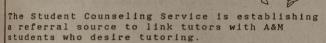
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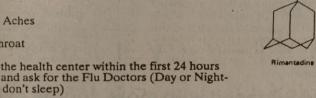
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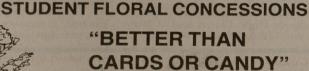
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### Extramural sports to be new feature

By Curtis L. Culberson

Assistant Sports Editor
More of the state's and the nation's top athletes were added to Head Coach and Athletic Director Jackie Sherrill's stockpile of talent Wednesday, but some of the nation's most competive athletes are already on the A&M campus going unno-

Everyone knows the 12th Man does more than just stand at football games. A&M students are quite athletic and competitive, but up until now, *The Battalion* hasn't given them the coverage they deserve.

Next week The Battalion sports department will start a new feature called 12th Man Scoreboard. Batt sports is interested in the victories and the defeats of the more than 30 teams that participate in extramural

They're not in the sports pages now, but A&M athletes have won and will win regional and national championships in a wide variety of

Last year the A&M olympic-style weightlifting team claimed the na-

tional championship. The Aggie handball team was tops in the nation two years ago and No. 2 last year. The bowling team boasts one of the nation's best collegiate bowlers, Mike Shoemaker.

The Aggies will soon send teams to regional competition in several sports including lacrosse, pistol shooting, polo, racquetball, wrestling and judo. The men's volleyball team will play in tournaments with some of the nation's best teams which fea-

ture Olympic competitiors.

The sports staff feels that students are interested in these teams. This feature will be about students you may sit next to in class or drink beer with at Northgate.

The sports page's primary interest will still be Cain Hall's heroes and the traditonal major sporting events. But once or twice a week we'll run this new feature to keep readers upto-date on the sports we've missed in

Extramural team captains interested in submitting information such as scores, leading scorers and future events can contact Curtis Culberson or Anthony Wilson at 845-2688.

### Ags, Huskers may play in Kickoff Classic game

From Staff and Wire Reports
LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska is
willing to take on Texas A&M in the
August Kickoff Classic, Cornhuskers Coach Tom Osborne said Wednes-

"I don't want to get people too excited about it," Osborne said. "They (Kickoff Classic officials) approached us earlier and they came back again.'

Osborne said he spoke Tuesday with A&M Coach Jackie Sherrill about the Cornhuskers playing the Cotton Bowl champs in the presea-son Kickoff Classic played at East Rutherford, N.J. However, Osborne said approval would have to come from University

of Nebraska Athletic Director Bob Devaney, administrators and the Big Eight Conference before the Cornhuskers could commit.

Nebraska played in the first Kick-off Classic in 1983, defeating Penn State 44-6. The Huskers grossed about \$450,000 from the game, about what they would expect this

"It really isn't finalized, but we have some interest in the game," Osborne said. "Apparently A&M would be the team we would play. Even that has not been completely finalized. . . . I would hope by the end of the week we would have an an-

swer." Nebraska became eligible for the game this year because of a stipulation that a team may only appear in the Kickoff Classic only once every

Classic organizers indicated Tues-day that there was a problem in lining up an opponent and a date acceptable to A&M, which tentatively had accepted an invitation.

"Because certain key people involved in the selection process are traveling, it became impossible to make all the phone calls today (Wednesday) and complete all the discussions," Bob Mulcahy, president and chief executive officer of the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority, which puts on the game at Giants Stadium, told the Asso-

"It may take 48 hours to resolve,"

Mulcahy had said earlier that the pairing for the sixth annual Kickoff Classic would be announced Tues-

The AP reported over the week-end that A&M, winner of three coln.

straight Southwest Conference championships, had accepted an invitation. Sherrill said Tuesday that he would prefer that the Kickoff Classic be played Thursday night,

Aug. 25.

However, Osborne said he thought the game likely would be played Saturday, Aug. 27.

"I think the timing would be OK, it just makes for a very long season. There's good and bad in that," Osborne said. "It's great if you can go back and win it and come out healthy. But there's a lot of risk of healthy. But there's a lot of risk of

injury or loss of the game."

NCAA rules say the earliest a college football game can be played is Sept. 1, unless that date falls on a Sunday or Monday, in which case regular-season games can be played the preceding Saturday.

An exception is made for the Kickoff Classic, which the NCAA manual specifies is to be played "in the week prior to the beginning of the traditional fall season." This year, the first games other than the Kickoff Classic are scheduled for

Sept. 3. Texas A&M, 10-2 last year and No. 10 in the final AP rankings, already has September games sched-uled against LSU, Alabama and Oklahoma State. If the Aggies play in the Kickoff Classic, Sherrill would like to have as much time as possible between that game and a trip to LSU

"If you play well, it really doesn't necessarily make any difference about the outcome if you're playing the right opponent," Sherrill said at a press conference in College Station Wednesday. "If you win, certainly it does a big, big thing for you. The only thing that'll hurt you is if you lose a player. You roll the dice. But people have a lot more respect for people playing somebody.'

Nebraska finished the 1987 season 10-2 and sixth-ranked after a 10start. The Cornhuskers were ranked No. 1 for one week before its last regular season game, a 17-7 loss to Oklahoma. Nebraska also lost 31-28 to Florida State in the Fiesta

Florida State was No. 2 and Okla-

homa No. 3 in the final AP poll.

Nebraska, led by All-Big Eight Conference quarterback Steve Taylor, is scheduled to open its 1988 season Sept. 3 against Utah State in Lin-

### Rockets hope win over Celts is omen of things to come

shocked the Boston Celtics in their first game after the NBA All-Star break but Celtics center Robert Parish says the big test begins tonight for the retooled Rockets.

This team (Houston) can be as good as it wants to be but everybody gets up for us," Parish said after ruesday night's 129-120 loss to the

The Rockets take their four-game winning streak on the road to Seattle tonight and their real test will be how they perform against the rest of the league, Parish said.

"The big test for them is tomorrow," Parish said. "But I wouldn't be surprised if they beat the Lakers.

The Rockets have been under the microscope since Dec. 12, when they sent Ralph Sampson to Golden State in exchange for guard Sleepy Floyd and center Joe Barry Carroll.

After road games at Seattle, Los Angeles Clippers and Portland, the Rockets will return home for more crutiny next week with games Tuesday against Sampson and the Warriors and Thursday against the Los Angeles Lakers.

everybody should be worried," said Boston Coach K.C. Jones.
Parish said the Rockets have the

ingredients of a top playoff team.
"It's just a matter of time before they jell," Parish said. "They come hard at you with a lot of guys off the

"Rebounding against us was like a day at the beach for them. They were sending people to the boards and we were giving them free shots

(second shots) every time down the The Rockets beat the Celtics on a night when Larry Bird scored 44 points and led the Celtics with 15 rebounds. Carroll scored 18 points off the bench and Purvis Short, also obtained from Golden State, hit 21

'Joe Barry is one of the most effective low post players in the league and he's got some new life on the other end, too. That's something we haven't seen before," Parish said.

The Rockets' bench outscored the



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