

MONIKERS

For the average person the name with which he was christened generally suffices for public and private uses. But in the realm of sport there seems to be a marked departure from this rule. There is, for instance, ample testimony of that fact in the ingenious and in some instances baffling "monikers" by which a large number of the Texas Aggie football men are known, not only to their team mates and fellow students, but among grid-iron fans as well.

Some of these names have been bestowed by sport writers but the majority of them are nicknames given by fellow team mates and it is by such names that the players are unusually best known. Once bestowed, these names stick like Mr. LePage's well known adhesive fluid. For the most part, no matter how they sound, they become terms of warm regard and fellowship.

An illustration, "Siki" Sikes, "Dutch" Rektorik, "Red" Petty, "Tuck" Lister, "Johnny" Deffebach, "Sis" Wylie, "Loggy" Sprott, "Little Willie" Bartlett, who weighs 190 pounds, and "Burge" Burgess, letter men on the 1926 Aggie team, are better known by their nicknames than those they use when signing their college examination papers. Captain Joel Hunt is generally known among his team mates simply as "Joel."

There are many other Aggie grid-iron pseudonyms of later coinage, that are expected to become familiar to football fans before the present season is over. "Pinky" Alsabrook, all state high fullback from Cisco, is known virtually everywhere by his nickname, in fact, there are few who know what his Christian name is. "Jenny" Wrenn, "Klepto" Holmes, "Gut" Mosher, "Sheik" Davis, "Pop" Cody, "Sloppy" Rogers, "Big Bill" Holleron, "Connie" Conover, "Firpo" Mortellra are some of the others whose nicknames will probably take a firm hold in the minds of the sport fans this year.

Some of the men have more than one nickname. "Tuck" Lister, 194-pound tackle from Livingston, is often called "Featherweight;" "Jenny" Wrenn also answers to the name of "Bird;" Rektorik, varsity letterman and guard on last year's team, is alternately called "Dutch" and "Cupid;" and "Sheik" Davis has another less romantic nickname in the simple one of "Dave."

Even the coaches come in for their share of nicknames. In less formal moments, Coach Dana X. Bible is known affectionately among his colleagues as "D. X.," and Charles F. Bassett, new Aggie line coach and basketball coach, somewhere in his athletic career annexed the cognomen of "Chuck." He is big enough to suggest that it might have come from his physical ability to do just that. Freshman Coach R. G. Higginbotham, star athlete at A. & M. seven years and more ago, is still known as "Little Hig," a nickname that he acquired as an Aggie, and Frank Anderson, track coach, is known in more intimate moments as "Andy."

CUPID UP TO DATE

Cupid Up to Date is now a thing of the past but what a thing it was. Despite the pessimistic attitude taken and maintained by the Cadets, only about a hundred attending its performance, the show was in point of presentation a large success. What



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was lacking in polish and acting was completely made up for by the spicy humor and unique costumes. In fact every one that went enjoyed themselves immensely, but due to the fact that it was being put on solely for the cadets and the money to go to an institution that plays an important part in quite a few cadet's college career, it received a very poor attendance. It is always so.

OPPROBRIUM

There is a man on this campus who deserves all the curses of Pygmalion. Not satisfied with devastating the hills surrounding San Antonio with dum-dum and high explosive, he came back to the second summer session and opened up a campaign on the harmless chee-chee bird. Every night he and his vicious companions fared

forth on the campus armed with flashlights and nigger-shooters. First the despicable hunters would shine their lights in the poor defenseless birds' little eyes and then draw back their nigger-shooters and deal demonic death—from a radius of one or two feet! And now, men, this odious creature flaunts his person upon the campus, unreveiled. He is none other than O. Haenel Hegemann, Major of Montgomery's Mounted!

A. & M. STOCK JUDGING TEAM.

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in Kansas City on November 12. Then comes the biggest test of all, the International contest at Chicago on November 26. In 1913 and again in 1921 our team won the prize award, a

bronze bull. One more victory will bring the prize to A. and M. permanently. But we are not the only ones needing just one more victory to capture the coveted animal, as Perdue, Illinois, and Oklahoma A. and M. have two victories each to their credit.

The Saddle and Sirloin Club gives a rodeo and pageant every year to defray the expenses of the team to the International meet. We owe it to ourselves as well as to the team to attend the rodeo. Stay behind the team, and we will have another animal on the A. and M. campus.

A roommate is a person who never has anything of his own and who designates all your possessions with the word "our."