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Panel Members Include:

- Dr. John Koldus — Vice President for Student Services
- Dr. Murray Milford — Speaker, Faculty Senate
- David Alders — Student Body President, 1984-85
- Diane Baumbach — Speaker, Student Senate, 1984-85
- Pat Wood — MSC Council President, 1984-85
- Ed Cassavoy — Battalion City Editor, 1984-85
- Wayne Roberts — Chairman, Student Grievances Committee
- David Ellis — President of SWAMP, 1984-85

Issues For Discussion Include:

The Role of the Press, The Power of Student Government, Student Elections, Student Apathy, The Representativeness of Student Leaders, and many others. Audience Questions Welcomed.

When: Wednesday, April 10th at 8:30 p.m.

Where: 601 Rudder Tower

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Ags' hit parade blisters Raiders

By CHAREAN WILLIAMS
Assistant Sports Editor

The Texas A&M baseball team needed some hits. It needed some runs. It definitely needed some pitching and fielding.

And, in a three-game series at Lubbock Friday and Saturday, the Aggies got all that and more — much, much more.

The Ags got 68 hits and 65 runs while giving up only 29 hits and 18 runs to the Red Raiders. The 16-4, 21-9 and 28-5 wins put the Aggies (28-10) back in the Southwest Conference race with a 5-4 record.

But, the big story was the Aggie bats — they were blazing.

"I don't know if I've ever seen the ball hit like that," A&M Head Coach Mark Johnson told The Eagle. "I can't recall three games in a row where a team hit the ball so well."

Other Aggies couldn't recall better days either. Take junior first baseman Fred Gegan.

Friday, Gegan tied a SWC record when he hit three home runs. That's three home runs in one game. And his average certainly wasn't hurt by his four-for-four performance. Gegan's nine RBIs were just one short of another SWC mark.

"It's probably the best day I've ever had at the ballpark," Gegan said. "I felt good in batting practice. I like this park."

Most of the Aggies liked the Raiders' park.

Shortstop Rob Swain drove in nine runs and had three home runs during the double-header Saturday. Swain's first game home runs were two of A&M's five for the game.

Leftfielder Buddy Haney started the Ags on their "hit parade" with a three-run shot in the first inning. Mike Scanlin had a two-run homer in the third and reserve Blake Hutchinson added a solo in the seventh.

Gegan's bat didn't lose any of its fire power overnight. He went eight-

for-10 with five doubles and nine more RBIs in two games on Saturday.

"It's a great feeling on the bench when you've got somebody hot like Fred was," Swain said. "He was just unconscious. We felt like he was going to get a hit every time up."

"It's great with (Scott) Livingstone batting in front of me and Fred behind me. It's a pleasure to be where I am."

What more can be said about "Super Gegan?"

"Freddie just had a great outing," Johnson said. "You just can't do much better than that. We have had a lot of close games, and it helped when Freddie broke loose. Everybody loosened up and got their swings in, and the pitcher was able to relax a bit."

A&M pitchers needed a chance to relax and enjoy themselves. If they weren't injured, they were being bombarded by opponents in recent outings.

One pitcher who has neither struggled nor been injured is ace Phillip Taylor. Taylor (6-1, 3-0 in SWC) went the distance Friday, giving up 13 hits and only two earned runs.

"Phillip did a heckuva job," Johnson said. "We've knocked on his door many times, and he's answered every time."

Senior Barry Smith (4-1, 1-0 in SWC) made only his second start of the season Saturday. He went five innings, giving up six hits and only three earned runs.

"Barry did a good job for us," Johnson said.

In the second game, Tom Arrington made his return from a back injury. He went six innings without allowing a run and only five hits.

"Tom went across the line and threw strikes, and that's what we were looking for," Johnson said. "He's still not 100 percent, but he's close."

Big Leagues set for opening day

Associated Press

Pete Rose takes aim on one of the most hallowed records in sports.

Baseball's best division, now better than ever, takes aim on the World Series champions, the Detroit Tigers.

The carefree days of spring training are over; the regular season awaits.

Monday, it's Opening Day.

In Cincinnati, where the National League has started its season for the past century, player-manager Rose leads his Reds against the Montreal Expos before a sellout crowd of 52,000 at Riverfront Stadium.

Another 52,000 fans are expected at Tiger Stadium, where Detroit meets the Cleveland Indians in one of four American League openers.

The other AL games are at Baltimore, where the Orioles play the Texas Rangers; at Boston, where the Red Sox face the New York Yankees, and at Kansas City, where the Royals meet the Toronto Blue Jays.

"There's nothing like a home opener, whether it's at home or on the road," Yogi Berra, the Yankees manager, once said.

The rest of the 26 major league teams play Tuesday.

The crowd in Cincinnati should be lively, anxious to see what Rose can do in his first full season since returning to his home town. He's in hot pursuit of Ty Cobb's all-time hit record of 4,191.

Rose, who will turn 44 April 14, needs 95 hits to break the mark.

"I'm not going to worry about the record until I'm close enough that I can break it that day," Rose said. "No one has ever gone 95-for-95 in a game."

Mario Soto will start the opener for the Reds against Montreal's Steve Rogers, trying to rebound from a 6-15 record during an injury-riddled 1984 season. The game will be the Expos' first under Manager Buck Rodgers.

Detroit got off to a 35-5 start last year, finished the regular season with a 104-58 mark, swept Kansas City in the AL playoffs, then routed San Diego to win the World Series in five games.

The Tigers will send ace Jack Morris against Cleveland's Bert Bly-

leven in a matchup of 19-game winners in 1984.

Many AL teams, trying to prevent a repeat of last year's Tiger runaway, strengthened themselves with off-season acquisitions.

New York added Rickey Henderson, one of the best leadoff hitters in baseball. Baltimore spent million of dollars to sign free agent outfielders Fred Lynn and Lee Lacy and pitcher Don Aase. Toronto, which blew more leads after the seventh inning than any team in the majors last season, got relievers Bill Caudill and Gary Lavelle.

Detroit, not to be outdone, traded for pitcher Walt Terrell.

The Yankees will have 46-year-old knuckleballer Phil Niekro as starter against their traditional rivals, the Red Sox. Boston, which has a new manager in John McNamara, is starting with Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd on the mound.

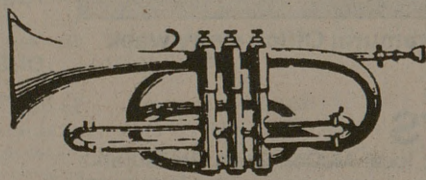
Last year, the Orioles went into season as the defending World Series champions, but finished in fifth place. Baltimore went through spring training with a renewed vigor, although they were hurt when Lee Lacy suffered a hand injury that will sideline him until mid-May. Storm Davis of Baltimore and Charlie Hough of Texas are the scheduled starters.

The Royals began last season without slugging third baseman George Brett, who was injured, and outfielder Willie Wilson, who was serving a drug-related suspension. But they played the best ball of any team in the second half of the season to win the AL West.

Toronto, optimistic after finishing second in the AL East last year and now having strengthened its bullpen, will send Dave Stieb against Kansas City's Bud Black.

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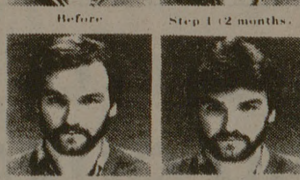
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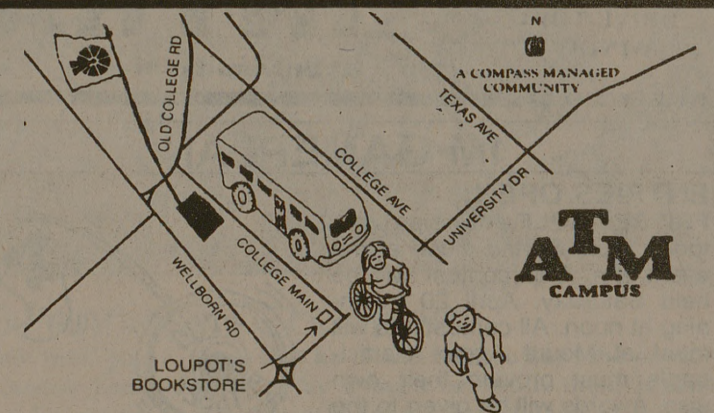


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