

## Aggies raise knots on Owl heads



Photo by PETER ROCHA

Rice defensive end Doug Johnson (12) and a host of Owl defenders stand up Texas A&M tailback Thomas Sanders (45) during the

fourth quarter of Saturday's game. Sanders was the leading Aggie rusher with 70 yards on 16 carries and one touchdown.

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The press room floor was covered with orange peels after Texas A&M's 38-14 "Holiday Inn" victory over Rice Saturday. The best surprise was no surprise.

That advertising slogan fit the mood of the Aggie players during post-game interviews.

But what about those orange peels? Oklahoma and Nebraska fans throw oranges onto the field when it's obvious which team is going to spend New Year's Day basking in the Miami sun playing in the Orange Bowl.

A&M's first Southwest Conference win was worth cracking open a bottle of Thunderbird wine, but those orange peels were hard to decipher. Were they an omen of what the future has in store for A&M? Would rice on the floor have made any better sense? Nah, that's reserved for weddings.

Was it the proverbial turning point of the season or was it just another victory over the hapless Owls?

"It's a confidence booster," said A&M linebacker Ken Ford, who led the Aggies with 13 tackles. "It's a Southwest Conference win and we're glad to have it. This win was a long-time coming. We geared ourselves to win — rain, sleet or snow."

Add to that "mailman's motto" a school-record 17 penalties and it's easy to see why A&M's confidence level, especially the once lethargic offense, got a much-needed shot in the arm.

"We were able to overcome a majority of the penalties," said A&M quarterback Craig Stump, who completed 14 of 23 passes for 127 yards. "Confidence-wise, I feel a lot better now than I have the last three weeks. This is a big win for us. We overcame adversity and took advantage of turnovers today we haven't done in the past."

The Aggies did look like an entirely different team from the past three weeks. They made the "big plays" and took advantage of every



Photo by DEAN SAITO

Texas A&M receiver Greg Dillon splits between two Rice defenders and leaps high into the air to snag a 14-yard pass from Aggie quarterback Craig Stump in the first quarter of Saturday's 38-14 victory over the cellar-dwelling Owls.

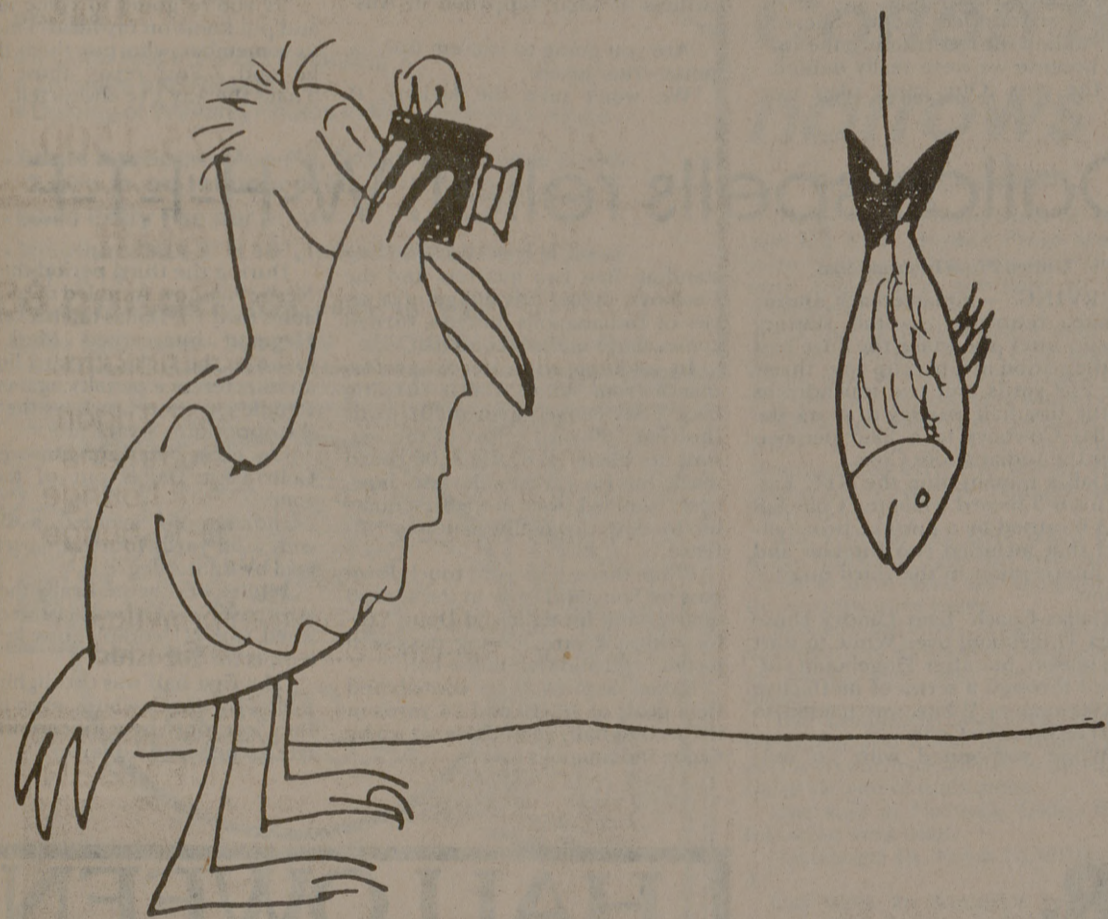
Rice miscue. The barrage of yellow flags, however, marred a near-perfect performance.

"When you go back and look at the games Rice has played, there seemed to be an awful lot of penalties," said A&M Head Coach Jackie

Sherrill. "I don't know why that is. Also, when you go ahead by 38 points, you lose some of the edge."

"We had a lot of penalties," said

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## OK, SO WE LIED.

Freshmen and Sophomores can **STILL** take class pictures for the 1985 Aggielandd.

Extended Schedule through Thursday, Nov. 1st at the Pavilion.

In order to accommodate the flux, the *Junior and Senior* sessions @ YBA has been postponed until Friday, Nov. 2nd.