

# Sports

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## Students get raw deal with Cotton tickets

The time all Aggies have been waiting for is drawing near. For four years fans have waited to taste cotton and deservedly the Aggies have earned that chance once again.

Sadly though, most A&M fans will barely get a sniff much less a taste of the Cotton Bowl. Texas A&M barely will have 5,000 tickets to sell to its students starting early Monday morning.

Now wait a second, isn't there something wrong with this picture? I don't think 5,000 tickets will stretch for 40,000 some-odd students. What is the deal?

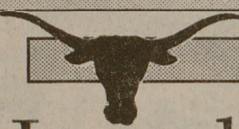
It's unbelievable that for as many students that we have with undying Aggie spirit, that the folks at the Cotton Bowl would send us such a small amount of tickets. Who comes up with this number anyway?

This is, more than likely, a set thing from years past. But it is not a fair way to distribute tickets.

The schools that are going to the Cotton Bowl should hold the first priority over the tickets to the game. Even more priority should be given to the students that are currently enrolled at that university.

As it stands right now, any one can call a 1-800-number and get tickets to the Cotton Bowl. Well, that was as of about three weeks ago, before the

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Texas vs. Texas A&M



## Longhorns, Aggies battle for pride

By Chris Whitley  
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Texas A&M vs. Texas. For 97 years, the game has decided bragging rights in the state of Texas.

Their rivalry is unlike any other in college football. Amidst an atmosphere of Bonfires, Hex Rallies, Thanksgivings, and Cotton Bowls, the two teams have been involved in many classic battles that time and time again have decided Southwest Conference championships.

This year, the title is no longer in doubt, but that detracts nothing from the

game. It is still the biggest game of the year for both teams.

The 10th-ranked Aggies, who recently clinched their 15th SWC championship, face the Longhorns at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday in front of a sellout crowd at Kyle Field. ESPN will televise the game nationally.

For the Longhorns, 5-5, 4-3 in SWC play, a win would avoid their third losing season in the last four years. The Aggies will be vying for only their third undefeated SWC season. A&M's conference record is 7-0, and 9-1 overall.

Last week, the Aggies wrapped up the SWC title outright by demolishing South-

ern Methodist University, 65-6. A&M rolled up 567 yards of total offense in the game. Meanwhile, Texas lost at home to Baylor, 21-11.

This year, the game returns to its traditional Thanksgiving Day date. This marks the 65th time that the two have played on the holiday, but the game has not been played on Thanksgiving Day in the last three years.

In the series that dates back to 1894, which is the oldest rivalry for both schools, Texas has dominated, 64-28-5.

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Texas running back Adrian Walker leaps for extra yardage last year against A&M in Austin. The Aggies lost the game 28-27, and broke a six-

game string of victories over the Longhorns. A&M and UT will meet for the 98th time in the rivalry Thursday at Kyle Field.

### Cotton Bowl tickets on sale Monday

The A&M athletic ticket offices will begin selling tickets Monday for the 1991 Mobil Cotton Bowl. Ticket windows in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum open at 7 a.m.

Graduate students and seniors will be allowed to draw Monday and regular ticket distribution will continue throughout the week as long as tickets are available.

The ticket offices have an excess of 5,000 tickets available for the A&M student body. Each ticket costs \$39. A maximum of six tickets can be purchased by one student. Student ID cards will be required for each ticket. No guest passes will be available. Tickets will only be sold to those students who have a football or all sports pass.

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## Seniors make final stand at Kyle Field

By Anthony Andro  
The Battalion

Every year when the Texas A&M football schedule is released, the first game everyone looks for is the Aggies annual matchup against the University of Texas. And every year, A&M senior football players prepare to play their last game against their arch-rival, the Longhorns.

"This season is no different. It's the last year and the last game against Texas and we want to go out on top," said running back Randy Simmons. "I told the other guys, we play 11 games all year, and of all 11 for A&M, the one against Texas is the biggest one of all."

"Bowl games, LSU, they don't compare to Texas."

A&M quarterback Bucky Richardson agrees.

"I think you can throw the records out the window for this game," Richardson said. "This year is no different from any other year. It doesn't matter what the record is or what bowl you're going to or anything like that. It's just a game of pride and bragging rights. It's a great rivalry and we're excited about it."

"We feel like we have a good young team this year and looking at their defense, they're going to be another tough task ahead. But I think we'll be ready to play Thursday night."

The seniors on the team feel they have something to prove. After winning six straight games over Texas, the Aggies were defeated by the Longhorns last year in Austin, 28-27.

The loss has not been forgotten by senior linebacker Quentin Coryatt.

"That was the worst feeling I've ever had after losing a ball game," Coryatt said. "I just want to go out a

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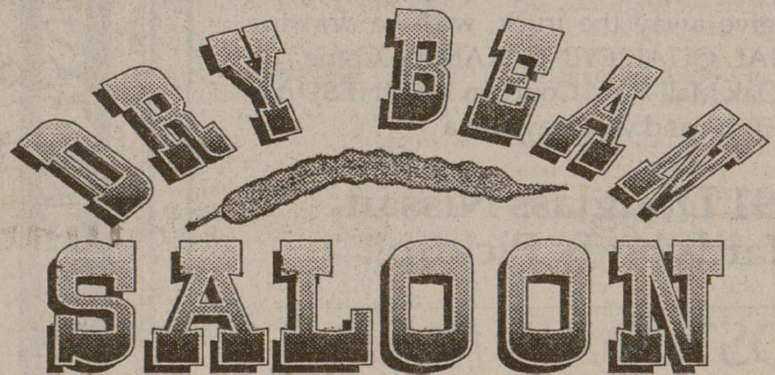
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