

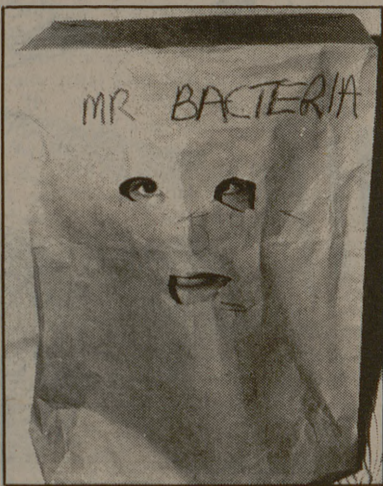
## Sports cause stomach aches

OK, I really like sports. I think. It sort of makes me sick to my stomach when I see stuff that I don't understand. Like, what is a Buckeye? Can anyone explain that to me?

I guess I just get sort of confused. I used to think sports was here to make me feel bad that I've become such a "couch potato." I never really wanted to ever become a pro athlete. I didn't want to dump drugs in my system so that I can "spaz out" in front of millions of sports-crazed television viewers. Great, I'd probably get a close-up when I hadn't even brushed my teeth.

My pet fish, Mr. Freon, is taking the whole issue rather hard. I use to watch professional wrestling but then my favorite guy got beated by the "Human Flame-thrower" with a chair. I guess that's when you can say I got disillusioned.

Well anyway, I was so upset by the crass commercialization of my favorite sport, that I went to the Burger Barn and had five "Stomach Splitters." Of course your stomach doesn't really split, but I sure was stuffed. But that's not the problem. I happened to eat some of the tin foil wrapper cov-



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ering one of those Stomach Splitters and I had to go to the hospital to get my stomach pumped. So when I came back home, Mr. Freon was suffering from food deprivation. He's been sulking ever since.

I also want to talk to this Jackie

Sherrill dude. I was talking to my other friend, Raymond, and he said that Jackie doesn't really exist. Raymond said that it is just a holographic image projected from Kyle Field. Raymond once failed a physics class, so he's nearly a scientist.

I figure I could help Jackie with the football team. I know the way to solve all the problems. Make the players wear sandals.

Now that may sound dumb, but it sure would get results. I can't think very well when my feet get hot from being stuck in shoes all day, so I figure the Aggie football players are having the same problem. As soon as Jackie returns my phone calls, I think we can get somewhere on this.

"Gaggie" football puts me and Raymond to sleep anyway. Last game some guy punched Raymond in the head. Raymond was wearing a "Jackie Sac" on his head to protest the high prices of Cokes at the games. We figured the nut probably liked Dr Pepper or something. Raymond was pretty lucky. The "doctors" at the quack shack gave him two aspirin and said they could cure his brain damage.

I just wish things were like they were supposed to be.

What ever happened to the days where you went to college to get an education, stay up late and be poor?

I've been living on nachos at Bennigans for four years, and it hasn't hurt me any. Raymond says there is a lot of nutrition in jalapenos.

When I'm not foraging, I spend my time watching Australian Rules football because wrestling has become passe.

I like a sport that has absolutely no redeeming social value.

Mr. Freon is who I worry about. For a fish, he's quite sensitive. I've noticed that he's become jaded. That's a signal of grave problems.

Fish never lie.

So here's my suggestion for changing the sports situation. Destroy all athletes, stadiums, cheerleaders and coaches. Then start all over again.

True, this might mean the widespread slaughter of millions of innocent people, but drastic situations demand drastic measures.

I just want to see Mr. Freon laugh again.

## Ags must stifle ornery 'Stangs

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Jackie Sherrill's gridiron gang jumps on the bus today at noon to travel to Dallas and try to put some "knots on the heads" of the now cantankerous SMU Mustangs.

The 4-3 Aggies will have their hands full against the 4-2 Ponies, who are coming off a pair of stinging losses to Houston and Texas.

"We're playing a good football team," said Aggie Coach Jackie Sherrill, "There's no question as far as the talent they have. Their offensive line is very, very huge. They're averaging about 278 pounds. Running back Reggie Dupard is an excellent football player. Quarterback Don King gives them a different dimension. King can throw the football and he's throwing the football a lot more."

The Mustangs really are a good team. Texas Coach Fred Akers said that the Ponies were the best team the Horns had played all season. Being 2-2 in the conference is not something the Mustangs expected in '84.

Physically, the Mustangs aren't hurting. They've been lucky so far. Mentally, it's another story.

"Well, you know," said SMU Coach Bobby Collins, "you go into the year and you're expecting to do well and all of a sudden you lose two conference games. To say that we're not down a little bit would be misleading. I think that our football team will respond and go back to work. I think that's the best cure of all — to get back out on the field and get back to work. If we continue to look back on the last game then we're in trouble."

In a way, it's a similar story for both the Aggies and the Mustangs. Neither team expected to be in the position they're in at the moment. Both are looking to make the best possible showing in the games remaining.

The Aggies are coming off a 38-14 win over the Rice Owls. Certainly, that helps the team as far as confidence and it does keep them above .500.

Offensively, the Aggies have been getting glittering performances from many players.

Tailback Thomas Sanders continues to be the ground attacker that makes things happen for the Ags. Punt returner Jimmy Hawkins is the only player in the Southwest Conference this season to run a punt back for a touchdown. Running backs Roger Vick and Anthony Toney have been doing their part with the pigskin, too.

And let's not forget that freshman quarterback Craig Stump now has that first victory under his belt. After the Rice game, he admitted that he'll feel better about going out onto Texas Stadium having gotten his first win out of the way.

The Texas A&M defense speaks for itself. They speak rather loudly. They're getting outstanding play from a host of young players.

"I'm really happy to see (sophomore defensive end) Rod Saddler," Sherrill said. "Rod Saddler, who missed all of spring practice, has gotten back to the point where he played very well last Saturday. Rod, hopefully, will pick up some slack."

The slack that he'll have to pick up is that left by ailing All-American defensive end candidate Ray Childress. It's still not certain whether Childress will get to play Saturday or not. He missed the Rice game because of bursitis in his left knee. A&M Head trainer Karl Kapchinski compares Childress' ailment to a cold — it just happens to be in his knee. One thing is for sure, though, if Childress gets to play at all, said Sherrill, he will not get to play the entire game against the Mustangs.

So what does Childress' absence

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## Ag sports weekend roundup

These Texas A&M athletic teams will be in action this weekend.

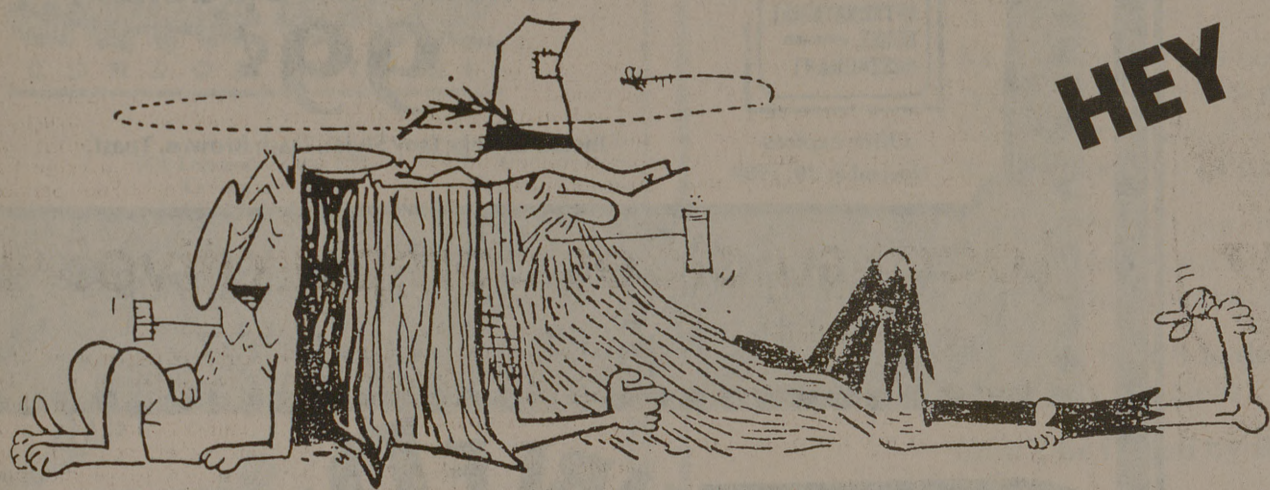
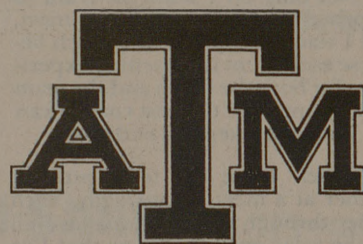
- Jackie Sherrill's Texas A&M Football Team will seek its second Southwest Conference victory of the '84 season against SMU Saturday. Kickoff will be at 2 p.m. at Texas Stadium in Irving.
- Kitty Holley's Texas A&M Women's Golf Team will take part

in the Stanford Intercollegiate Tournament in Palo Alto, Calif., Nov. 2-4.

- David Kent's Texas A&M Men's Tennis Team will host its second A&M Four-Way tournament of the fall season Nov. 2-4 at the Omar Smith Tennis Center. Texas, TCU and Northeast Louisiana will provide the Aggies' competition.
- Jan Cannon's Texas A&M

Women's Tennis Team is currently in Austin competing in the ITCA Qualifying Tournament, Nov. 1-4.

- Mel Nash's Texas A&M Men's and Women's Swimming Teams open their 1984-85 season at the Southwest Conference Relays in Lubbock Friday, Nov. 2.
- The Texas A&M Ultimate Club will compete in a regional tournament this weekend in New Orleans.



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