

12th Man Scoreboard

Fencers maul opponents in own Open tourney

The A&M fencing team hosted the Heavy Metal Open at DeWare Field House last Saturday and gouged the opposition with a strong team performance.

Fencing club President **Daniel Hermes** led the team with a second place finish in the mixed foil competition and a fourth place showing in men's epee. **Matt Stewart** was seventh in men's epee behind teammate **Tom Champney** who was fifth. **Geoff Horn** contributed a sixth place finish in sabre competition.

Ann-Marie Walters had a fourth place showing in the mixed foil event

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to lead the Aggie women.

The team opened the season with competition in the Bragging Rights Open two weeks ago in Calvert.

The team competed as part of a larger team representing the Gulf Coast division of the Texas Fencing League. A&M's division swept the competition as Walters, A&M's team instructor, and **Janet Harkness** placed third and eighth, respectively, in the women's foil event.

Hermes was fifth in men's foil and Stewart was fourth in men's epee.

Aggie men's rugby has high hopes for season

A perennial powerhouse hopes to regain some prestige this year as the Texas A&M men's rugby team kicks off the 1988 season with a road game against the Houston Strikers.

After rebuilding the last couple of years the team hopes to return to the National Collegiate Championships after a three-year absence.

"We're all fired up and ready to go," club spokesman **James Goodman** said. "Our aim is to win the collegiate championship this year."

A&M won the championship four-

Men's Rugby

teen years in a row from 1972 to 1985, Goodman said. The team fields two teams, one for experienced players and another for beginners. It is part of the A&M rugby club which is 45 members strong this year.

The club practices every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Polo Field on the A&M campus. Anyone interested in joining the club only needs to come to a practice to join.

Men's lacrosse team exhibits skills Saturday

Texas A&M's men's lacrosse club plays its first matches of the fall exhibition season this weekend at the Simpson Drill Field.

Saturday at 11 a.m. the club takes on a group of former club members who are now playing with other clubs around the state. Sam Houston comes to town Sunday for a noon match.

"It's a chance to get our skills back

Lacrosse

in shape and introduce some of our rookies to game conditions," said **Bob Lenzen**, chairman of the club.

Lenzen said the club has around 40 players now and is looking for more. Anyone interested in playing can come to Simpson (north of the M.S.C.) for evening practice.

Aggies bowl over opponents in first tourney

A strong performance by **Susan Evans** led the way as the Texas A&M bowling team struck into the 1988 season at a tournament in Lafayette, La., last weekend.

Evans took second place in the women's singles and all-around events as the Aggie women finished in third place in the team standings and third in the team overall event.

Bowling

The men's team finished second in team play and 4th in the overall team competition.

Teams representing Memphis State, Houston, Grambling, Southeast Louisiana and New Mexico State participated against A&M.

Robinson could join Spurs in time for season opener

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — U.S. Olympic basketball player David Robinson, the San Antonio Spurs top draft pick in 1987, will ask the Navy for an early release from his two-year commitment, Robinson's father has told the *San Antonio Light*.

Sources quoted by the newspaper in a story Thursday said the 7-1 center could be in a Spurs uniform as early as the Nov. 5 opener against the Los Angeles Lakers.

"You're ready to see him in San Antonio, I'm ready to see him there and he's ready to go. We're going to see if he can be released; we're going to ask," **Ambrose Robinson** said.

"That doesn't mean they will approve

it, but we're trying to sort everything out," he said. "We really don't know what it's going to take for it to happen."

Robinson, who signed a reported \$26 million, eight-year contract, is committed to the Navy through next summer and previously has said he would not ask the Navy for an early release.

Spurs owner B.J. "Red" McCombs and Assistant to the Owner **Bob Bass** said they hoped Robinson would be released after the Olympics.

"We certainly hope it comes true and he gets here, . . ." Bass said, "but right now we're not familiar with the whole situation."

Series

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Met's style. They take aim and go for it. On the other coast, the Dodgers are just the opposite of the Mets.

They have an image like the Dallas Cowboys had a few years ago — the white knights of the sports world. Like the Cowboys, the Dodgers are a "love 'em or hate 'em" team.

Most fans around here don't like 'em and they usually give the same reasons. Things like "They always win," and "Lardner just gets on my nerves," or even "Those guys look like they should be playing beach volleyball, not hard ball." What the complaints usually boil

down to are that the Dodgers are in first place again and that people are sick of it. And their fans. They look like they came straight to the game from the ballet. Only in L.A.

Frankly, I don't know how the Dodgers win so many pennants. They don't have any of the big names they used to win with.

Guys like Steve Garvey are gone. Even Pedro Guerrero is out of Dodger blue, and Fernando Valenzuela is out for the year.

Still they win. For Astro fans, it's not a lot to choose from.

But Astro fans can't be in the choosy market right now, either.

Pardee

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Though he had a timeout left, Bryant disdained a game-winning field-goal attempt, a decision that cost the Aggies a perfect season.

On fourth down Osborne rolled out to his left with Crow and Pardee ahead of him, but was thrown for a 6-yard loss by Buddy Boek (who had come into the game just prior to this play).

"Crow and I were out there to block for him but Roddy got in front of us and was tackled in the backfield," Pardee said. "From there just about any play should have worked, but we didn't score."

Houston ran one play and came away overjoyed with the tie. A&M dropped to 4th in the next Associated Press poll.

The Aggies played TCU at Kyle Field a tornado and won 7-6. Pardee played but wasn't supposed to play at all against Baylor.

He didn't start the game but after two series Bryant put him in, saying later that "I got tired of Pardee walking up and down the sideline with me."

In what Crow, Conrad, Goehring and Pardee all said was one of the toughest

games they ever played, A&M defeated Baylor 19-13.

Capping a spotless 6-0 SWC record (the last time A&M has gone undefeated in conference play) A&M defeated Texas 34-21 in its first win ever in Memorial Stadium.

After taking an early 21-0 lead, Bryant pulled his starters in the second quarter after which Texas, led by quarterback Joe Clements, rallied for two touchdowns.

Pardee ended any Longhorn hope of a comeback by taking the second-half kickoff 97 yards to the Texas 2 where Clements tackled him.

"I told him in the huddle that he should have let me have the ball and I would have scored," Crow said Wednesday. "I probably wouldn't have, but Jack was breathing hard when he got back to the huddle."

A&M scored the game-breaking touchdown, winning what Crow called "likely the biggest win of our careers for most of the guys on our team."

Pardee looks forward to playing the Aggies, saying that "You don't ever want to be embarrassed in front of your friends — and I have lots of Aggie friends."

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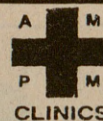
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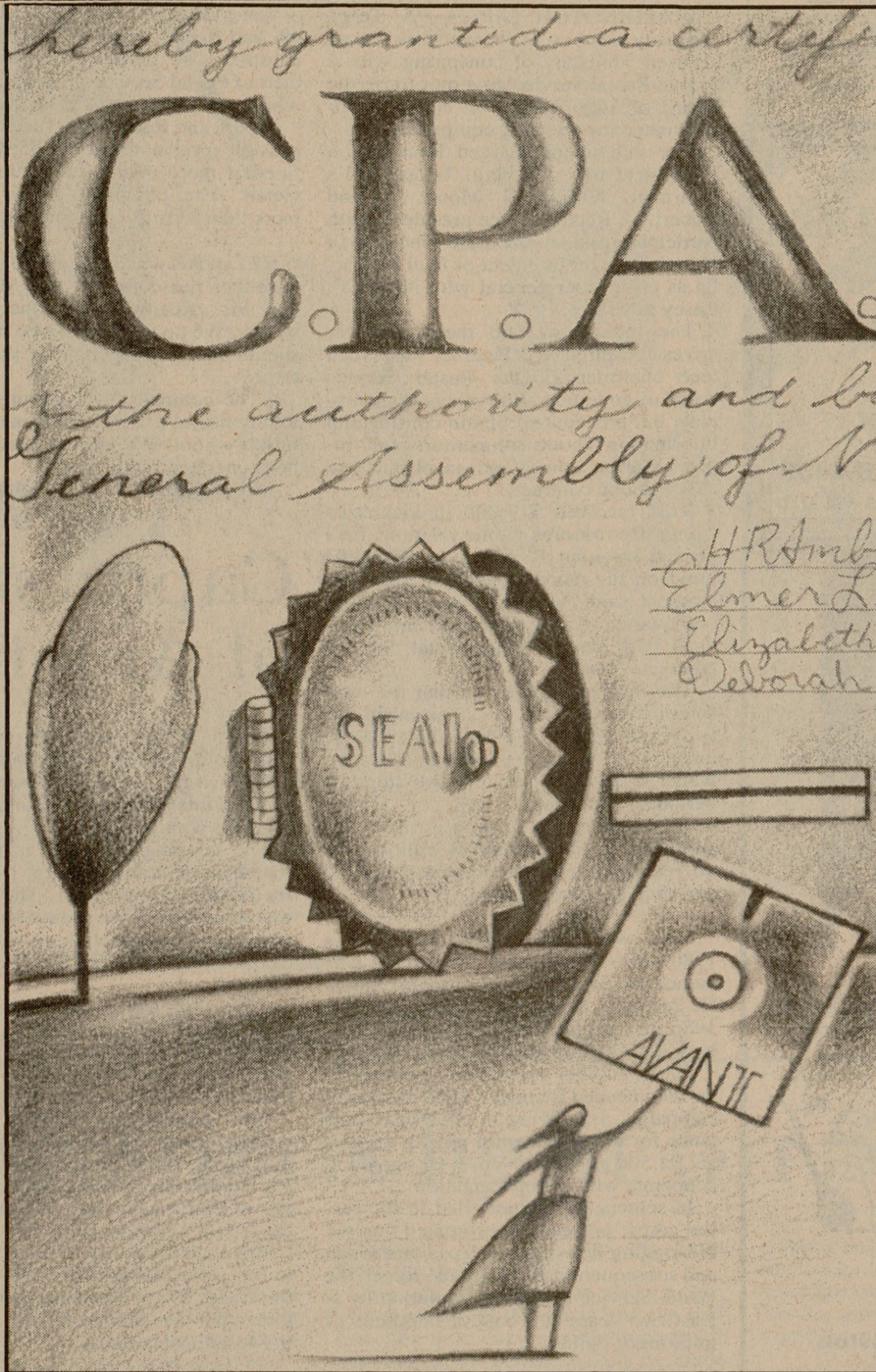
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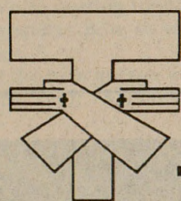
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