

Friday, March 22, 1991

The Battalion

Aggies open SWC, host Hogs today

## Granger shines on the diamond

By Anthony Andro  
The Battalion

It should come as no surprise that Jeff Granger's favorite professional athlete is Bo Jackson.

Like the multi-talented Jackson, Granger plays both football and baseball.

Granger, a freshman from Orangefield, doubles as a starting pitcher for the Texas A&M baseball team during the spring and a quarterback for the football team in the fall.

"They're both difficult," Granger said. "Physically, I'd say baseball is harder because you have to do a lot of running."

"But, in football you take a lot of punishment when the game starts."

He was redshirted last fall, but may figure into the Aggie quarterbacking plans in the future.

But this weekend, Granger and his teammates will open their 1991 Southwest Conference schedule by hosting the Arkansas Razorbacks. The 17th-ranked Aggies will face the 21st-ranked

Hogs in a 7 p.m. game Friday at Olsen Field before closing the series with a 2 p.m. doubleheader.

Arkansas, the defending SWC champion, comes into the week

end with a 21-9 overall record and a 1-2 SWC mark after playing Rice two weeks ago. A&M is 23-9 after sweeping a double-header from the University of Texas-Arlington Tuesday 5-2, 7-5.

Junior pitcher Ronnie Allen (4-1, 2.48 ERA) is slated to start tonight for the Aggies. Granger and junior Jason Hutchins (3-1, 2.61) will take the mound Saturday.

Mentally, Granger has to prepare himself differently for each sport.

"In baseball, the mental preparation is real important to a pitcher because if you don't

think you can win, you won't," he said.

He has pitched well, striking out a team-high 45 batters in 29 innings. The young left-hander has a 3-1 record and a 3.41 ERA.

One of those wins was a one-hitter against Arizona last weekend.

"It's always good to be put in situations like that," Granger said. "In those games, you really test your mental qualities because you never know what you can and can't do."

throwing strikes with my defense behind me."

Granger said he is happy with his performance this year.

"I feel I am doing a pretty good job," Granger said. "But, it can always be better."

A&M baseball coach Mark Johnson has pitched the freshman in big games against Louisiana State and Arizona.

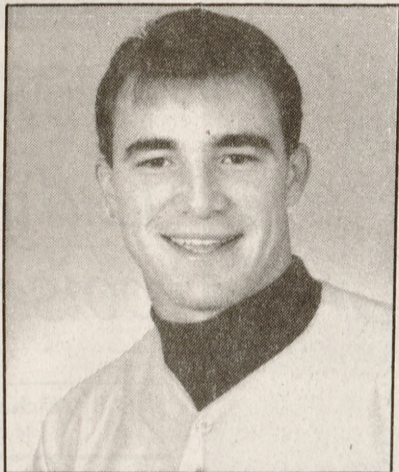
"It's always good to be put in situations like that," Granger said. "In those games, you really test your mental qualities because you never know what you can and can't do."

Because he is always involved in sports, it is hard for Granger to concentrate on the books.

"Doing two sports is a lot different because you miss a lot of class and the extra time you have to study is taken up by the other sport," Granger said. "It's a lot harder than I originally expected but you can do it."

But, Granger is no stranger to the added pressure of playing multiple sports.

"Ever since junior high, I



A&M freshman Jeff Granger was a two-sport star at Orangefield High School last year.

ways good to throw a one-hitter against a team like Arizona," he said. "I was feeling good and

## Reserved seats sold out

Although all reserved seat tickets for this weekend's three-game series against No. 21 Arkansas are sold out, general admission seats are still available.

General admission tickets go on sale at the Olsen Field ticket booth two hours prior to game time each day. The gates will open this evening at 5 p.m. and Saturday at noon.

A&M students will be admitted with their valid I.D. if they have an all-sports option to the general admission student sections in the upper deck on a first-come first-serve basis.

General admission tickets will be sold to the general public and A&M students without a season ticket option on a first-come first-served basis. Ticket purchasers must enter the stadium immediately to be guaranteed admission.

Ticket prices for adults and students (without all-sports option) \$3. Children high school age and under get in for \$2.

played five sports," Granger said.

He played football, baseball, basketball, ran track and cross country.

But, Granger said his favorite sport is baseball.

"I've played baseball since I was real little," he said. "Striking someone out or hitting a homer affects me more than football."

Granger should know a little about both. He ended his high school career at Orangefield High School with a 16-1 pitching record and a 42-game hitting

streak, and was named All-State quarterback.

With spring football practice starting April 1, Granger said missing it will affect him.

"I'm missing the experience, but right now I'm in a starting role with this team," he said. "I'll be able to catch up this summer when I come here for summer school."

In the wake of Jackson's career-threatening injury, Granger is not worrying about being hurt on the football field.

"I try not to think about it," he said. "If I don't think about it, hopefully it won't happen."

## Tagliabue promises NFL will avoid politics in future, defends rules

KOHALA, Hawaii (AP) — NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Thursday that he expects that the league will be more aware in the future of "political clouds" in selecting Super Bowl sites.

"One lesson we've learned is to be more conservative," Tagliabue said in a news conference wrapping up this week's league meetings. "If you see a political cloud on the horizon with a potential Super Bowl city, maybe you

table the presentation of that city."

It was the closest Tagliabue has come to saying that the league made a mistake when it awarded the 1993 game to Tempe, Ariz., despite Arizona's lack of a holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

After Arizona voters turned down a paid King holiday last November, owners moved the game to Pasadena. They also awarded the 1996 game to Phoenix on a contingency basis.

"I don't think the policy I'm talking about would have changed what we did last March toward Phoenix," Tagliabue said.

On other matters:

— Tagliabue defended the tougher policy against demonstrations in both the end zone and sidelines, one that presumably will end the "Ickey Shuffle" by Cincinnati's Ickey Woods. "The coaches all felt that those kinds of

demonstrations aren't professional,"

he said. "What about an offensive lineman who pushes a defender all over the field, then gives ups a sack in the 59th minute then watches the guy do a sack dance?"

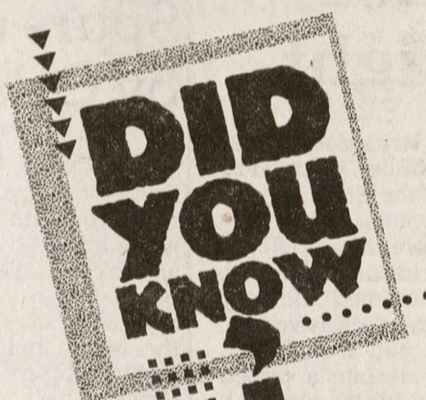
— Tagliabue there was no progress on reaching a collective bargaining agreement with the NFL Players Association. He said there are no plans to end the draft, which according to the

last negotiated contract, ends after 1992. "I think the draft as constituted is perfectly legal," he said.

— He said he thought the one-week hiatus between the championship games and Super Bowl worked well this year. There will be a two-week break before next year's game in Minneapolis. The league goes back to a one-week break for the 1993 and 1994 games.

# Trade-Up your old Macintosh for a new Macintosh!

Friday, April 5th, in Rudder Tower-Exhibit Hall from 9:00am-5:00pm.



### Trade-Up to a new Macintosh

Apple Computer and the Micro Computer Center have arranged a Trade-Up Program with a third party company for individuals at Texas A&M University.

All eligible systems must be in good working order complete with serial numbers, monitor, keyboard, cables, power cord and mouse. Each system will be tested with standard Macintosh diagnostics before being accepted.

You will receive a cash voucher for your old Macintosh which can be applied towards the purchase of a new Macintosh on Friday, April 5th only. The total cash voucher must be applied towards a Macintosh system bundle of greater value. Your new Macintosh will be available for pick-up at the Micro Computer Center the week of April 15th. (All trade-in Macintosh systems will become the property of the trade-up company and will not be resold to anyone or any department at Texas A&M University.)

Call the Micro Computer Center at (409) 845-4081 for your appointment on Trade-Up day, Friday, April 5th or for details on eligible Macintosh Trade-Up systems. The DEADLINE to call for an appointment is Wednesday, March 27th.

### Great Macintosh Bundles

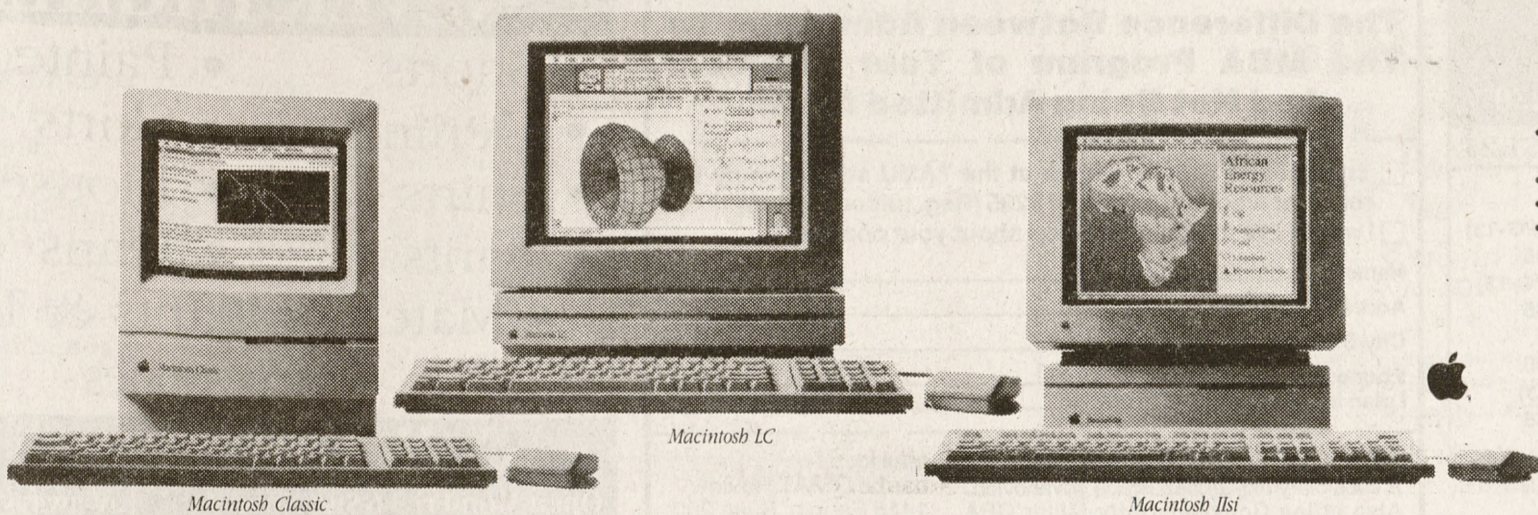
The Micro Computer Center is offering some very special Macintosh bundles that include free Claris software. You can take advantage of these great bundles as part of the Trade-Up Program or if you just want a great deal on a new Macintosh system. Come by and visit the Micro Computer Center today.

### Macintosh System Bundles

- Macintosh Classic 2/40 with keyboard .....\$1230.00
- Macintosh LC 2/40 with Keyboard and 12" RGB Monitor .....\$2120.00  
\*FREE Claris software bundle
- Macintosh LC 2/40 with Keyboard and 13" RGB Monitor .....\$2376.00  
\*FREE Claris software bundle
- Macintosh IIsi 2/40 with Extended Keyboard and 12" RGB Monitor .....\$3172.00  
\*FREE Claris software bundle
- Macintosh IIsi 2/40 with Extended Keyboard and 13" RGB Monitor .....\$3428.00  
\*FREE Claris software bundle
- Macintosh IIsi 5/80 with Extended Keyboard and 12" RGB Monitor .....\$3544.00  
\*FREE Claris software bundle
- Macintosh IIsi 5/80 with Extended Keyboard and 13" RGB Monitor .....\$3800.00  
\*FREE Claris software bundle

\*Claris software bundle includes free copy of MacWrite II, MacDraw II (with free upgrade to MacDraw Pro), and MacPaint II.

- Acceptable payment methods: Visa, MasterCard, Personal Check, or Cashier's Check.
- Price includes all cables, manuals, system software and HyperCard software.
- Price does not include local tax - add 8.25% sales tax to bundle price.
- Please note: availability of Macintosh Classic systems may vary beyond the week of April 15th.



**MICROCOMPUTERCENTER**  
Computer Sales and Supplies

Lower Level MSC Room 026 (409) 845-4081  
Mon.-Friday 10 am - 5 pm