

## Arkansas secedes from Southwest Conference union

*UA Board unanimously approves 'bittersweet task,' teams begin official Southeast competition in 1991*

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 FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)—The University of Arkansas, a member of the Southwest Conference since it was formed in 1914, on Wednesday accepted an invitation to join the Southeastern Conference.  
 The UA Board of Trustees unanimously approved the move. Chancellor Dan Ferritor formally recommended the switch and called it a bittersweet task.  
 The Razorbacks will begin competing in the SEC in all sports but football in 1991. They will compete in the SEC in football this year, then fulfill the second year of their two-year contracts as an independent in 1991 before moving into the SEC in 1992.  
 Arkansas becomes the eleventh member of the SEC and league commissioner Roy Kramer said there was no timetable for adding another team. However, when the SEC presidents voted to expand in late May they endorsed expansion in pairs.  
 Kramer acknowledged that Florida State, Miami and South Carolina are still potential candidates. The SEC will be divided into two divisions and that geography would play a part in the divisional breakdown, Kramer said.  
 Arkansas Athletic Director Frank Broyles said he expects the Razorbacks to play Mississippi and Mississippi State each year and end each football season against

Louisiana State University.  
 The other schools in the SEC are Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Vanderbilt.  
 Ferritor said Arkansas did not seek the SEC invitation. "We're not really leaving, not tearing down. What we are doing is building, we're building for the future of the University of Arkansas."  
 He said his recommendation to accept the invitation is "based solely on our view of what college athletics is and should be on a college campus."  
 The idea that the Razorbacks will receive more money was decidedly secondary in the decision-making process, he said.  
 Material distributed to the UA board showed that each SEC school received an average of \$1.6 million from football and basketball, bowl games and post season basketball appearances.  
 The SWC breakdown pointed out that Arkansas received \$760,000, even though the Razorbacks went to the Cotton Bowl in football and reached the Final Four in the NCAA basketball tournament.  
 "The fans told us, in every way possible,

that we ought to go," Ferritor said.  
 Broyles said Arkansas will always treasure its association with SWC members. But, he said, the national scene is changing in college athletics.  
 "The '90s will not be anywhere resembling the '80s," he said.  
 Broyles said that some people believe the formation of so-called super conferences is aimed at regional television, but that he believes such conferences will be organized for national TV packages.  
 "A conference that has 14 members that are outstanding teams, that start playing their games on the first Saturday of September, all the way through the 13 Saturdays of television in the football season, they have crossover games with the Big Eight, with the Southwest, with the Big Ten, with the Pac Ten, then they have a national package arrangement available to sell and bargain with one of the national networks," Broyles said.  
 He also said a large conference could have an impact on rules and compliance.  
 Broyles said the SWC was at its strongest when it had seven teams—Arkansas and six

in Texas.  
 "There was no professional sports in the state of Texas," he said. "In the last two decades we have added two teams (Texas Tech and Houston). At the same time, in the last 28 years, they have developed 7 professional teams—three in Dallas, three in Houston and one in San Antonio."  
 "So the pie in Texas has been shrunk as far as the Southwest Conference is concerned," he said.  
 "They don't get the paper coverage as far as the sports page, they don't get the TV coverage and it has developed a lack of interest and some indifference among fans, which is evidenced by the fact that we have in the Southwest Conference 50 percent empty seats in our football games."  
 Broyles said that if he thought the SWC could move in a viable way and be as competitive as other major conferences "our decision today would most likely be different."  
 He called such a move improbable. "We are moving in a different direction," he said.  
 Broyles said that if Arkansas did not

make the move, it would have been to find a new source of revenue.  
 He said the competition in the SEC will be stronger than the competition in the SWC and said that such competition has intensified fan support.  
 According to material given to the board, the SEC had four schools ranked among the top 10 in football attendance in 1989, the conference had seven among the top 20.  
 "Their fan support is better than any part of the country because of the competition," Broyles said. "They have more interest. They have more interest."  
 Kramer, who donned a hog hat after the UA board made its official decision, asked about the factors leading to the conference expansion.  
 He cited three:  
 — A marketing standpoint. "The special basis for continued support of collegiate athletics is very important to the institution across this country. We look at fiscal responsibility, and part of it is providing a program that can pay for the dollar that is out there in the entertainment world. I'm not talking about vision; I'm talking about filling up seats Saturday afternoon and Wednesday in the gymnasium."  
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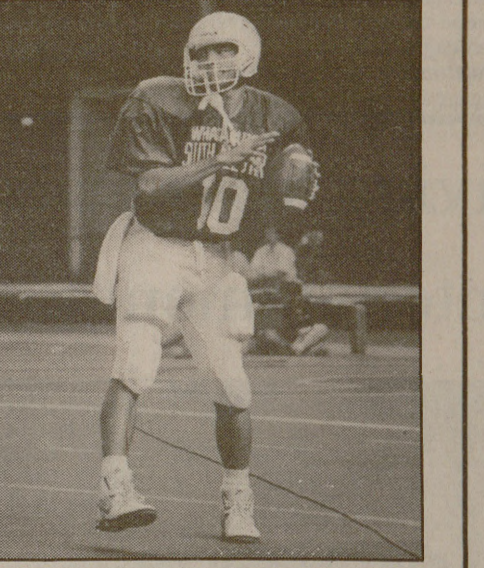
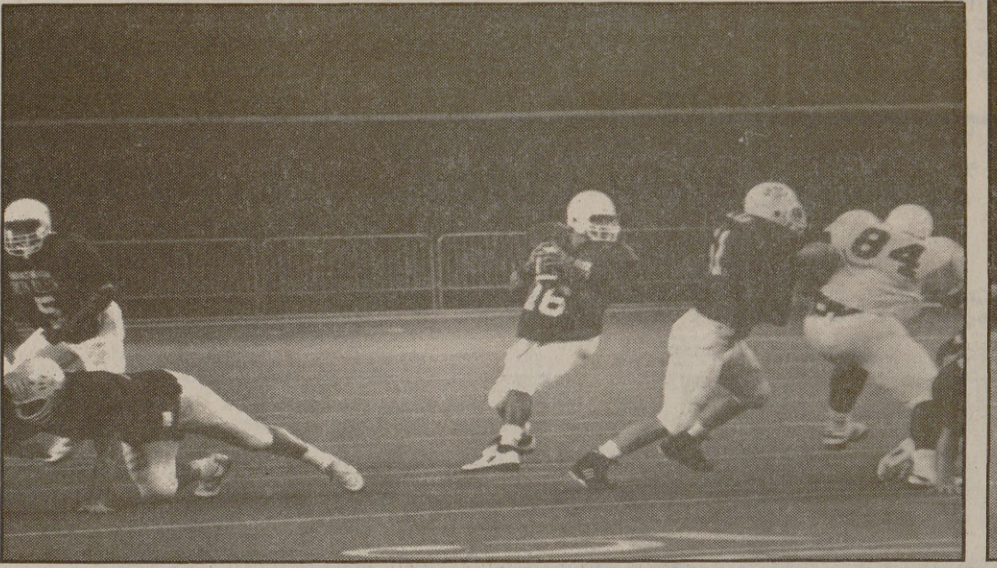
## Eight A&M recruits reveal stellar performance in Whataburger All-Star game at Astrodome

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 HOUSTON — The future of Texas A&M football lit up the Astrodome Tuesday night as eight Aggie recruits participated in the Sixth annual Whataburger All-Star Football Game.  
 A&M recruits turned in some of the game's top performances as the North and South All-Stars battled to a 13-13 tie.  
 It didn't take long for the young Aggies to flex their muscles.  
 On the first play from scrimmage North quarterback Steve Clements was intercepted by the South's Marcus Batts, a defensive back from Houston Lamar headed for Aggieland.  
 Batts, a hard-hitting, big play safety, hauled in the game's Defensive Most Valuable Player award. Along with the interception Batts made seven solo tackles and assisted on two others.  
 "I think I played a tough game," Batts said. "I missed a couple of tackles but overall I'm happy with the way I played."  
 On the play after the interception, South quarterback Jeff Granger, from Orangefield, hit Daniel Adams, from Schulenburg, for a 42-yard touchdown.  
 Granger, a lefthander, is one of the highlights of A&M's 1990 recruiting class, which is considered to be one of the top five classes in the nation.  
 Last season, he threw for 1,923 yards and 20 touchdowns for Orangefield. However, football is not his only talent. Granger was drafted in June by the Minnesota Twins and pitched Orangefield to the Class 3A state playoffs with a 16-1 record and 205 strikeouts.  
 Granger turned down a \$100,000 offer last month but the Twins have until Aug. 6 to change his mind.  
 "It would take an ungodly amount of money to keep me from going to A&M," Granger said. "I'm already enrolled in classes this (summer) session and I plan on being at A&M this fall."  
 Granger showed good mobility as he was repeatedly run out of the pocket. He com-

pleted 6 of 17 passes for 106 yards and the one touchdown.  
 "I was pleased with my performance," Granger said, "but there is always room for improvement."  
 In a preview of what could be future A&M-Texas matchups, Granger's counterpart, struggled to keep North in the game.  
 Steve Clements, a Texas recruit, didn't play in the second half because of a bruised elbow and completed only 3 of 14 passes for 32 yards.  
 Granger shared quarterbacking duties with MacArthur product Steve Emerson, another Aggie signee. While Granger has received most of the attention, Emerson let it be known he's not about to take a back seat to anyone.

Emerson completed 4 of 9 passes for 55 yards including a 30 yard touchdown toss to Lee Fedora of A&M Consolidated. Emerson also showed determination by staying in the pocket and taking some hard hits after releasing the ball.  
 Although Emerson didn't match Granger's stats of 1,404 yards and 14 touchdowns this year, he is confident about his ability to compete with Granger at A&M.  
 "I believe my abilities are equal with Jeff's (Granger), if not better" he said. "I'll do what it takes and I'm looking forward to the competition."  
 Granger and Emerson were expected to do well but the offensive surprise of the evening was Fedora, who signed to play shortstop for the Texas Aggie baseball team.

Fedora caught four passes for 70 yards, earning a measure of respect from Granger.  
 Fedora said playing in the game was a lot of fun and it reaffirmed his interest in trying to walk on the A&M football team.  
 "Right now I'm committed to playing baseball," he said. "Initially I want to take a year to get settled into college, but I'd like to try football my sophomore year."  
 Willowridge defensive end Eric England completes the list of Aggies on the South squad. England had a game-high nine solo tackles and two assists.  
 England, who also caused a fumble late in the fourth quarter, was the Touchdown Club of Houston's Defensive Player of the Week.  
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A&M quarterback signees Steve Emerson (above center) and Jeff Granger (right) led the South to a 13-13 tie with the North in Tuesday's Whataburger All-Star game. The game features high school stars from throughout Texas.

## General manager sees Steinbrenner legacy continuing

NEW YORK (AP)—Pete Peterson, the future of the New York Yankees, this is what he sees: like father, like son.  
 The Yankees general manager Wednesday expects Hank Steinbrenner to take an active role in the team's affairs, just like his departed father.  
 "If I want to make a move, a free player acquisition, or bring a player from Triple A, I'll talk to Hank and we'll make a decision on the direction we want to go," said Peterson, who runs the team's front office along with George Steinbrenner, the vice president of player personnel.  
 George Steinbrenner, who agreed Tuesday to resign as general manager by August 1, said Tuesday that he would propose to take over. The other Yankees players and the other major league clubs must approve.  
 Hank Steinbrenner was still unavailable for comment Wednesday. He did not return messages left at the family home in Ocala, Fla.  
 George Steinbrenner's ouster came after 11 hours of negotiations in which Commissioner Fay Vincent first proposed Steinbrenner be suspended for two years. Vincent said Wednesday he wanted to make that although he came up with the alternative penalty after listening to arguments from Steinbrenner's lawyer, the proposal was proposed by the commissioner, the Yankees owner.  
 "I think that's a distinction that should be made," Vincent said.  
 Meanwhile, the general manager of the Yankees flagship radio station, WABC, applauded Steinbrenner's departure.  
 "Just his leaving simply creates a better climate," Fred Weinhaus said. "I think we already have a better feeling."  
 WABC, an AM station in New York, is in its fourth season of a 10-year contract to broadcast Yankees games. Steve Appel, station's director of sports sales, said he was happy Steinbrenner was the way out.  
 "It's made people feel terrific that the Yankees might once again be the franchise they once were," Appel said.

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