

KICKING IT AROUND

By ART HOWARD

Visiting Basketball Teams Should Get Better Reception at Aggieland

When the basketball team went up East to Ohio State they really got a royal reception.

Each player was introduced to a member of the student body who took the Aggie to the gym, pointed out the locker and the team rooms for him. Big glasses of orange juice were set up in the dressing rooms for the Aggie squad.

The student manager told Coach Marty Karow "if there is anything you want, just ask me for it." Marty couldn't ask for anything, it was all furnished. Massages gave the ailing-squad members a good rub-down. Two men were furnished to keep the officials and team score-book for Marty.

One Aggie said, "Talk about Southern hospitality, we don't know the meaning of the word."

To which one might add, "Ain't it the truth?" What do the teams get when they come down here? Not much. A locker room—no towels, a bucket of water and a little else. The Southeastern Oklahoma team which came here griped about the lack of towels in the locker room. It wouldn't be surprising if they declined to come down here again next year.

It is not Coach Karow's fault. He turned in a recommendation to the athletic department that several paid team managers be assigned to every visiting basketball team to give them a reception similar to

the one we received at Ohio. The request was turned down by someone high up in the department. Texas holds a Junior College Tournament every year on forty-ages and really treats the men well. Result? The visiting players are impressed with the whole school and they might decide to enroll there the next year.

And, incidentally, the Texas Coach gets to look the boys over and see if there is any deserving, struggling, good basketball player which he could help out with a scholarship to TU.

A&M is catching on and will give a similar tournament here on January 24th. Several teams have already signed up and Marty expects that others will accept the invitation soon. Everything possible will be done for this tournament to make it a success. Managers, equipment, refreshments, entertainment, and assistance will be furnished to make the teams feel appreciated (funds have been allotted for this game). If everything goes well the word will get around and the tournament will be bigger and better next year.

It is not too late to give similar treatment to Southwest Conference teams this year. The cost would not be much, and our team would receive similar courtesies when we receive visits later in the season.

Just a few managers would help a lot to make the players feel welcome and I am sure that Marty would appreciate it if several men would help out at the Arkansas games next Friday and Saturday nights.

It is hoped that funds will be forthcoming for later games to make sure of a good reception.

Tex Rickard to Be Honored by Statue

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (AP)—The New York boxing managers guild through its president, Chasley Johnston, is making plans for placing a monument on the grave of the late Tex Rickard who died in Miami 19 years ago today.

Lew Burston, chairman of a special committee of the guild, has contacted William West, a sculptor, who gained considerable prominence for his work on a bust of the late Lou Gehrig.

Rickard promoted the first million dollar fight game when Jack Dempsey met Georges Carpentier in Jersey City in 1921. He also promoted both Dempsey-Gene Tunney fights and most of the important battles in the 1920's.

The football season's most built Jim Pepper, Syracuse lineman, 50 pounds, Pepper weighed in at 232, finished the campaign at 232.

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The eleven men to earn top honors in Texas high school grid circles in 1947, the Texas All-State football team, are pictured above. Left end is William Wilson, a 198-pound lad from Ennis. He is 17 years old and six feet, one inch in height. At the other terminal is James Spencer of Brackebridge, an 18-year-old tipping the scales at 172. Tackle posts are held down by Bill Wilson, 190 pounds and 17 years of age from Sam Houston and Charles O'Neil, a 200-pound lad from Corpus Christi. Guards are Jerald Oliver of Brackebridge (San Antonio), 186-pounds and 18 years old, and Gordon Headlee, 200-pound lineman from Odessa. At the pivot is Longview's Don Menasco, 200 pounds and 17 years old. Backfield axes are Henry Stollenwerck, 175-pounder from Waxahatchie, speed Quinn, 188 pound speedster from Austin, Byron Townsend, 180 pound sensation from Odessa, and Bill Burkhalter from Texarkana.

ALL-TEXAS 1947

W. WILSON—E O'NEAL—T OLIVE—G MENASCO—C HEADLEE—G B. WILSON—T SPENCER—E

NCAA Meeting Will Discuss 'Purity Code'

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (AP)—The National Collegiate Athletic Association's revised "purity" code for athletes is expected to receive an official okay when placed before the NCAA convention later this week—but the main question today is the degree of enforcement of the new rules will get.

Penn State Players Disliked Quarters

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Jan. 7 (AP)—Penn State football players objected to their naval station living quarters while in Dallas for the Cotton Bowl game. Coach Bob Higgins said today in reply to a question on reports of team dissatisfaction prior to the game.

Higgins declined comment on reports that state players refused to scrimmage, objected to navy chow and climbed the fence of the naval air station when gate guards refused to allow them out. Higgins told a reporter his players were mostly ex-servicemen and disliked intensely, as they put it, being "back in the navy."

The State mentor, whose previously unbeaten-untied team had locked 13-13 with Southern Methodist new year's day, said he thought the Texas set-up was ideal.

"We had charging machines and tackling dummies, a fine field and all the facilities necessary to prepare for a tough game," Higgins said.

He admitted he was disappointed over the outcome of the game and thought his team should have won. He praised SMU's Doak Walker as being "every bit as good as the All-America pickers say he is."

He added he thought his team was much the better of the two for the final 30 minutes. The Nittany Lion graders returned to State College yesterday and received a rousing welcome from a crowd of 2,000 who gathered to honor them.

Entries in Camera Club Contest Due

Portraits for the Camera Club's December contest are due Thursday. It was announced yesterday. The next meeting of the club will be held Monday, January 12, at 7:30 p. m. John Chilton of the physics department will be guest speaker.

Odessa Star Could Become Eligible For College in Fall

ODESSA, TEX., Jan. 7 (AP)—Byron Townsend, Odessa's All-state backfield star, said today he will graduate at the end of the summer term this year but has not yet selected the college he will attend.

Spiking reports that Townsend would have to attend a Junior College to finish his high school work because he would not have sufficient credits to graduate this year, Principal W. T. Barrett of Odessa High said today the boy "can graduate at the end of the summer term if he passes his work."

CHILDREN RECOVER FROM MYSTERY DISEASE

MIDLAND, TEX., Jan. 7 (AP)—Four Midland children were released from the hospital yesterday after treatment for the unidentified disease which has caused the deaths of seven here in recent weeks, but four others were admitted for treatment, and seven remained.

SCALPER GETS TRIMMED

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 7 (AP)—Joseph Reed, Jr., of Eagle Lake, Texas, was fined \$100 and given a 30-day suspended sentence in criminal court today after pleading guilty to scalping Sugar Bowl tickets.

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NOMINEE FOR SULLIVAN AWARD—JERRY THOMPSON (right) and University of Texas Track Coach **CLYDE LITTLEFIELD** admire the Southwest AAT plaque citing him as the athlete of the year in this section. As winner of this award, THOMPSON is the Southwest's nominee for the national Sullivan Award. (AP Photo)

1948 Olympic Games Promise to Draw Largest Group of Entries in History

On the morning of July 30, 1948 at the Empire Stadium in London, England, over 5,000 athletes from nearly fifty countries throughout the world will gather together and take the Olympic oath of allegiance and King George VI of England will officially open the XIV Olympic.

Twelve long years have passed since the 13th Olympic Games were held in Berlin. Judging from the acceptance that has been received by the organization committee in London which is headed by Lord Broughley, one of the greatest athletes the Empire has ever developed, there will be the largest number of athletes present who ever competed in this event.

Since the revival of the modern Olympic Games in Athens, Greece in 1896 when a small group of American athletes decided to enter and won the majority of the events in track and field athletics, the United States has played a prominent part. Teams representing the United States have competed in all branches of sports which are held. In the Winter Games which will be held at St. Moritz, Switzerland, there will be United States representatives in speed skating for men and women, ice hockey and bobsledding. There will also be teams sent to the Summer Games in London in track and field for men and women, basketball, boxing, canoeing, cycling, equestrian events, fencing for men and women, soccer football, gymnastics for men and women, field hockey, modern pentathlon, rowing, shooting, swimming for men and women, weight lifting, wrestling and yachting.

A number of tryouts are held throughout the United States in order that every athlete can have opportunity to compete and win a place on the team. Full representation on all the above mentioned teams will mean that nearly 500 athletes will make up the final United States American Olympic Team that will see competition next year.

To finance training of the team and transport them to the Games at London is a tremendous task. The United States Olympic Committee composed of 7 of the nation's amateur sports leaders must raise over one-half million dollars to send the teams abroad. United States is one of the few nations of the world that does not subsidize the expenses of Olympic competition directly from their government.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association, which comprises over 300 of the larger colleges and universities throughout the United States, has always taken an active part in the campaign to raise funds. This year they have pledged themselves to raise a quota of \$150,000 and the N.C.A.A. Committee, consisting of Harry Stuhldreher, Director of Athletics at the University of Wisconsin, Chairman H. J. Jannson Swarts, Director of Athletics at the University of Pennsylvania, and Alfred R. Masters, Director of Athletics at Stanford University have been at work for nearly a year in directing this campaign.

Track and field final tryouts will be held next July 9 and 10 at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, which has been guaranteed \$60,000 for this event. Another means of raising funds is the sale of Olympic pins and Olympic stamps. Each larger city in the United States will have an Olympic Committee which will conduct a drive for funds among citizens.

Although money contributed may be earmarked for a particular sport, the Committee operates on a common fund plan. Officers and members of the Committee donate their services and no salaries are paid coaches, managers, or trainers selected for the various teams. No commissions are paid for the collection of funds.

The Olympic Games represent the finest world's amateur competition that can be devised. Regardless of race, creed or color, all contestants and compete for places on their nation's teams.

BUMS GO INTO FOOTBALL
BROOKLYN, Jan. 7 (AP)—President Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Baseball Club announced today that his organization would take over the Brooklyn Football Dodgers of the All-America Conference immediately and would operate the grid team next season if necessary.

Intramural Football Finals Today At 5

A Infantry Plays B Composite For Corps Title; Pre-Meds Meet ASCE

The final round of the Intramural Flag football race is slated for this afternoon at 5 p. m. with A Infantry and B Composite clashing for Corps Championship and the Pre-Meds and the A. S. C. E. battling it out for honors in the Club League. Both games will be played on the Intramural fields south of Kyle Field.

Joke of the Week

Bobby Layne put it like this when asked why he was going to play pro football: "Well, I've been playing four years for \$49.40 a month (the legal limit in college football) and that's a little hard to get by on."

Bobby ought to draw down at least \$15,000 a season in pro ranks.

Layne also had this observation on why the Southwest is better at passing than the other conferences:

"Well, we pass all the time in the Southwest Conference— even in practice. Practise you know makes perfect. The other fellows seem to use passing only as a last resort!"

Sports Scribes Not Always Too Bright

Sports writers at the Sugar Bowl heard some good jokes. Here is the best one, coming from Fred Russell, sports editor of the Nashville Banner:

"Covering my first game of college football, I looked at the sinking sun and asked: 'Is that West?' A hard-boiled sports editor sitting next to me snapped: 'Well, son, if it isn't you have the greatest scene in history!'"

Then there was this one by Russell: "I sent a young fellow out to cover a basketball game. There were three overtime periods and the final score was 35-35. The young fellow wrote in his story: 'It was a closer game than the score indicated.'"

One coach came up with this one: "My team was arguing over whether the linemen were more valuable than the backs and I said of me to settle it. I didn't want to take sides, naturally, so I just put it to a vote. Do you know the boys voted seven to four for the linemen!"

Arkansas Tops 2 District Champs

The southwest did a pretty good job of showing its brand of football in the bowl games. In four of the classics, the southwest had two winners, one tie and one loss. Texas beat Alabama, Arkansas licked William and Mary 21-19, Southern Methodist beat Penn State 13-13 and Texas Christian lost to Mississippi 13-9.

Arkansas has a unique distinction. It beat the champions of two conferences yet couldn't beat the cellar team of its own conference, Mississippi. The Southeastern Conference's list, and Arkansas licked the Rebels. William and Mary was the champion of the Southern Conference. Baylor, which finished last in the Southwest Conference beat Arkansas, finished last in the Southwest Conference beat Arkansas.

All persons who have not been contacted and are interested should see W. S. Dowell of the physical education department or call the front desk Y.M.C.A.

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Volleyball League To Start in City

The Recreation Committee of College Station is sponsoring a Volleyball League for residents of College Station and persons connected with the college, according to J. Gordon Gay, associate secretary of the Y.M.C.A.

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Eighteen of Joe Gordon's 29 homers for Cleveland last season came during the last three months of the campaign. His homers accounted for 33 runs.

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