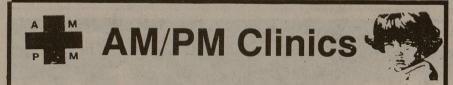
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A&M volleyball faces Georgia in NCAA playoff

By Loyd Brumfield

Assistant Sports Editor The Texas A&M volleyball team's chase for the NCAA championship begins tonight in Athens, Ga., with a 7:30 p.m. meeting with the University of Georgia in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

A&M Coach Al Givens said he is looking forward to the match.

"We're very excited to be here," he said. "We're only one of 32 teams left in the nation and we want to prove that we are worthy of the invitation.'

The Aggies beat Georgia earlier in the year three games to one in the Oklahoma Tournament. Givens said he expects the second match to be much tougher.

"Georgia has the advantage be-cause they're at home," he said. "They should be a lot more compet-itive this time around There's no

doubt they are a good team because of their second place finish in the Southeastern Conference Tourna-ment. They play tough, hard-nosed volleyball.

A&M enters the match with a 23-13 regular season record and is seeded fifth in the South Region. Georgia is 32-7 and seeded fourth. The winner will advance to face the University of Texas, which defeated Duke University three games to one Thursday night in Austin.

Givens said the tournament gives the seniors a chance to go out on a high note.

The loss to Texas (Nov. 20 in Austin) left a bad taste in our mouths, particularly for our seniors," he said. "This gives them another chance to represent their university and an opportunity to redeem themselves."

SMU AD, Collins offer resignations

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist Athletic Director Bob Hitch and head football coach Bobby Collins have submitted their resignations to the university's board of governors, board chairman and Gov.elect Bill Clements said Thursday.

But the acting university presi-dent said he had not received resignations from the two, who have been under fire during a football recruiting scandal that has included the sudden retirement of President L. Donald Shields.

"Both Mr. Hitch's and Mr. Collins' resignations were discussed," Clements said. "I did not say it was ac-cepted or rejected. Who brought it up first, I'm not prepared to say.

Clements addressed reports of the resignations at a news conference Thursday afternoon focusing on his economic plans for the state when he takes office as governor.

He refused to say whether the resignations were offered voluntarily or were requested and would not discuss further details.

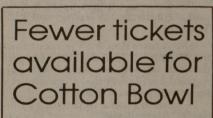
The Dallas Times Herald quoted an unidentified source in the SMU athletic department who said Hitch and Collins had been trying to work a settlement of their contracts with the board of governors In a late-afternoon edition, the

Herald quoted Clements as saying after the SMU board meeting earlier in the day that the resignations were offered within the last two to three

He said the board tabled them, but a decision could be made as early the board to have the resignations and Stallcup not to know about it.

'The usual line of authority on matters dealing with personnel decisions throughout the university, not just the athletic department, is to the board through the president," Kliever said.

There has been pressure from university faculty members for SMU to take action to stem the tide of allegations of recruiting violations in the football program.



Texas A&M's allotment of Cot-ton Bowl tickets is about 20 percent less than last year when the tickets go on sale to A&M stu-dents Monday at 7 a.m. The \$25 tickets will be sold from windows 3, 4, 5 and 6 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Texas A&M's total ticket allotment for the 1987 Cotton Bowl game is 20,360, down from 25,746 for the 1986 game. The number of tickets available for students is 6,250, reduced from last year's 8,000. Ticket manager Jim Kotch said the ticket allotment is smaller because Ohio State requested 12,000 tickets. Auburn only asked for 8,000 last



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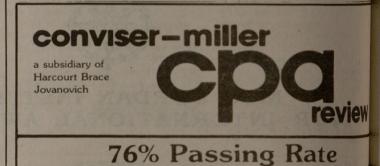
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as today, the newspaper said. Under the NCAA charter and the

Southwest Conference constitution, the athletic director and coach work for the president, or chief academic person, at the university and not for the board.

Acting president William B. Stal-lcup Jr. said, "They haven't sub-mitted them (resignations) to me. I assume they would come to me.

"I do know there have been conversations going on with respect to this," said Stallcup, who took over af-ter Shields retired last month. A university spokesman said then that the recruiting scandal had aggravated Shields' diabetes condition.

Lonnie Kliever, faculty athletic representative to the NCAA and SWC, said it would be unusual for

Kotch said more tickets might be available if Ohio State can't sell their allotment.

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