

Chris Whitley Sportswriter

Maroon isn't in season in Dallas . . . yet

Then the nights start getting colder, when the leaves on the trees abandon their green color, and when the calendars have reached October, the city of Dallas plays host to a unique event.
Just east of the Dallas skyline, ad-

jacent to where Big Tex greets the public, and right next to the colossal Texas Star ferris wheel, lies the site of what is, year in and year out, one of the best football games and one of the biggest parties ever held.

Ít's ÚT-OU weekend. More than 75,000 fans flock to the Cotton Bowl in Fair Park every year to see the interstate matchup between the Longhorns and the Sooners.

However, it's not the best place for an Aggie. In fact, it's one of the least likely places on the planet that you're likely to find anything even resembling maroon. When the leaves turn red and orange, so do alle-

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Nevertheless, a group of brave Aggies, myself included, went on a fact-finding mission to see exactly what the big deal was all about.

Unfortunately for us, and for everyone else who despises that school 'down the road," the wrong team

From what I gathered, someone fumbled a ball and someone else in burnt orange picked it up for the winning touchdown. Texas pulled the upset, 10-7

It was not difficult to tell the result of the game after the crowd started emptying the stadium. The

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Barone gets the ball rolling

Basketball team holds first practice under new coach

By Scott Wudel
The Battalion

Today is like Christmas Day for firstyear Texas A&M basketball coach Tony

The Aggies begin fall practice this afternoon, and Barone has been waiting for months to see what lays under the tree when it comes to his 1991 basketball team.

A&M begins its season against Prairie View A&M on Nov. 25, but today will be Barone's first chance to get a peak at the 14 players that make up the A&M roster.

The coach said the next month will be

an unusual time for him and his team of new faces. A&M returns four players from last year's troubled 8-21 team, and only one with any significant playing experience. It will be a change for Barone, who said he's been acclimated to a team of veterans the last few years at

The last three or four years at Creighton we had a veteran-oriented team," Barone said. "So I looked for improvement, for any dramatic changes in ability, but I pretty much knew what we were going to do.

'I knew the kind of kids we had. I knew that they were growing, getting better, and getting stronger. There was an equation there that meant we were going to have a better basketball team each year

we were together.
"Now, here, its like Christmas," he said. "You're going to the Christmas tree and you see all these presents, and you open them up and sometimes you find peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and sometimes you find steaks.

Barone was hired April 9 to take over a troubled A&M basketball program under former first-year coach Kermit Davis

The University is still awaiting an NCAA judgement concerning 10 rules violations that ocurred in the program un-



First-year A&M basketball coach Tony Barone said he expects commitment and discipline in his players. The Aggies begin fall practice today in G. Rollie White Coliseum. A&M begins its season Nov. 25 against Prairie View A&M in College Station.

der Davis'. A&M's penalty could range from probation to the NCAA death penal-

The NCAA is expected to make an announcement in the next few weeks. Until then Barone will have the A&M team focused on practice.

During practice the coach said he will look for elements of commitment, discipline, effort and togetherness — things he has been stressing to the each player since they became part of his program. Elements he wants each player to learn offthe-court as well as on-the-court.

Barone said fans typically view what happens on the court as the entire basketball program. But he said there is nothing farther from the truth.

"What takes place off the court, what

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WEDNESDAY

Aggies ranked No. 19; Baylor falls eight spots

Texas A&M continued to sneak up the Associated Press Top 25 Poll this week despite being idle last Saturday. The Aggies moved from No. 21 to No. 19 in the poll and will face 16th-ranked Baylor this Saturday in Waco.

The Aggies and the Bears remain the only Southwest Conference teams in the

poll for the third straight week.

A&M holds a 3-1 overall record, 1-0 in the SWC. The Bears, 5-1, slipped eight spots in the AP poll and are 2-1 in the conference after a 20-17 loss to Rice last

The Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press 1991 college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 12, total points based on 25 points for a firstplace vote through one point for a 25th -place vote, and previous ranking:

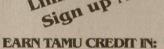
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24. Syracuse 25. Arizona St.	4-2-0 4-1-0	138 122	15

Other receiving votes: Mississippi St. 80, Auburn 77, Air Force 47, Fresno St. 33, Georgia Tech 29, Texas 27, Indiana 25, Southern Cal 22, UCLA 19, North Carolina 10, Mississippi 8, Rutgers 5, Arkansas 3, Virginia 3, Texas Chris-

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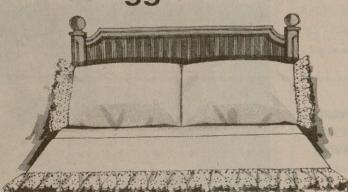
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