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OLDER BOYS CONFERENCE TO MEET HERE

Many Prominent Lecturers on Program for Twelfth Annual Meeting.

Observing leaders of boys throughout America and Europe united in declaring that the Older Boys' Conference held under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Associations are wielding a tremendous influence among our young people at this time of crisis.

This year the Y. M. C. A. is doing the College a great honor as well as a material benefit by conducting the conference here. It is expected that four hundred delegates will attend the convention. At Dallas last year there were 732 delegates in attendance with many visitors. This year the number has been restricted to 500 including the adult ladies and lecturers.

The purpose of the convention is to develop Christian character, conduct, and leadership among the young men of Texas. If it is true regarding the influence of this convention on our young manhood, it is quite fitting that each considerable center of society in the state be fully represented. Our High School or working boy from your community may revolutionize the situation among the young men and boys there. It is almost opportune time for students of the College to have a friend from home that is interested in the work done for an inspection of the College. In the interests of our College, if for nothing more, invite some of the high school athletes to the convention. Let them become familiar with our atmosphere. Glance into the future—the sample of College life they see may induce them to our camp. Then in a year or so these boys that made their acquaintance with the College through this convention may help to bear the proverbial Aggie torch. There will be a special reduced rate on all railroads for the convention.

EARLY AGGIE FOOTBALL DAYS REVIEWED BY HAL MOSELEY

Cadets Meant Business When They Hired Their First Coach Back in '98. Discusses Work to be Done by A. and M. Exes.

HAL MOSELEY OF DALLAS, 1900.

Moseley was captain of the football teams in '98 and '99, being the second football captain ever to be elected at Aggieland. Dud Perkins of McKinney was the first captain.

Hal was City Engineer at Dallas in 1915. He served with the 20th Engineers in France as a captain and after the war was made city commissioner of Dallas. He is now engaged in the crushed stone business.

Hal has been one of the most consistent A. and M. workers in North Texas and is leaning a little heavier against the collar just now than ever before.

During October 1897, the corps of cadets of A. and M. College 200 strong visited Dallas to attend the State Fair. Their coming was given no publicity by the local papers and the public hardly knew that they were in town. It was my good fortune to see the cadets in the wonderful grey uniforms that day, and as I had been planning on going away to school the appearance of the cadet corps in Dallas completely sold the College to me. In a week's time I was on my way to College Station. I shall never forget my arrival at College. It was on Friday, November 11, 1897. Of course the arrival of a fish at that late date was noticeable to the cadets and I suppose that I would have been in line for a real initiation had it not been for a stroke of good luck for me. On Saturday the Aggies were to play Add-Ran University (now T. C. U.) and fortunately for me I had played football in Dallas for a number of years and as the Aggies had but eleven players I was substituted for a player who got hurt. That game seemed to make me solid with the cadets and I got out of the usual initiation.

The team was badly beaten that day, but the defeat was the birth of real football at the college. At one of those wonderful pep meetings held at the old chapel immediately after the game it was decided that we must have a coach for the balance of the season, for we had one more important game to play and it was not with Texas, for we were not yet in their class. On Thanksgiving Day we played Austin College at Sherman and won by a score of six to nothing.

Charles Taylor of Bacon University was our coach, and was the first one ever employed by Texas A. and M. College. We had to pay Taylor \$125 per month and expenses. That was some salary for a coach in those days.

Early football days at College were not a bed of roses for the men that attempted to make the team. We had practically no equipment of any kind, there was but one pair of bought football shoes on the team, and they were for the full back for he was supposed to do the kicking. The faculty as a whole were not in favor of football and those that did not want the game sure made it hard for the boys in the classroom.

We had no trouble with the finances to run the team for there were none. Schedules were not made out in advance but were made as we could raise the money, when we had raised sufficient money at fifty cents per cadet to bring some team to College we would then arrange a game to suit the amount of money on hand. Playing away from home was even worse for we could always eat at College whether we had the money or not, but such was not the case when away. I remember once playing in Houston and having our baggage held by the hotel because our hotel bill had not been settled.

We old Aggies pioneered football at College just as some of our forefathers pioneered in the early development of this great state. Besides pioneering the game at College we were instrumental in developing that bull dog tenacity out of which was born in later days that "Aggie fight."

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A BASKETBALL COURT IS VERY MUCH NEEDED

Present Gymnasium is Far From Adequate and Larger Court Needed For Growing Crowds.

The provision of an adequate basketball court and gymnasium facilities has passed from the realm of things we should like to have and has become an actual necessity. Where shall we play and witness basketball contests in the season of 1925?

The present so-called gymnasium is inadequate to handle the crowds that would attend the basketball contests this season were seats available. This year it is insufficient. Next year it will be impossible. It is extremely doubtful whether the old building would weather another season. Year before last the Athletic Council spent several thousand dollars in enlarging and rearranging the old structure which was built by students and Coach Charlie Moran along about 1911. The seating capacity was increased to 3500 and now that is inadequate. The building is old and in such conditions that further repairs and readjustments can not be made.

One of the biggest tasks the Athletic Council faces now is the question of a gymnasium. It would be folly to construct a half-way suitable and inadequate building. What is done must be done on a big scale, sufficient to take care of our natural increases for at least the next ten years. A seating capacity of at least five thousand and should be provided. A playing court and two practice courts which could be used during the day as a laboratory for corrective gymnastics and in the afternoons and evenings by the Fish and Reserve teams for practice; adequate dressing rooms, showers, and sleeping quarters for visiting teams as well as the home teams should be included in the plans. Not less than \$1000,000 will be required to provide such a building and another fifty thousand dollars should be available for equipment, etc., to the end that the building might really serve the purposes for which it is intended.

How to finance it is the question. Two or three ways are open. One is

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