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## Rockets reshuffle another bad hand

Once again, the Houston Rockets have reshuffled their cards and come up with new faces to support franchise Akeem Olajuwon in 1989.

And, once again, they're on the way to a disappointing season: inconsistent play, injuries and an early exit from the playoffs.

Maybe the Rockets' management should just stick with the hand they have, and borrow a lesson or two from successful teams. Los Angeles had its franchise, center Kareem Abdul Jabbar, and built a team around him through good draft picks and good coaching.

Detroit has no franchise, just a core group of talented players that has learned to play together into a winning team. Isiah Thomas is the floor leader, but the Pistons have drafted the best supporting cast in the NBA. No one has a deeper or more talented bench than Detroit.

And the Rockets? They've already got the best center in the NBA. Now they have one of the most formidable rebounding teams in the league with Olajuwon, Otis Thorpe and free agent Larry Smith.

The only problem is that the Rockets have gotten too many chances to rebound so far in 1989. And that's where their biggest problem is — a lack of quality shooters.

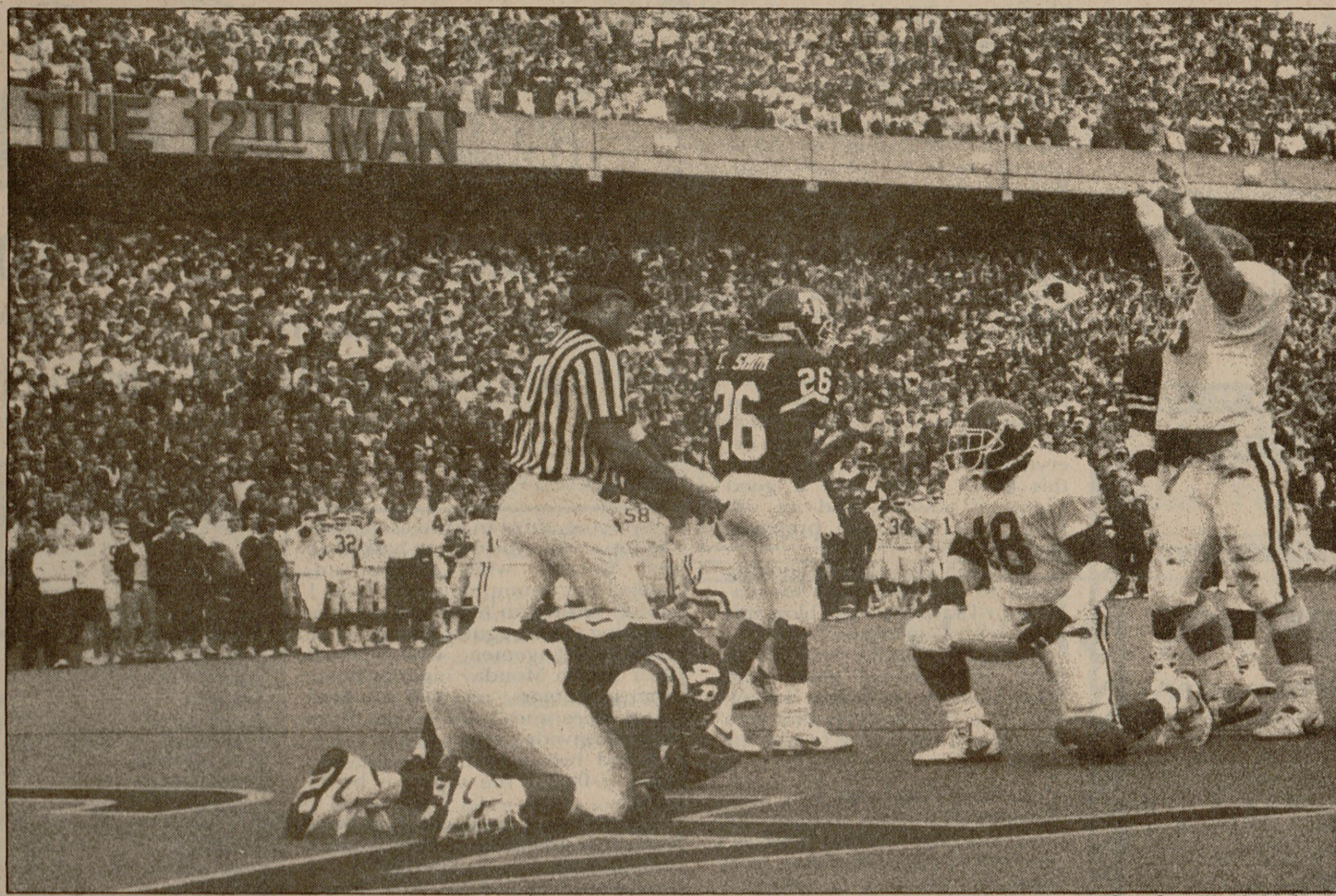
Houston is knee deep in trouble in the guard position. Sleepy Floyd, the starting point guard at the beginning of the year, has been benched by Coach Don Chaney because of his inconsistent play.

Now Floyd, who has never been accused of being a true point guard in the first place, is subbing in for starting off guard Mitchell Wiggins.

Out went Floyd. In came 36-year old John Lucas.

But is he a skeleton or savior? See **Rockets/Page 8**

# Ags drop to No. 16; Buffaloes now No. 1



Anthony Williams (48) and Kevin Smith (26) react after the winning touchdown in Arkansas' 23-22 win.

### FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Texas A&M dropped two spots in Monday's Associated Press College Football Poll after losing 23-22 to Arkansas. With that loss, the Aggies not only dropped in the poll but more importantly lost its bid for a fourth Cotton Bowl appearance in five years.

A&M hosts Texas in its final regular sea-

### AP Top 25 Poll

Team	Last Week
1. Colorado	2
2. Alabama	4
3. Michigan	3
4. Miami, Fla.	7
5. Notre Dame	1
6. Florida St.	6
7. Nebraska	6
8. Tennessee	8
9. Arkansas	9
10. Illinois	11
11. Auburn	10
12. USC	12
13. Houston	13
14. Clemson	15
15. Virginia	16
16. Texas A&M	14
17. West Virginia	17
18. Penn. St.	22
19. Brigham Young	21
20. Duke	23
21. Ohio St.	20
22. Michigan St.	25
23. Hawaii	24
24. Pittsburgh	19
25. Texas Tech	18

son game. The Aggies have accepted a bid to play No. 24 Pittsburgh in the John Hancock (Sun) Bowl Dec. 30.

Arkansas stayed at No. 9, and most likely will play No. 8 Tennessee in the Cotton Bowl Jan. 1.

Colorado took over the top spot in col- See **Poll/Page 8**

## Horns' McWilliams: 'We've got to beat A&M'

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas coach David McWilliams said Monday the Longhorns need to beat Texas A&M — not just play the Aggies close — to wipe out the memory of Texas' 50-7 loss to Baylor.

Texas and A&M play Saturday at College Station in the 96th meeting of a series in which A&M will be seeking its sixth straight victory.

The 3:07 p.m. game will be televised na-

tionally by ESPN but has no bearing on the Southwest Conference football championship or bowl lineup.

A&M, 7-3, will play in the John Hancock Bowl at El Paso on Dec. 30. Texas, 5-5, will miss out on the bowls for the second year in a row. It will be the first time since 1955 and 1956 that Texas has gone two straight seasons without going to a bowl.

The loss to Baylor, 5-6, was so devastat-

ing that Texas' entire season rides on the A&M game, McWilliams told his weekly news conference.

"I think we need to beat A&M, not just play good ... to turn around this last week," McWilliams said. "To get that full impact, we've got to win the football game — we can't go down just to play close."

Texas played so poorly on offense

against Baylor, which held the Longhorns to 208 total yards, that the coaching staff did not select a most valuable player on offense, McWilliams said.

"It was just was not a good effort," he said.

"This week, I'm going to do whatever I have to do to get them motivated."

# Class Council Newsletter

## ELEPHANT WALK

PACHYDERMIES ARE COMING!

DATE: November 30, 1989  
TIME: 12:04 p.m.  
PLACE: Sully



The Seniors are gathered arm and arm. Their heads are filled with the memories they have shared together at A&M. The late-night cram sessions, football games, midnight yell, bonfire and the friendship all seem to underlie what really has made their experience at A&M unforgettable. Today is Elephant Walk at Texas A&M.

A melancholy spirit is in the air. It's not time for laughter, it's a time for reflection and pride. The Yell Leaders and Red Pots lead the group through campus. The Academic Building, Rudder Fountain, Military Walk, and the drill field are just a few stops they make as they walk to their burial ground. The rest of the student body watches on as the elephants trample through campus. They don't dare disturb the spirit which is burning inside each of the senior's hearts. The spirit is the realization that they are of no longer use to the 12th man and they are dying so a new generation of Aggies can be born to carry on what they have left behind. Although the elephants are being led to Zip heaven, their spirit will never die.

The tradition of Elephant Walk was started early in the 1900's. Once upon a time, Elephant Walk was a very serious occasion. In 1929, the walk was started by two members of the Texas Aggie Band. Armed with a brass horn and piccolo, they led the line by playing the tune, "The Worm Crawls In, the Worm Crawls Out," over and over again. Trailing them, were the corps seniors linked by placing their hands on the shoulders of the men in front of them. They were all dressed in full uniform with their campaign hats turned around and their shirts tails hanging out.

They followed the band members to the military walk, Sully, and Guian Hall. The occasion was strictly limited to Seniors in participation and the day was marked by emotions and tears.

In 1958, Lt. Col. E. V. Edens, director of the Aggie Band and a member of the Class of '29, was concerned about the change in Elephant Walk as he stated, "It just changed every year, with one class trying to out do its predecessor." Now, thirty years later, Elephant Walk has become a some-time violent and destructive affair.

Bill Kibler, the Texas A&M faculty advisor for Bonfire, is concerned about the student injuries and property damage that have been associated with Elephant Walk. The Juniors and Seniors have tried to turn Elephant Walk into a class war instead of time for reflection.

"Every year we have broken bones, cuts, scrapes, and bruises that are caused from water balloons being dropped, wrestling, and fighting on the periphery of Elephant Walk," commented Kibler. He added that this group behavior must either be "regulated or stopped." The administrative leaders at Texas A&M will have no alternative other than to completely regulate or put an end to Elephant Walk unless the student body pulls together to bring Elephant Walk back to its "traditional" form. Kibler has noted a positive change over the past two years and the Class of '90 would like to see this progress continue even more this year.

Every year ground maintenance reports the damage done by the estimated 2,000 students gathered for Elephant Walk each year. Kibler also reminds us that the Red Pots gathering around Sully start a path that the others follow. The 2,000 students following their path completely destroyed the ground cover around Sully and left nothing but trampled vines and mud last year. We must respect tradition for what it has been, what it is, and also for what it will be in the future. Tradition must yield to prudence and common sense.

The Class of '90 challenges the student body to continue this tradition by putting their energy and spirit into Bonfire, while leaving the pachyderms to die with some respect.

by: Whitney McPhail and Maria Ponce  
Special Events Chrm. '90

## CLASS OF '90 FUNDRAISING

Elephant Walk t-shirt sales are in full swing and will be continued November 27-29. T-shirts are \$10.50 and sweatshirts are \$15.00. Come by the Memorial Student Center or the Quad and pick one up! All proceeds will go toward Class of '90 class gift.

PACK YOUR TRUNKS...WE'RE WALKING!

## CLASS OF '91

What's up with the Class Council of '91? WHOOP! The Class of '91 council, known as the "ones to Watch" are currently working to organize all the exciting, upcoming events for the awesome junior class.

## FUNDRAISING

Kathleen Ellen Smith, the chairman of Fundraising, with the help of her committee began the school year with a design contest for Elephant Walk t-shirts. A design was chosen and the shirts went on sale Monday, November 20 on the Quad. Sale will start up again on November 27, the Monday following the Thanksgiving holiday, in the MSC and Sbsa. All "Zips-to-be" better hurry and get their shirts while the supply is still good!

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

The chairman of the Public Relations and Awareness committee, Eleanor Manson, and the members of her committee are currently working on advertisement for Elephant Walk t-shirt sales and promotion of special activities planned for the Class of '91 on Thursday, November 30, the day of Elephant Walk. The committee is also making plans for a Class council awareness week to be held later in the year.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

The committee on Special Events, is a new multi-directional subcommittee which focuses on class unifying events, is under the leadership of chairman Billy Flanagan. The committee is working on ideas for class involvement in All Night Fair as well as a possible basketball or volleyball tournament. The committee has come up with several additional ideas for upcoming events, but is waiting for the approval of the council as to which will be used.

## CLASS BALL

Class Ball for the Class of '91 will be held in conjunction with the Class of '92 on March 2, 1990. The theme of this year's event is "Riverwalk Fiesta" and it looks as though this might be the best ball ever held at A&M. The Class of '91 plans for the ball are made by Katrina Keating, chairman of class ball, and her committee. New ideas and committee members are always welcome.

## BOOT DANCE

A very exciting event planned by the council is Boot Dance. The co-chairmen of the Boot Dance committee are Matt Johnson and Darcey Smith. These chairmen and their committee are busy putting together the plans for the big event. Presently, they are working on the decorations, designing t-shirts and putting programs together. According to many, this year's Boot Dance will be nothing short of awesome.

## CLASS GIFT

Although not an extremely visible group, the Class Gift committee is essential to the council. Co-chairmen Liz Tisch and Steve Novotny run a very active committee that is currently planning a drive for class gift ideas to be held in the Spring. Juniors, with ideas for a fabulous class gift, stand by for further details!

The council itself is made up of all the committee chairmen previously mentioned and six class offices. The officers are Phillip Robertson, President; Scott Jones, Vice-President; Jill Wise, Secretary; Teri Mozisek, Treasurer; Leslie Willingham, Social Secretary and Gil Delgado, Historian. The council as a whole is presently planning activities for the Class of '91 to be held on the day of Elephant Walk in addition to making future fundraising plans for the Spring. Council members are always open to input from the class. Class members who wish to actively participate are encouraged to attend general class meeting and are more than welcome to join a committee. All those interested, please come by the Class of '91 cubicle in the Student Program's Office on the second floor of the MSC.

## CLASS OF '92 SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Old Army Grove Dance, which was held November 3, was a success, and a lot of fun. Thanks to all who attended and helped.

## CLASS BALL

The date for the joint Class of '91 and '92 Ball, "Riverwalk Fiesta", is March 2, 1990. So mark your calendars and get ready to have a great time!

## T-SHIRTS

The Class T-shirts are selling fast, so be sure to buy yours soon. Look for the announcement of the next selling date. The cost is \$10.

## AWARENESS

We are looking for people who would like to volunteer their time to represent their residence halls, corps outfits, fraternities, and sororities as Class of '92 delegates. If you are interested please stop by the Student Programs Office and leave your name and telephone number in the Awareness committee box in the Class of '92 cubicle.

It's been a good semester so far, and there's more to come this year. If there is anything anyone would like to see us do as a class, leave suggestions in our cube in the Student Programs Office.

## CLASS OF '93

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Vice-President-John Sweeney  
Secretary-Lance Ogeltree  
Treasurer-Greg Hurst  
Social Secretary-Blair Johnson  
Historian-Dean Blankenship

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