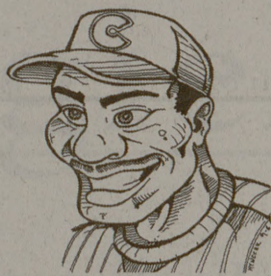


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BY PATRICK PEABODY
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Defensive back Michael Jameson and linebacker Cornelius Anthony prepare to tackle Louisiana Tech running back John Simon.

Ags storm Bulldogs

Hardeman leads team to 28-7 win over LA Tech

BY JEFF SCHMIDT
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Forget Tropical Storm Frances. It was Tropical Storm Tiki that blew through the Louisiana Tech defense Saturday.
D'Andre "Tiki" Hardeman scored three touchdowns as the No. 17 Texas A&M Football Team (1-1) defeated Louisiana Tech (0-3), 28-7, at rain-soaked Kyle Field. Hardeman finished the game with 14 carries for 79 yards. He has scored all four of the Aggies' offensive touchdowns this season. It was the third three-touchdown game of Hardeman's career.
Aside from attempting (and converting) three fourth-down attempts, A&M stuck to its basics — a strong running game and a strong defense.
The Aggies outrushed the Bulldogs 210 yards to 84 yards, while A&M's defense held the nation's second-ranked passing attack to only 239 yards, 320 yards below Tech's average.

The 239 yards were the lowest total of Tech quarterback Tim Rattay's career and was the first game in which he has not thrown a touchdown.
The Wrecking Crew also shut down Tech's big-play receiver Troy Edwards. He had 11 catches, but only 67 yards receiving. Edwards came into the game averaging 17 catches and 305 yards per game and set an NCAA record with 405 yards against Nebraska.
"I am happy with how we played defensively tonight," senior safety Rich Coody said. "We shut down one of the most potent offenses in the nation to seven points. It's a win, and I will take it."
The Aggies did not mount an impressive drive until near the end of the first quarter. A&M converted its first fourth down of the game on a 19-yard completion from quarterback Brannon Stewart to wide receiver Leroy Hodge.

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Agencies aim to curb fire ant population

• Experts organize awareness week to educate public, legislature about management of insect.

BY AMANDA SMITH
The Battalion

Fire ant experts and researchers at Texas A&M University have joined researchers across the state to educate the public about fire ant management in the first effort of its kind.
Fire Ant Awareness Week, starting today and running through Sept. 20, is a statewide project conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Department of Agriculture.
The Texas Fire Ant Research and Management Plan was initiated in 1997 by the Texas legislature. A portion of the \$2.5 million research, education and regulatory programs are conducted at Texas A&M University.
Texas Tech University, the University of Texas at Austin and other state-funded institutions are also conducting research to develop fire ant prevention techniques.
Gena Parsons, a communications specialist for Texas A&M Agricultural Communications, said the Texas legislature supported the project in 1997, and she expects



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Fire ants feed on either living or dead insects and other arthropods like this differential grasshopper.
future support.
"We may ask for more going into the next legislative session," Parsons said. "Fire ants are a big urban problem as well as a rural problem."
Efforts began in mid-August to recruit neighborhoods across the state to coordinate fire ant management and begin bait broadcasting.
Parsons said statewide awareness efforts are important to combating fire ants.
"The educational aspect is important," Parsons said. "Agricultural Communications (at Texas A&M) has been the leading communicator for the fire ant campaign."
The research process involves support from all participating agencies and universities, Parsons said.
For more information, including all Texas Agricultural Extension Service publications and fact sheets, visit fireant.tamu.edu.

MSC dedicates latest woodcarving

BY NONI SRIDHARA
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The Class of '93 held their five-year reunion as well as the official dedication of their third class gift, a woodcarving, in the MSC this Saturday.
The woodcarving is the seventh in a series of woodcarvings constructed by Rodney Hill, associate dean in the College of Architecture, and his wife, Susan.
The previous six carvings, located in the hall that runs between the food court and the MSC Flagroom, were finished in 1973.
Hill said this carving took him approximately one-and-a-half years to complete. This carving represents the major student life changes that have taken place at A&M during the 20-year period between 1973 and 1993.
Brandon Daugherty, member of the class gift committee and a Class of '93 agent, said in his welcome speech, "The Class of 1993 is proud to dedicate the third and final of our class gifts. We first gave the 12th Man lettering on the Alumni side of Kyle Field. Then earlier this morning, we gave a \$10,000 Muster Endowment."
Chris Sanders, vice-president for the Class of '93, said the committee consisted of people representing all different parts of campus life including the Student Recreation Center and Housing Assignments.
"We wanted a very diverse representation," Sanders said. "In December of 1994, the pieces of the woodcarving started to come together, and we went through a year's time of schematic representation, and now we have a final version."
Julie Payne-Daugherty, member



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University President Dr. Ray M. Bowen presents the new wood carving in the MSC Saturday.
of the class gift committee and Class of '93 graduate, said the woodcarving represents students from all walks of life.
"We didn't only want to put changes that have taken place, but changes that have made a significant impact on student life."
Texas A&M University President Dr. Ray M. Bowen addressed the audience at the dedication.
"Through the dedication of this woodcarving, your class has added a significant dimension to this school. Student leadership is a fundamental value which distinguishes Texas A&M from every other University," Bowen said.
Payne-Daugherty presented plaques consisting of small sections of the blueprints from the woodcarving to individuals who helped make the panel possible.
Hill also presented the Class of '93 with a large bag of wood chips from the woodcarving and invited all students present from the Class of '93 to grab a handful. Brandon Daugherty unveiled the completed walnut-paneled woodcarving. The woodcarving shows Albrinton Tower with the Aggie Ring crest on top. The Koldus building, shuttle bus routes and a crane putting in a modular dorm are featured in the carving. The carving depicts the emergence of the 700 student organizations on campus.
Daugherty closed the ceremony by inviting everyone to look at the carving.
"You can't just walk up and take a quick glimpse and catch everything," Daugherty said. "I'm just now noticing that there are a lot of things that I didn't even know would be included."

OP hopefuls host rally

BY JOE SCHUMACHER
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While at A&M he was a member of the Corps of Cadets and a yell leader.
Gramm has family enrolled at A&M.
The senators introduced the candidates to the public. After addressing those in attendance, the candidates then shook hands with the people there.
Eva Darski, president of the College Republicans, attended the rally.
She said the candidates seem to regard the college vote as influential.
Darski also said it is important for college students to get involved in state politics.
The rally in Bryan is part of a six-city "Victory 98 Rally" tour. Other stops on the tour include Temple, Abilene, Austin, Houston and San Antonio.

Bid House draws record numbers for IFC

BY MELISSA JORDAN
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fraternities invited them to become pledge members.
Scott Lovejoy, president of the Interfraternity Council and a senior management information systems major, said Bid House is one of the strongest traditions in the Texas A&M Greek system.
This year's pledge class made record numbers in rush week participation and the number of bids that were made.
Fraternities extended a total of 338 bids to Aggie men, the highest number in IFC history.
Despite rainy conditions, Lovejoy considered Bid House to be a success.
"This is the best Bid House I can remember," Lovejoy said.
Lovejoy said the cooperation of the Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services made a large contribution to the success of Bid House.

Fall rush reached its climax with hundreds of men on campus at fraternity Bid House, which took place Saturday afternoon at the Jack K. Williams Administration Building.
Active members stood around wooden Greek letters representing their fraternities waiting for the new pledge members to descend the steps of the Administration building.
Inside the Administration Building, rush participants received their bid cards and signed up with the fraternity that had invited them to join.
Pledges were met at the foot of the stairs by active members of the fraternity they had joined.
Bid House is the traditional time when participants in rush week receive bid cards telling them which



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Ladd Pepper (right), Class of '99 wildlife and fishery sciences major, greets the new pledge class for the Beta Theta Pi fraternity during Bid Day at the Systems Building on Saturday.