kite, and Jim Simons. The start of play was delayed more than one hour as tempera-tures plunged to 25 degrees during the early morning, freezing the greens. They thawed shortly before 9 a.m. and the field of 144 pros began the opening round.

Temperatures stayed near 50 degrees during the round and the greens were in good condi-





ollie White Coliseum to take on orkansas Saturday night at 7:30 an effort to even out a 1-2 nference record.

The Aggies are fresh off of a 69 romp over SMU in which ghest scoring game of the sea- against Texas Tech.

The team, currently seventh in the Southwest Conference standings in front of Rice and TCU, has three games left in the regular season. Following AkM's leading scorer Lisa Arkansas, the Aggies close out their home schedule against top-ranked University of Texas becomes made the SMU game her their last game of the season against Texas Texas.

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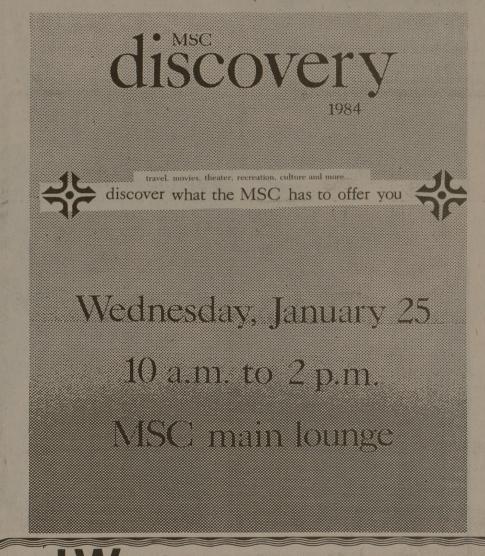
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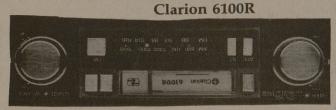
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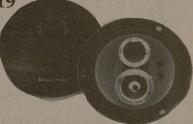
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