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Woody's Guide for Fish Survival at Aggieland

Howdy!
With football season upon us, I feel the need to pass along a few words of wisdom to the freshmen.
Let's start at the beginning.
Games and yell practices are one of the most entrancing activities available to the average Aggie. Witnessing this sports wonderment should be high on your agenda as a freshman.
Next week at this time you'll be bitterly embroiled in the task of getting tickets for the first home game.
There have been a few modifications in the process over the years but the technique remains the same.
It only takes one person to get the tickets for a whole school of friends.
Therein also lies the catch: who is going to stand in line for hours outside the G. Rollie White ticket booths?
You'll probably have to leave it up to a game of chance or whomever has the more convenient early morning class schedule on ticket day.
Lucky you. All your "friends" have spilled their ID's into your lap. Schedule an early wakeup call.
Standing in line next week won't be so bad. It's September and it's Southwestern Louisiana.
Many former freshmen could tell stories of those early, frigid mornings in November, standing in long lines for Arkansas tickets with red noses and frostbitten fingers, pleading for a cut in line.
Just pray the technologically profound ticket computers don't go down. And don't be displeased when your tickets say Section 331, Row 29 and you find

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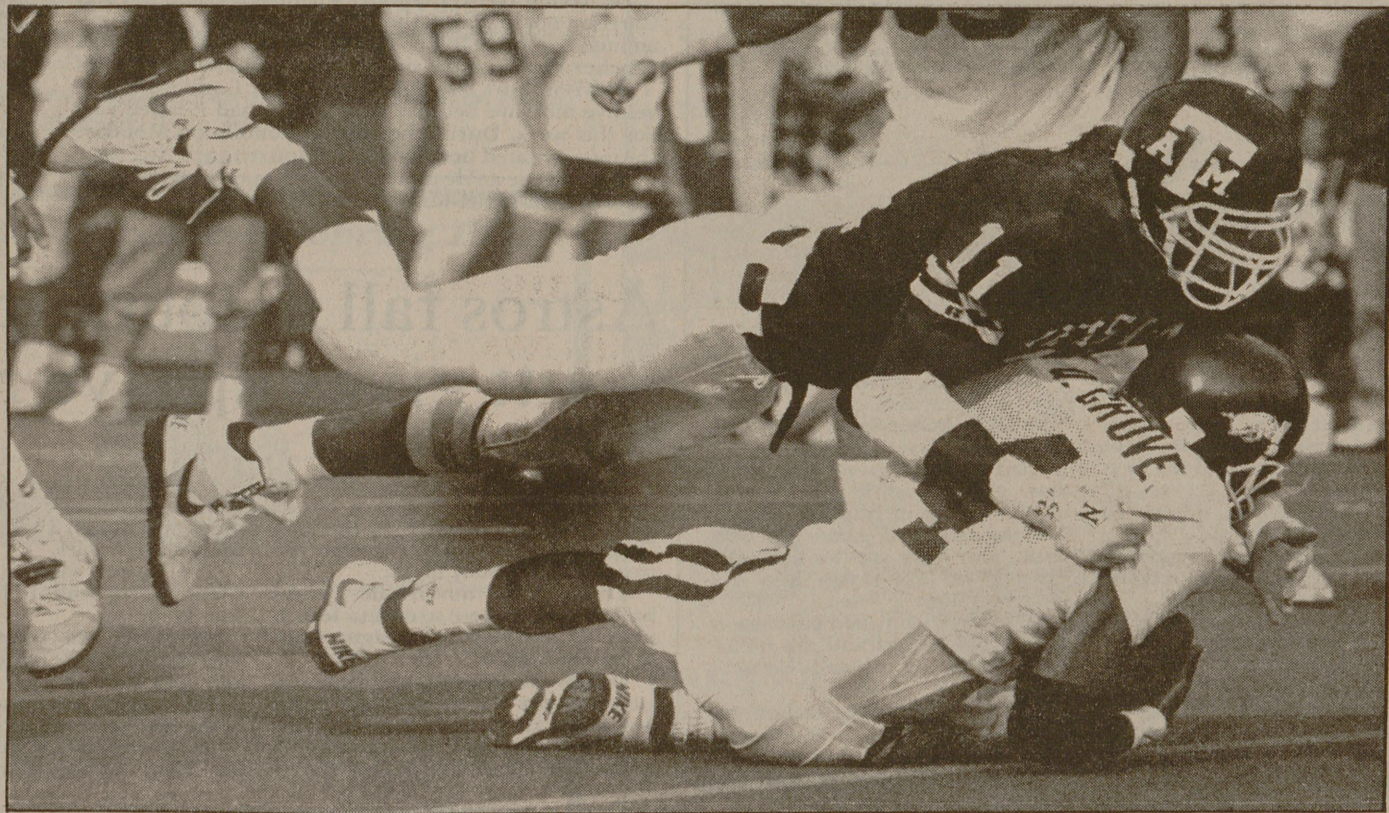
Thomas named SWC's top defensive player

Rice RB Cobb nets AP offensive honor for play

From Staff and Wire Reports

Texas A&M senior linebacker William Thomas was named The Associated Press' Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Week Wednesday for his effort in last weekend's 28-13 win over Hawaii.
It may have been the first time AP has awarded the honor this year, but it's not the first time Thomas has been the recipient.
Thomas was named the SWC Defensive Player of the Week last year after A&M's 17-13 win over Houston after recording 3.5 sacks on Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware.
Last Saturday, he led a marauding Aggie defense that limited the Rainbows to a total of four yards rushing. Thomas registered two quarterback sacks on Garrett Gabriel and had four tackles in the nationally televised game.
"I saw that No. 11 on me an awful lot," Gabriel said. "We couldn't get outside around him."
And that's just what Aggie Defensive Coordinator Bob Davie wanted.
"Going into the Hawaii game, we knew

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McEnroe crushes opponent easily; Sampras blasts Lendl in five sets

NEW YORK (AP) — John McEnroe, leaping improbably into the U.S. Open semifinals, toyed with the biggest of the new breed of power hitters, and Ivan Lendl faded.
McEnroe, 31, played like the master of old in a 6-1, 6-4, 6-4 victory Wednesday night over David Wheaton, a 21-year-old giant with a blazing serve and nothing else that could match the talents of the four-time champion.
McEnroe treated Wheaton as if he were a beginner, teasing him with drop-shot volleys, passing him easily, returning thun-

dering serves with a flick of the wrist.
The unseeded McEnroe, who hadn't reached the semifinals here since he was runnerup in 1985, will next take on Pete Sampras, a 19-year-old who serves as hard as Wheaton but also has many of the touch shots and ground strokes that have been McEnroe's trademark.
McEnroe's sweeping serve kept Wheaton off balance, sometimes reaching far out of the court, most of the night, and his brilliant passing shots and volleys intimidated the 6-foot-4 Wheaton.
"He hit some pretty good shots at the be-

ginning and scared me away from the net," Wheaton said.
Sampras, touted as one of the best young American power hitters in tennis, blasted 24 aces and 27 service winners in a 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 4-6, 6-2 victory over three-time champion Lendl.
Sampras, battered so badly in the third and fourth sets, refused to give up in the final set. He charged back to reach the semifinals of a Grand Slam tournament for the first time.
"I don't believe what's happening now. It's a dream come true," Sampras said

TCU's Darthard out for year after latest knee injury

FORT WORTH (AP) — Tony Darthard's brilliant football career at Texas Christian University is apparently over.
The senior running back, who ranks as TCU's fifth all-time leading rusher, said Tuesday that he has decided to give up his attempt to come back from 1989 knee surgery.
Darthard injured his knee in the Horned Frogs season opener last year against Missouri. He had surgery to repair the damage and participated in spring training.

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