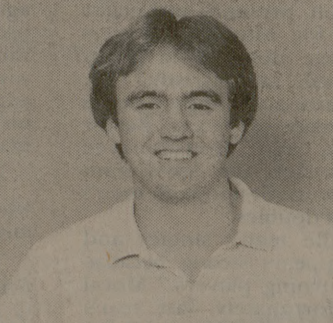


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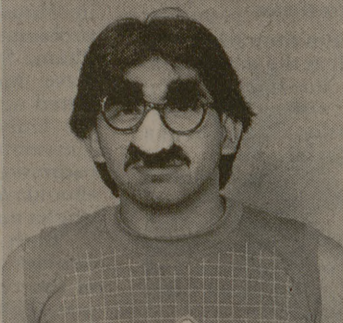
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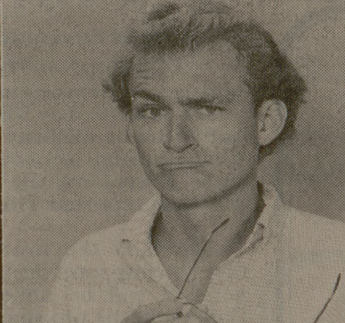
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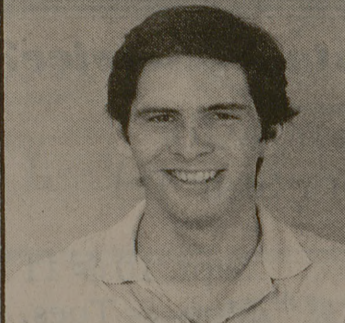
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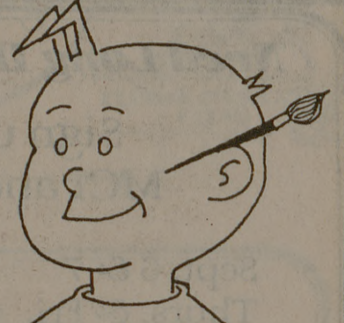
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Baylor at Brigham Young	Cougars by 17	Cougars by 21	Cougars by 3	Cougars by 14	Cougars by 12	Cougars by 10
Boston College at Alabama	Crimson Tide by 8	Eagles by 7	Eagles by 3	Crimson Tide by 3	Eagles by 7	Eagles by 1
California at Arizona	Golden Bears by 9	Golden Bears by 10	Wildcats by 7	Wildcats by 7	Wildcats by 3	Wildcats by 2
LSU at Florida	Gators by 13	Gators by 3	Tigers by 2	Gators by 7	Gators by 14	Gators by 1
Miami (Fla.) at Michigan	Wolverines by 1	Wolverines by 3	Hurricanes by 10	Hurricanes by 6	Hurricanes by 3	Wolverines by 3
Missouri at Illinois	Tigers by 10	Illini by 10	Illini by 4	Illini by 7	Illini by 7	Tigers by 1
Purdue at Notre Dame	Irish by 16	Irish by 14	Irish by 11	Irish by 8	Irish by 6	Irish by 7
Stanford at Oklahoma	Sooners by 21	Sooners by 7	Sooners by 2	Sooners by 20	Sooners by 13	Sooners by 9
Iowa State at Iowa	Hawkeyes by 16	Iowa by 21	Cyclones by 14	Hawkeyes by 14	Hawkeyes by 18	Hawkeyes by 17
Dallas at N.Y. Giants	Cowboys by 10	Cowboys by 21	Cowboys by 9	Cowboys by 20	Cowboys by 10	Cowboys by 10
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Ag rugby players aren't crazy — but it doesn't hurt

By TONY CORNETT
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The Texas A&M Men's Rugby Club wants to get physical in their bid for rugby supremacy in the nation. Last year they knocked on the door.

This year they are going to kick it down. In rugby you have to think tough.

The Aggies had bones broken and bodies bruised and skinned on their way to winning the State Collegiate Championship and the State Club Championship. They ended up placing third in the Western National Collegiate.

"That puts us anywhere in the top

10 to 15 teams in the nation," says club president, Stuart Knowlan.

At Wednesday's practice Knowlan and some of the other veterans were introducing the new players to actual game conditions by bouncing them around the playing area or "pitch" as it's called.

"We've got a whole bunch of rookies," said Knowlan, "so we're going to start off with as many of the older players as we can at first, and then start working some of the rookies in and teach them (to play). We've been going for the last week and a half showing little bits and pieces and trying to get them some of the basic skills, but you can't really under-

stand everything until you get out there and actually do it."

And exactly what is "doing it"? Rugby is a game played on a field similar to a football field. It's played with a ball very similar to a football.

But it's not football. Rugby is a hybrid of soccer, and the tackle football game that you used to play, without pads, in your front yard. It combines the running and fast pace of soccer for 80 solid minutes. But rugby allows the two teams of fifteen to tackle, push and crash into each other.

"The basic idea is to keep the ball moving and flowing," said Knowlan. "There's a lot more going on than in

football."

Moving and flowing is accomplished by pitching the ball underhand to a teammate while running headlong down the field toward the opponent's goal or kicking the ball in that same direction. And, like football, the bottom line is to cross the equivalent of the other team's goal line, place the ball down and score.

The game progresses through many runs up and down the field and occasional pauses for what are known as "scrums" and "line outs." Both of these maneuvers get the ball back into play when it either goes out-of-bounds or is hopelessly buried under a pile of players.

The scrum is rugby's most interesting spectacle.

Opposing teams, amid much grunting and groaning, lean over and lock arms with their teammates and push against the other team while the ball is thrown into their midst.

With the game requiring such physical contact, injuries ranging from cuts, bruises and pulled muscles, do occur. Sometimes the injuries are more serious.

Mark Stevens had his jaw broken. "Yeah," said Stevens, "I was playing up in Austin. We were playing t.u. and some guy didn't like me, so

he took a swing at me and popped me."

As a spectator, there is usually no problem becoming familiar with the way the game is played.

"There's always people who come out for the second or third time or those who drive by and see it (the game). What they usually end up having to do is talk to somebody on the sidelines. If nothing else it's interesting."

The rugby team will be scrimmaging this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. on their practice field.



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