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Homer H. Norton

Aggie Coach Began His Sports Career on High School Baseball Team

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Known primarily as a football coach, Homer Hill Norton, head coach and athletic director at A. & M., made his first bid for fame as a baseball player, patrolling the outfield at Birmingham High School in Alabama. Later he did such an outstanding baseball job with the Birmingham-Southern College nine that he was signed by the Birmingham Barons in the Southern Association when he was graduated from college in 1916.

After a brief stay with the Barons he landed with the Greensboro N. C., club in the Piedmont League. His next stop was Lakeland, Fla., in the Million Dollar circuit and at the end of an exceptionally good year in 1919, Columbus, Ohio, in the American Association bought his contract. Right then Norton forsook professional baseball to begin his career as a football coach. He went on baseball's voluntarily retired list and accepted the post of head football coach at Centenary College, Shreveport, La., a job he held through 1920 and 1921, and later from 1926 through 1933, relinquishing it only to come to Texas A. & M. in 1934.

FOUR-SPORT MAN

During his playing days Norton was a four-sport man, winning letters in baseball, football, basketball and track in high school and repeating the feat in college. In 1915 he captained his football and baseball teams, and in 1916 his senior year, he was awarded a medal as the best all-around athlete in the Southwest and was named as an all-conference back. Sports writers said at the time he was the best all-round athlete ever to play in the Southwest and one most likely to reach high spots as a professional.

Prior to Norton's going to Centenary, the school had never played football as an intercollegiate sport.

In his first year they did play a few other college teams but there is no record in the books as to the results. The only record found for that year is an item in the "Shreveport Times" which shows that the Gents took a 13-0 defeat from Marshall.

GENTS ORGANIZED

In 1921, the first year they played a regular schedule and for which records are complete, the team won four games and lost three. Before the next season opened the school decided it would go in for football on a large scale and hired A. N. (Bo) McMillan, three-time All-American back of the "Playing Colonels" of Centre College, as head coach.

When "Bo" accepted the offer, Norton stepped down and served as line coach during his three-year regime. The school found no fault with Norton's work and only the feeling that a big name was needed caused him to be replaced as chief-of-staff.

When McMillan left to accept a more lucrative offer at the close of the 1924 season, Norton was offered his old post but declined it and continued as assistant under Earl Davis for the 1925 season. The following year he was prevailed upon to become head coach again, which job he took and held until he came to Texas A. & M. in 1934.

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Coast Artillery Ball Held Tonight

Coast Holds Regimental Ball Tonight

Layton Bailey, Aggeland, Play For Battle Dance

A new dance system at A. & M. will be inaugurated tonight in Sbisaa Hall when the Coast Artillery Regiment presents a "Swing Battle of the Bands," featuring the orchestra of Layton Bailey, from Dallas, and the Aggeland Orchestra, led by Tommy Littlejohn, in a "Battle Dance" to take place from eight 'til one.

Layton Bailey's orchestra is composed of former members of the S. M. U. band, and features Ann Barrett, vocalist, who combines a good singing voice with a pleasing personality and an unusually pretty face and figure.

The Coast Artillery Ball is open only to members of the Regiment, ex-students of the same organization, and a few instructors who have been given special bids. Quite a few out-of-towners are expected.

The Coast Artillery has been noted during the past few years for both the quantity and quality of the young ladies who come from all over the state to attend the Ball. To take care of the girls over the week-end, five ramps of Law Hall will be vacated by the Cavalry.

Layton Bailey and his orchestra will play for a Corps Dance Saturday night from nine 'til twelve, in Sbisaa Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Script will be one dollar.

Dr. Potter To Speak

Dr. George E. Potter, head of Baylor University's Biology Department, will address the Science Seminar in the Physics Lecture Room at 7:30 P. M. Monday, March 6. Dr. Potter's subject will be "Animal Anomalies."

Dr. Potter will first discuss the frequency of anomalies in the animal kingdom and then their special relationship to factors of environment. From this point he will lead the discussion to biological application to man and tie up his subject with eugenics.

The discussion, which will be informal and not highly technical, will be illustrated with lantern slides.

Sports Day Schedule

- Place: Kyle Field
- Time: 1 p. m. Saturday
- Price: 50¢ ticket admits to afternoon program and show at night. 10¢ ticket admits students to afternoon program and show at night.
- 1 p. m.—Registration at North Gate of Kyle Field
- 1:45 p. m.—Demonstration of baseball plays under the direction of Coach Marty Karow.
- 2 p. m.—Intra-squad baseball game.
- 3 p. m.—Introduction of football players and coaches.
- 50-yard dash:
 - Guards
 - Tackles
 - Ends
 - Centers
 - Backs
- 50-yard dash:
 - Winners of above races.
- Kicking Drill
- Passing Drill
- Demonstration of Football Fundamentals
- Demonstration of formations to be used next fall and explanation of one or two plays
- Intra-squad football game.
- 7p. m.—Show at Gymnasium of movies of University of Texas, Santa Clara and possibly the Rice Institute games.
- All proceeds go to the "T" Association.

Students Secure \$5,000 To Aid Chinese Refugees

NEW YORK CITY, March 4.—American college students have collected approximately \$5,000 for the aid of student refugees in China, Miss Molly Yard, secretary of the Far Eastern Student Service Fund announced last week. Of this amount, \$3,000 has already been cabled to Dr. J. Usang Ly of the National Student Relief Committee in Shanghai.

With a campaign goal of \$50,000, Miss Yard reports that 81 colleges already have held campus campaigns and nearly 200 others expect to do so during the second semester. Dances, bazaars, and lectures have featured most of the drives. Contributions have come from Smith, Vassar, Mount Holyoke, Randolph-Macon College for Women and smaller institutions.

The Far Eastern Student Service Fund has been asked by the Chinese students to help establish temporary universities in western China to replace the 54 institutions partially or totally destroyed by Japanese bombardments. At least 30,000 students are in need, Miss Yard declares.

Where Do Aggies Spend Their Money?

Aggies spend about \$15,000 a year for magazines. That is about \$2.70 a student, or at a price of 15¢ a magazine, 18 magazines per year per student. That may seem a good many; but \$15,000 is not such a great amount to spend for a cultural item, especially when we take into account the fact that we spend practically that much for hair oil alone, and about six times as much for cigarettes.

GIFTS

Girl friends rate high indeed with the Aggies, it is true—but mother still comes ahead in the matter of gifts.

According to the recent student expenditures survey made by The Battalion advertising staff, Aggies spend about \$40,500 a year on gifts for their girl friends; but they spend more than \$66,000 on gifts for their parents.

TOTAL EXPENSES

The total expenditures of the more than 5,000 Aggies for board and for education in one year must total at least \$1,500,000.

The Aggies spend about a million dollars more for all other purposes—clothes, personal comforts and luxuries. Altogether we spend about \$2,500,000 a year—an average of about \$480 a student.

PERFECTION



Lovely Nina Enamar MacDougald of New York and Freeport, L. I. was voted the "perfect artists' model" and won a trip to Palm Beach as a prize. She thinks she's lucky, and the local lads think they're lucky, too.

Max Brauer To Speak Here At Assembly Hall

Max Brauer, who is to speak in the Assembly Hall Monday night at 7 o'clock on "Totalitarianism: Cause, Cure and Prevention," has had a long career as a public servant. At the age of 21 he became an official in one of the greatest consumers' cooperatives in Germany, the internationally famous "Produktion" in Hamburg, and shortly afterwards he was made director of this organization, which then employed a staff of 5,000 men and women. Late in 1918 he was elected assistant mayor of Altona, a city of 280,000 inhabitants, and thus began a political career of unusual success.

Mr. Brauer was later elected mayor-in-chief of Altona. During his incumbency he established or enlarged many city institutions: schools, stadia, modern maternity hospitals, a new municipal hospital, homes for workers, for invalids, for children, for the aged, and the vast new electrical power plant "Unter-Elbe" which supplies the entire province of Schleswig-Holstein with current.

As a consistent and vigorous opponent of the Nazi Party, Mr. Brauer was forced to leave Germany with his family after that Party came into power. His property was confiscated, his home looted, and his library destroyed.

Thereupon he came to America and has given extra-curricula lectures on city administration, municipal power plants, and kindred subjects, and has made innumerable public addresses on the German situation, both from the secular and the religious point of view.

Jitterbug-itis Said to Have No Lasting Results

HACKENSACK, N. J., March 4.—The disease of the jitterbug has at last been diagnosed by a college biologist and has been declared "spectacular but not fatal" and a definite detriment to learning. After considerable research on the "disease," Clifford H. Coles of Bergen Junior College here, has issued the following report:

"The poison may cause a sudden reaction in the body, in which case the individual, without any warning symptoms, is thrown abruptly into the throes of the disease, or the reaction may slowly build up to full vigor, requiring a month or more completely to possess the victim.

"The poison apparently is carried to all parts of the body by the bloodstream and seems to affect certain part of the endocrine glands, notably the adrenal and parathyroid.

"The agonizing contortions and unintelligible exclamations, the latter being evidently secondary effects, produce a heart-rendering effect upon the victim's parents and elderly relatives."

Prof's Little Red Austin Causes Him Endless Confusion, Embarrassment

It seems that he can't keep the Aggies from playing with her . . . He wouldn't really mind, though, if they wouldn't do her so much harm.

The "he" in this little story is William Street Ransom, instructor in the English department, and "she" is "Bruenhilda"—a little red Austin (a rare species of the genus automobilia) which is Mr. Ransom's means of getting to and from wherever he wants to go.

As said before, Mr. Ransom is an instructor in our fair institution, but the campus "sarge" refuse to believe this on the grounds that no self-respecting prof, be he eccentric or otherwise, would drive a little red Austin. Now Mr. Ransom is not a man without a sense (Continued on page 6)

Baseball, Football Tilts Played

Races, Football Formations, Films Also To Be Given

BY WALTER SULLIVAN

Saturday is Sports Day . . . which means that it will be one of the biggest of the year for the Aggies and a large number of outsiders, for then, A. & M. men of grid and diamond will perform for visitors and the student body.

Starting the day will be a baseball game, scheduled at 2 p. m., which will take place between two teams picked from the squad at large. This game should prove interesting to everyone, for it's the first of the year, and all are interested in seeing what the Aggie baseball payers have in store for this season.

Shortly after 3 o'clock the football squad and the entire coaching staff will be introduced. This will be followed by intra-squad foot races in order to determine, not only the fastest man, but the fastest position on the team. Following the races, Coach Homer Norton will exhibit his best and latest in kicking and passing drill, fundamentals, and formations to be used next season. Ending the "daylight" part of the athletic program will be a game which will be played between the winner of the spring training series and a team picked from the other three.

At 7 p. m. moving pictures of the A. & M.-Santa Clara game, the A. & M.-Texas game, and possibly the A. & M.-Rice game, will be shown in the gymnasium.

The general admission price for the performance is 50 cents. Student tickets may be had for ten cents. Tickets may be purchased from any "T" man.

All proceeds from the exhibition go to the "T" Association and will be used for the "T" dance which will take place Friday, March 10, from nine until one o'clock. Present at this occasion will be all athletes and guests of the major "T" men.

5 Most Popular Seniors Will Be Selected Through Senior Class Balloting

The five most popular Aggie seniors will be selected by the members of the class of '39 by means of a poll under the auspices of the Battalion. Only graduating seniors are allowed to vote. The balloting will close Saturday at noon.

The ballots are on a sports page of this edition. Seniors are requested to write down the names of the five seniors who they think are the most popular on the campus, and turn the ballot in to the first sergeant. The first sergeants are to have the ballots collected and turned in to The Battalion office, Room 122 Administration building, by noon Saturday.

The ballot is based on the opinion that the seniors who have been together for four years and know each other very well, are best qualified to pick the men that deserve the honors. Out of a class of seven hundred, being chosen one of

the five most popular is quite an honor.

In the past, the contest has been very close. There is usually a very slight margin between the first five and the next ten or so highest. Last year over fifty men received one or more votes, and the race this year will probably be fully as close.

Usually the opinion of the seniors as to the five most popular men closely parallels the opinion of the entire student body. This is shown by the fact that the men chosen have received various other honors at A. & M., both from the faculty and the student body, during their school life here.

The Weather

Fair and Warmer.