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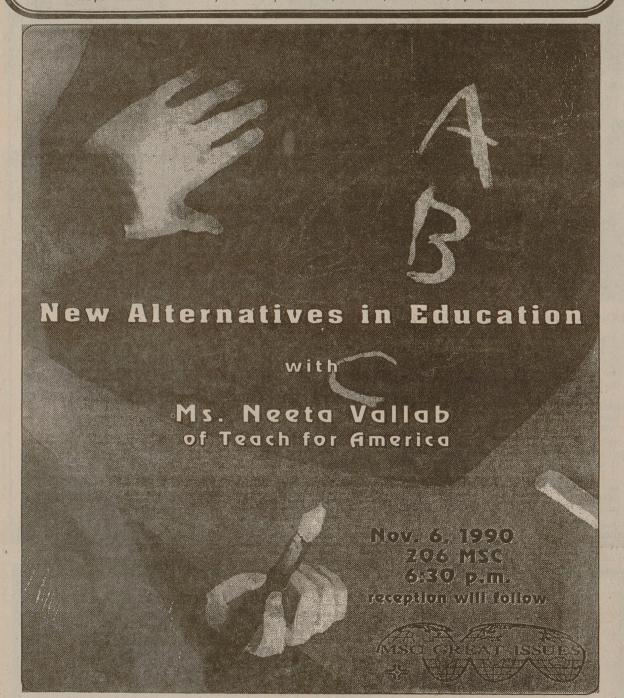
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Aggies can't crack AP Top 25

From Staff and Wire Reports

Texas A&M failed to make it into The Associated Press college football poll for the second straight week, even though they dropped Southern Methodist, 38-17 Saturday.

The Southwest Conference is represented by No. 3 Houston and No. 14 Texas.

Houston, 8-0-0 and the only unbeaten, untied team in Division I-A, is third with five first-place votes and 1,337 points.

Texas, 6-1-0, remained at No. 14 with 782 points after a 41-22 whipping of Texas Tech in Lubbock.
Notre Dame's rollercoaster ride in

Associated Press Top 25 poll/Page 9

the rankings reached another peak when the Irish regained the top

Georgia Tech's 41-38 victory over top-ranked Virginia helped the Irish move from No. 2 to No. 1, a position they held for four weeks before losing to Stanford in early October. Notre Dame fell to eighth after that loss, but four straight victories and a series of upsets have allowed the Irish to reclaim No. 1.

Notre Dame (7-1), which beat

Navy 52-31 Saturday, received 37 first-place votes and 1,456 points from a nationwide panel of sports-writers and broadcasters. Washing-ton (8-1) is second with 13 first-place votes and 1,403 points.

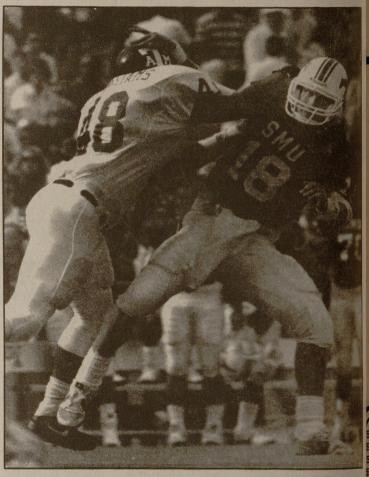
Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz, who was unhappy with his team's performance against Navy, said the Irish don't deserve the No. 1 rank-

"We aren't the No. 1 team," he said. "You can't be a great team until you play great on defense, and we haven't put that phase of our game together.

'I'm not concerned about who's No. 1 now or at any other time other than Jan. 2, and I think there are 10 or 15 teams that have a better chance

of getting there than we do."
Holtz is known for poor-mouthing his own team, but this time he may have a point. With games remaining against No. 9 Tennessee, No. 21 Penn State and No. 23 South-ern Cal, the Irish may not hold onto the top spot for very long.

'Any time Notre Dame is ranked No. 1, the students in Grace Hall put up a big No. 1 that lights up at night," Holtz said. "They may decide it's not worth the effort to put it up there this time, considering the chances of us being there for any



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Anthony Williams (48) and A&M's 38-17 win over SMU wasn't enough to put the Aggies back into Monday's AP Top 25 poll.

length of time."

Washington was one spot below Houston at No. 7 in last week's poll, Cougars after routing Arizona 54-10. Houston, which is eligible for the national championship despite being on probation, beat Texas Christian 56-35. but the Huskies moved ahead of the

Colorado (8-1-1) moved up five places to fourth after handing Ne-braska its first loss, 27-12. The Buffaloes got five first-place votes and 1,310 points.

Miami is fifth, followed by Iowa, Georgia Tech, Brigham Young, Tennessee, Florida, Virginia, Florida State, Nebraska, Texas and Auburn. Rounding out the Top 25 are Mississippi, Illinois, Clemson, Michigan Oregon, Penn State, Louisville gan, Oregon, Penn State, Louisville, Southern Cal, Michigan State and

Virginia and three other teams \$100 last week's Top 5 — Nebraska, \$4\$100 burn and Illinois — plunged in \$100 poll after losing on Saturday. The 100 \$Cavaliers (7-1) dropped to 11th after \$300 \$holding the No. 1 spot for three \$300 \$300 \$300 \$3

Nebraska (8-1) fell from third \$300 Individu 13th, Auburn from fourth to 154\$300 pressu after getting clobbered by Florid\$300 researce 48-7 and Ilinois from fifth to 174\$300

and Iowa and Georgia Tech made even bigger jumps. The Hawkeye (7-1) rose seven spots and the Yellov Jackets (7-0-1) moved up min notches.

Arizona, No. 23 last week dropped out of the Top 25 and wa replaced by Michigan State, which beat Indiana 45-20.

Browns give Carson axe Lady Ags lose Decree

Senior Diane Decree, expected to play a key role for the Texas A&M women's basketball team, has decided to leave the University, coach Lynn Hickey said

Decree cited personal reasons officials said she officially withdrew from school passing.

"We are very disappointed to see Diane leave," Hickey said. "She has given a lot of herself to this program. Diane is a good person and we wish her the very best in the future.

"This comes at a difficult time, but our younger players will have to step forward.

Decree started 21 games for the Lady Aggies last season and averaged 5.6 points and 6.0 rebounds a game. after 42-0 shellacking

since 1984, fired coach Bud Carson the day after their worst home loss Owner Art Modell, who promised stop the hemorrhaging. I'm look

last head coach, changed his mind following Sunday's 42-0 loss to the Buffalo Bills.

"It was an embarrassment for all of us," Modell said Monday. "If I ever do leave the game, I'm going to go out on top. I'm not going to go out as a loser."

Carson, the first coaching casualty of the season, was replaced by first-year offensive coordinator Jim

The Browns, who have made the field goal a week ago. playoffs the five past years, are 2-7 and off to their worst start since night and we did not do it," Carsol 1984, when their 1-7 record cost said.

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — The Cleve- Sam Rutigliano his job.

"I was hoping and praying the Bud would turn it around," Mode said. "I can't coach, but I have som a demonstrable turna performance."

Carson's three-year contra which runs through 1991, will honored, Modell said.

Carson had indicated Sun night that he might resign, but did not leave voluntarily, Mod

Carson said Monday he h thought the Browns were back a track when they lost to the San Fracisco 49ers 20-17 on a last-minut

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