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Remember those awesome Aggies?

When's the last time you heard the chants of "Woo, Woo, Woo" in the friendly confines of Kyle Field? Only an untrained ear would

swear the fans were either booing the Aggies or making locomotive

But if you listened carefully and gazed down upon the Astroturf, you'd see big #33, George Woodard, barrelling through a wall of defenders. He literally carried tacklers, Earl Campbell-style, past the first down

In three seasons at A&M, from 1975-77, Woodard scored 35 touch-downs and became the Aggies' all-time career leader in that category.

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Nowadays, if you need a yard and Nowadays, it you need a yard and it don't look good. Who you gonna call? Now that the Aggies lack a Woodard-type fullback, the running game is in dire need of the Ghostbusters. I wonder if Woodard still has any eligibility left?

When's the last time you saw an Aggie running back streak down the sidelines with the grace of a gazelle for an 80-yard touchdown run? Not since Jackie Sherrill has been

here, that's for sure.

If you've followed A&M football for a while, I'm sure you remember great names like Curtis Dickey, Johnny Hector, Mike Mosley and David Brothers. None of them were particularly big, but they gave A&M a break-away running attack with their sprinter's speed.

Under coaches Emory Bellard, with the wishbone, and Tom Wilson, with the I-formation, the Aggies'

running game flourished. The year was 1981. Wilson roamed the sidelines as A&M's head coach. That year, the Ags defeated the Red Raiders 24-23. A&M hasn't

beaten Tech since.

During that same season, All-Southwest Conference quarterback Gary Kubiak hooked up with wide receiver Don Jones for a 92-yard touchdown pass against Louisiana Tech. It was the longest TD pass in

A&M's history.
Also in '81, Kubiak set the record for most touchdown passes in a single SWC game with six against Rice.

When was the last time Sherrill's Aggies even completed a pass of more than 50 yards this season, much less for a touchdown?
As Tech's offensive coordinator,

Wilson's explosive Red Raider offense burned the Aggie secondary for three touchdown passes Saturday. The biggest scorching occurred on a 53-yard bomb from freshman Aaron Keesee to freshman walk-on Bruce Perkins. It's too bad Bum Bright and the

A&M Board of Regents didn't get to see Wilson's Cheshire cat grin after the game. I hope they congratulated their former employee for a wellcoached game.

The point I'm trying to drive nome is that the Ags are losing the lustre they once had. The Woodards, Dickeys and Kubiaks have vanished and no one has come close to replacing their heroic efforts in the

eyes of Aggie fans.

What happened to the Aggies who used to make the big plays, making you spill your Coke all over the person next to you?

Sherrill's assessment of the Tech

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game was more than accurate. The Aggies didn't make the big plays and the Red Raiders did. It was that sim-

The problem with Sherrill's eval-uation is that it wasn't just the Tech game in which the Ags have failed to

make the big plays.

Whether it's a California safety, an Oklahoma State long run or a Boston College aerial barrage, the Aggies haven't made the big plays that win games — the other teams

No matter how many excuses I've tried to make for the Aggies this season, nothing seems to ease my mind anymore. After three banner years of recruiting, the Aggies don't seem

to be getting any better.

Now I've followed A&M football since I was old enough to wear my first "I'm a little Aggie" bib. And I can't help but long for the days of what Dave Campbell's Texas Football called "Emory's Awesome Aggies" back in the late 1970s.

The Aggies were finally on their

The Aggies were finally on their way to becoming a national power, until they broke the cardinal sin of football—they didn't dance with the one that brought them there.

Emory Bellard took the Aggies to four consecutive Bowl appearances from 1975-1978. Under Bellard, A&M posted records of 8-3, 10-2, 10-2, 8-4 and 8-4. During those years, A&M finished in the nation's

Tom Wilson took over when Bellard resigned "under pressure" after a 24-6 loss to Baylor at the start of the '78 season. The Ags had trounced their three non-conference opponents, but a 33-0 drubbing by

Houston coupled with the Baylor loss had "Old Ags" howling.

What was the Ags' record after the coaching change? 4-2 overall and 1-2 in the SWC. Losing Bellard made about as much sense as a Fourth of July snow storm.

Wilson went 4-2 in his half of the season as well, including a 28-12 victory over Iowa State in the Hall of

So the Ags finished '78 with an "acceptable" record of 8-4. But the best coach they ever had got lost in the shuffle

The Ags haven't had as good a re-

In Wilson's next three years as head coach, the Aggies defeated Texas twice. Sherrill's tried three times and hasn't even come close.

So people keep telling me, "Travis, don't dwell on the past."

The way Aggie football has been going since Wilson and Bellard left, can you blame me? I'm a sad and bitter man. The Ags of the 70s were national championship material — there's no doubt in my mind.

But doubts are all that I have about Sherrill's Ags. You can't even say that they're Bowl game quality

Barbara Streisand was probably thinking about Aggie football when she sang, "The way we were."

Phillips' Saints sport 'helluva' backfield

NEW ORLEANS - Running back Earl Campbell made the switch from the Houston Oilers to the New Orleans Saints overnight, arriving for practice Wednesday under the watchful eye of former coach and longtime friend Bum Phillips.

Phillips has promised the 235pound running back will play Sunday against Los Angeles at the Superdome, sharing duties with George Rogers, the Saints' No. 1 draft pick in 1981.

The Saints announced Tuesday they had swapped their first-round draft choice next year to get Campbell. Campbell was a Heisman Trophy winner at the University of Texas and the NFL's leading rusher in his first three seasons with the Oilers under Phillips.

"I never had too many good quar-terbacks and I never had too many good running backs," Phillips said. "It gives us a helluva backfield all

Campbell and Rogers, who both prefer the I-formation, won't be used in the same backfield, Phillips

"I don't think there will be any problems," Rogers said. "This trade will make us a better team. Earl's a good back. This trade is probably what he needed.

Other players also said the trade would help Campbell as much as it helps the Saints. The Oilers haven't won a game all year.



"I talked to Earl after our game a couple of weeks ago," said running back Wayne Wilson, who is likely to share playing time with Campbell and Rogers. "I said, 'Man, you need to be with us.' He said, 'I know

'But George is the No. 1 back," Wilson said. "Earl is going to have to come in here and prove himself."

Other team members labeled news of the Campbell trade shocking and surprising.

"Let's just say it's a welcome shock," said Saints' guard Louis Oubre. "They just added another stallion to all our horses. We've got a stockpile right now. It's going to be

interesting."

New Orleans with a 3-3 record is battling this year to win its first playoff spot. The Saints are the only NFL team never to have played a post-season game.

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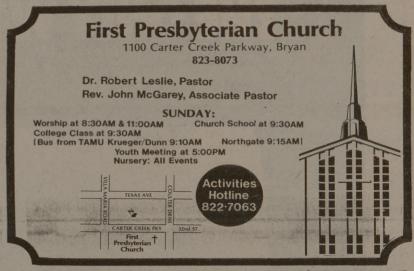


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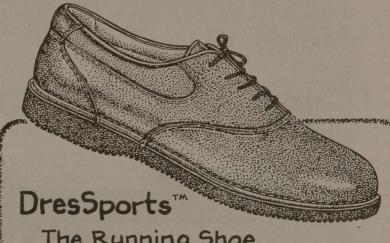
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