

## Bleachers are made to sit, not stand, on

There is an alarming trend that is growing throughout the stadiums of Texas. It rears its ugly head around this time every year at high school and collegiate track meets, and that head is growing larger and uglier by the minute.



**DON NORWOOD**  
Sports Editor

What I'm speaking of seems harmless enough. It's merely the fact that the entire crowd insists on standing up when each race is about to finish. That relatively innocuous group activity takes on gargantuan proportions, though, when you realize that it makes absolutely no sense at all.

The pain I feel when my view of a hotly-contested 400-meter dash is obstructed by another fan's backside is more than just the one in my cartilage-less left knee. It's the mental frustration of realizing that a large group of people has just done something completely illogical, and that I might actually break a sweat as a result in my effort to see the finish of the race.

Some of you know whereof I speak. You, my brothers and sisters in track and field anguish, are the ones who join my father and me in the upper reaches of the end zone bleachers in Memorial Stadium every May at the state high school meet.

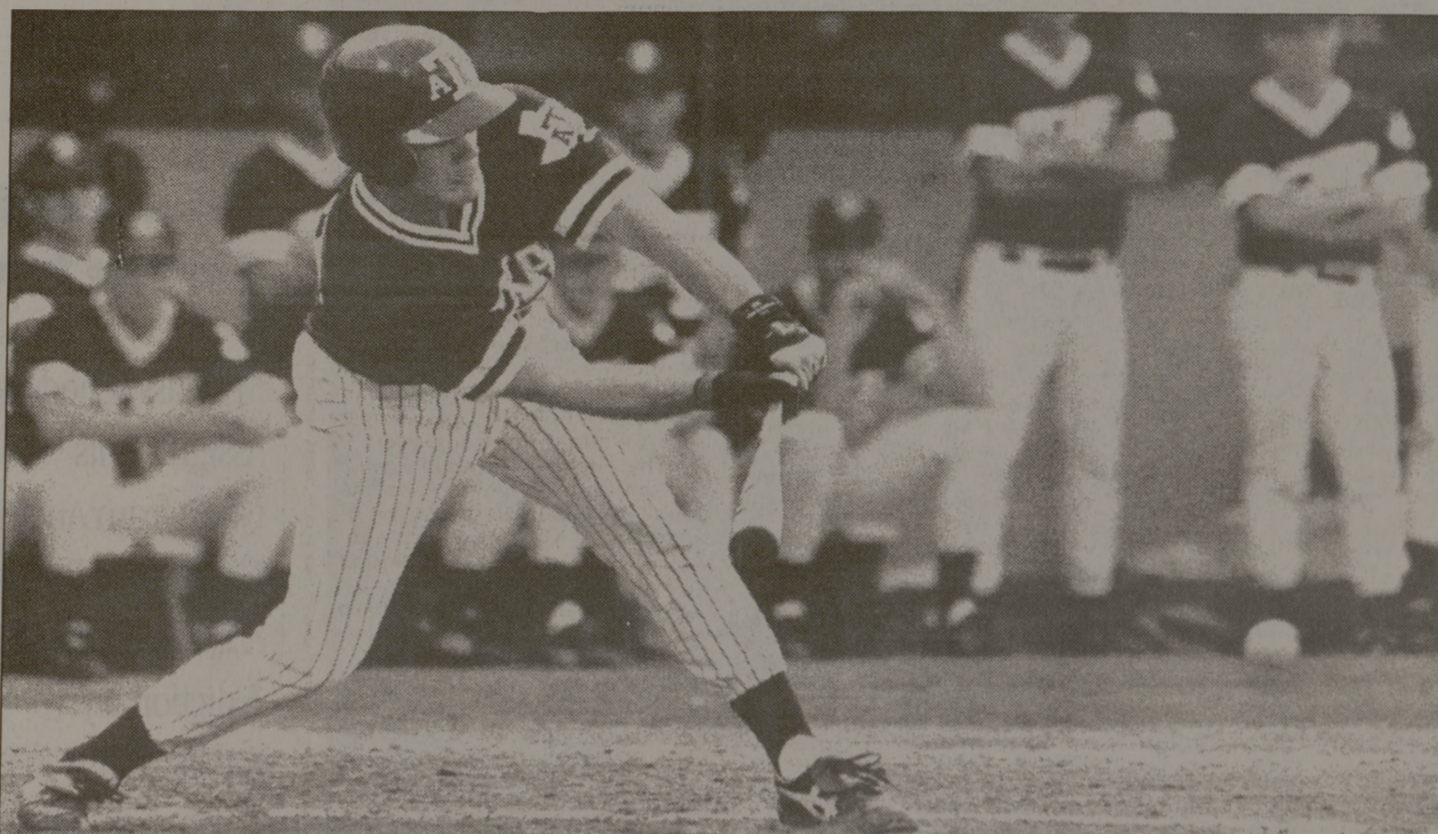
It took my father, a 20-year veteran of the greatest intrastate track and field meet in the country, five years to admit defeat in his pursuit of a seat in Austin with a decent view of the finish line. I, and those around us, annually got to hear him complain loudly about having to stand up because 30,000 other people suddenly decided to do so at the same time.

The progression from the finish line seating area to the Memorial Stadium horseshoe was gradual. But once we got there, we stayed, and have done so for the past three years.

My frustration pales in comparison to that of my father, who is ar-

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## Aggies avoid letdown, shut down UT-SA



A&M catcher Robert Lewis tries unsuccessfully to check his swing in the Aggies' 2-0 win over Texas-San Antonio Tuesday. Four pitchers combined to earn the shutout against the Roadrunners as the Aggies ready for the upcoming Texas series.

## Fedora shines in warmup for UT

By DAVID WINDER

The Battalion

On one of the few nights that Texas A&M centerfielder Brian Thomas could not help the team with his bat, he made up for it with his glove.

Thomas' diving catch with the bases loaded preserved a scoreless game and took the wind out of the University of Texas San Antonio's sails as the Roadrunners came out on the wrong end of a 2-0 score.

After the 'Runners loaded the bases on A&M starting pitcher Spencer McIntyre via an error, walk and single, UT-SA first baseman Ed Burton hit a sinking liner into the left field gap, which Thomas snagged.

"With the bases loaded and no outs we got kind of lucky," A&M coach Mark Johnson said. "Brian's catch was outstanding because it kept them from scoring."

"Any time you have the bases loaded and no outs and you don't score it is going to put a damper on things. I think that's what happened to Texas-San Antonio, because they played a real good game."

A&M's Lee Fedora tripled home

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## Lacrosse squad earns SWC Championship over Rice

By MATTHEW J. RUSH

The Battalion

In a sport that sees little coverage, the Texas A&M lacrosse club has quietly pieced together a winning season.

Not only have they had a magnificent season, but Sunday they captured the Southwestern Conference Championship, doing it in grand style as they scored a decisive 18-8 victory over the Rice Owls.

The Aggies played their first game against a tough squad from Baylor on Saturday in the semifinals, but had little difficulty as they ripped through the Bears 21-11 en route to their fourth championship game appearance in five years.

The other semifinal pitted Rice against Texas Tech, the defending champion. The Red Raiders earned that championship by scoring a one-goal victory over the Aggies in last year's final.

The Aggies entered the finals with an almost perfect 12-1 record, their only loss coming against Rice, who defeated the Aggies in a 10-9 heartbreaker in the season.

Revenge was indeed sweet on Sunday, as many of the A&M starters saw their last action in the traditional maroon and white jerseys.

Senior midfielder Tom Weaber, who came to A&M from Ithaca, N.Y., played a part in the Aggies' victory on Sunday as he played his last game in an Aggie uniform.

"We had a score to settle against both teams, but it was nice to play Rice since they had beaten us most recently," said Weaber. "It was also nice to go out on a winning note."

Other contributions came from midfielder Reggie Martin from Plainview, who also played his last game in an Aggie uniform on Sunday.

"We had a score to settle - we needed

to take care of business," said Martin. "It felt good to go out this way, and I was happy to end it like this."

Martin also said that the competition that the Aggies faced in the championship was tough.

"Rice is a scrappy team, but it took the pressure off of us when we put them away early," said the senior.

Weaber was surprised about the competition he faced from Rice, as he saw Texas Tech as the more formidable opponent.

"Tech has great depth," said Weaber. "I was really surprised that they were beaten by Rice."

The A&M lacrosse team has made little noise on the campus front, but both players think that the sport is increasing in popularity across the state.

"It's a sport that is growing," said Weaber. "Of course, it's a lot more popular up north, but it is catching on here."

Martin was more specific as he

agreed with his teammate.

"The state of Texas would like the type of game it is," said Martin. "It is a very physical game, and there are a lot of big hits."

A&M coach Tony Scazzero, an All-American at Cornell in the 1970's, also played an instrumental role in the Aggies' win on Sunday, having coached the Aggies to two championships in the last three years.

The players would also agree as they have not let his contributions go unnoticed, giving him full credit in their success.

"Coach (Scazzero) deserves credit for all the time and dedication he has put into the program," said Martin. "He cares a lot about the sport."

Tournament selections saw John Lutz capturing defensive Most Valuable Player honors, while David Martin, also of A&M, took offensive MVP honors.

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For the past few weeks, I have been asking for your vote on May 1. During that time, I've had the good fortune to meet many of you and discuss your concerns for the future of our fine city. These introductions have enlightened me and reinforced my confidence in the citizens of College Station.

The city government is not run by just one person, or even by just one group of people - it is dependent on the entire township, working together as a team. It is my goal to continue the cooperation in the community and enhance its productivity.

As I have addressed in the past, it is my goal to serve you and help forge a path for the future. We must protect and enhance the high quality of life we have grown accustomed to, so our children ... and our children's children ... will also be able to enjoy its rewards.

Again, I thank you for your support. Not only in this campaign, but during the past 37 years of my life.

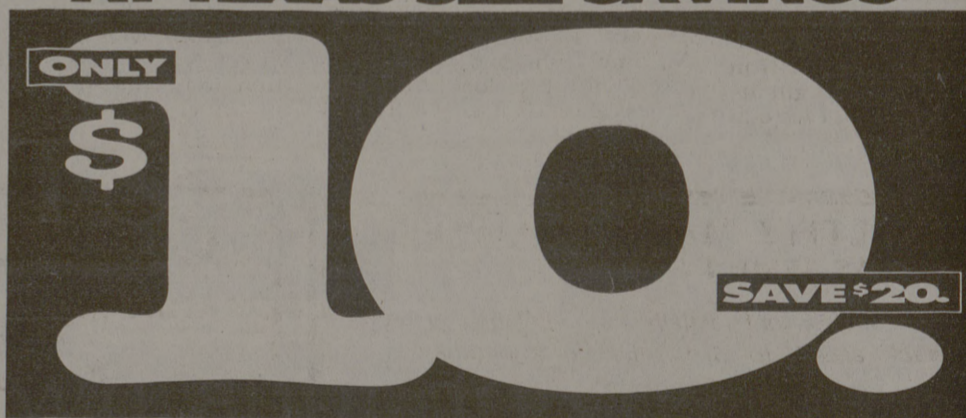
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