



RALPH DRESSER, RB



RUSSELL HUDECK, RT



ELIO NOHAVITZA, RG



GLENN LIPPMAN, LH



GERALD BOWEN, QB



BOB DAVIDSON, LG



SAM MOSES, LT



CHARLES HODGE, LE

# Fish Play Shorthorns Here Saturday

By SACK SPOEDE

Texas A&M's freshman football squad will meet the University of Texas freshman on Kyle Field Saturday afternoon in a benefit game for the Ben Hur Shrine Hospital for crippled children. A crowd of more than 11,000 is expected to witness the struggle.

The Shorthorns of Texas boast the best freshman team to wear the orange and white this decade. The majority of the highly publicized high school players of last fall seem to have migrated to the Forty Acres in Austin this year.

The Yearlings are undefeated this fall although they were held to a tie by the Baylor Cubs, the same team which turned the Fish back, 19-12, in Waco. The Shorthorns made 22 first downs against only two for the Baylor freshmen in the 13-13 game.

Coach Jungmichael's frosh boast a backfield averaging around 180 pounds and a line weighing in around 210 pounds. They will have about an advantage of at least twenty pounds per man in the overall starting line.

Top player of the Yearling backs is the former Odessa high school star Byron "Santone" Townsend. Last fall a professional football scout is quoted as saying that Townsend was the outstanding professional prospect in the southwest, college players included.

Playing the other halfback position will be Red Mayes of Pampa. The starting fullback will be Paul Williams of Lufkin. Jerry Robertson, who passed the Highland Park Scotties in an upset victory over the Odessa Broncos, will start at the man under position for the Texas Freshmen.

Reed Quinn, all-state back for the Austin High Maroons last fall, is not on the starting team for the Yearlings. He is an exceptionally good punter.

The Fish team came out of the Rice Blue Bolt game with numerous injuries. Two of the outstanding ends on the squad, Jero Natarus of El Campo and Ralph Dress-

ser of San Antonio, might not be able to get into the game Saturday. Natarus has a broken jaw and Dresser's knee was injured by a questionable block thrown by a Rice player.

Back Don Pfeifferkorn injured his hip in the game but might be able to see action in the final Fish game of the year Saturday. Pfeifferkorn was a second-string Class A all-state back for the Lockhart Lions last fall.

The injury of Dresser and Natarus leaves the Fish a little weak on replacements at the terminals. Starter Charles Hodge of Dallas, will continue to hold down the left end position. Clinton Gwin, Jack Jones, John Walker, Bobby Boyles, and John Centilli are other ends available to fill the vacancy.

A&M's Fish team must be rated under dogs in the game this Saturday on the season records of the two clubs. The Shorthorns defeated the Rice Slimes 32-21, the SMU Colts 28-26, and the TCU Polliwogs 33-9. This record would rate them at least one touchdown better than the Aggie team.

The performance of quarterback Gerald Bowen was outstanding in the Owlet game last Friday in the liquid sunshine in Houston. The lanky Corsicana passer probably saved the game for the Fish when he rambed down to the three yard line after facing to pass. On the play the Aggie had the ball on the Rice ten yard line, fourth down

and goal to go. Bowen's run forced the Slimes to kick on fourth down, or rather put them in a position where it would be the safest thing to do.

The Slimes thought it best to kick out on first down and the ball went out of bounds on their own twenty-one, from where the Fish moved to a score.

Glenn Lippman, however, was the outstanding player on the field again. His ability to get out of tight spots would put Houdini to shame. He makes the most of the help given him by his blockers, however, and does his share of the blocking too.

Karl Holfier, the speedy halfback from St. James of Ft. Arthur, showed a lot of promise in the Rice game. This was the second game that Holfier has been able to play in this year due to injuries. He showed a lot of drive after the Rice tacklers hit him if they failed to knock him off his feet.

Jerry Crossman did a standout job by scoring the second Fish TD from the nine yard line of the Owlet in two tries at the middle of the line. The former Hoosier weighs 190 pounds and is the outstanding plunging back for the Fish.

The only first string Class AA all-state player on the Aggie Freshman squad is Clinton Gwin. The lanky end from Fair Park High of Shreveport, La., made the



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all-state team in that state.

Athletic coupons will be good for the game Saturday afternoon. This includes those coupons held by students, faculty, and wives.

The freshman squad will be introduced at the Yell Practice to be held tonight. This is the first time that the Fish have been presented to the student body this year.

The largest member of the cat family on this continent is the spotted jaguar, weighing sometimes more than 300 pounds. He often kills one deer or livestock a week and is relentlessly hunted by ranchers.

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Aggieland Then and Now . . .

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## 'World's Largest Military College' Title Already Won by A&M in 1910

By CHUCK MAISEL

After the student revolt of 1908, Aggieiland settled down to do one thing—grow. And grow it did. A scant two years after it leading Texas newspaper had predicted the closing of the college doors, the new president R. T. Milner made the following report to the Board of Directors:

"The student body is the largest under military discipline in the world. There are 600 more cadets in this school than there are at West Point."

The physical plant, however, failed to keep pace with the unprecedented influx of students. The beginning of the 1908-09 session found 72 cadets living in tents because of a lack of dormitory space. The "encampment" was located where Law and Puryear Halls now stand.

The school year got off to a rousing start with the first College Night on record. Principal speaker at this occasion was Charley DeWare who was not only captain of the football team but also the baseball nine of that year.

Scholastically, the '09 fish were four points better off than today's freshman. The passing grade was 66. He only had 17 departments on the campus in which to choose his major, however. If he had hopes of working his way through, he found that he could make the grand total of \$40 throughout the

whole year.

1910 was a red-letter year at Aggieiland. The first big event was the visit of President Taft to the college. The cadet corps met him in their gray West-Point-type uniforms and on their collars they wore the first AMC's ever sported by the Corps. The Aggie Band, which toured the state later in the year, serenaded the Chief Executive.

A man in the class of '10 can be distinguished by his ring. In that year, the traditional design was departed from. The face of the ring bears an eagle with an AMC above and a '10 below. The sides of the ring are similar to the regular type except the cannon on the one side is horizontal and the two flags of the other side are missing.

The 1910 Long Horn was the eighth such publication and the fourth to say that in that year "hazing was dropped from the A&M curriculum." On other pages, however, are many stories of how the freshman were taught to sing and dance and generally provide entertainment for the upper classes.

When the Fish met to elect class officers, they were instructed by the sophomores to choose Dan Jackson as their class president. Jackson is more well known as Uncle Dan, the negro janitor who helped build Gathright Hall and stayed with the school until 1931.

It is on the record books that a certain sophomore C. C. Krueger lorded it over a Fish Tyres Bell.

Football season opened with a corps trip to Houston where the Aggies paraded and then watched A&M's first victory in seven years over TU with celebration-inspiring score of 23-0.

When the corps returned to the campus, they marched en masse to Bryan at midnight to wake and inform the people of that city of the victory of the Red and White over the Yellow and White—then the colors of the respective schools. The team went on to beat all other opponents except TGU whom they gave a Zero-all tie. Among their victims were the highly touted Haskell Indians.

All that stood between the Farmers and a Southwest Championship was the Thanksgiving Tu game. From reports, it was a game of games. The Aggies played against a strong wind all day, but managed in the final minutes to down the Varsity 3-0 IN AUSTIN. Ten men from A&M made the All-Southwest team of that year—a record that hasn't since been equaled.

At this point in Aggie grid history, the Farmers could boast that they had never been accused of foul play on the gridiron—a rather imposing record also. Baseball was not so successful, but it wasn't exactly a loss. The first game of the year brought

fame to the Brazos Valley when the Farmer nine held the New York Giants—that's right, the New York Giants—to a 0-7 score.

Slang was much the same then as now. The OD's sabre was referred to as a "cheese knife" while the 1910 version of fish sergeant was a "company flunk."

The college had established as its goal a quotation of Milton which appeared on the back of all college catalogues until recent years:

"I call therefore a complete and generous education that which fits a man to perform justly, skillfully, and magnanimously all the offices both public and private, of peace and war."

The students had a quote of their own as a goal to, according to the Long Horn. It was the expression: "Do the profs before they do you."

### ROSS STERLING STILL IN SERIOUS CONDITION

FORT WORTH, Nov. 18.—(AP)—The condition of former Texas Gov. Ross Sterling remained unchanged Tuesday after the Monday night report that he was "a little worse." He has been in a critical condition for some time at a hospital here.

Hospital attendants said he was taken out of the oxygen tent today. He has been in and out of the tent several times.

## CONGRATULATIONS

TO

# PRESIDENT F. C. BOLTON

Your many years of wholehearted, unselfish service to the students and faculty of the A&M College of Texas have made an everlasting impression on the thousands who have been the beneficiaries of your wise counsel, sympathetic understanding and constructive work.

It is indeed fitting that to-day you are being inaugurated the 15th president of the great institution you have helped to build.

We join the legion of friends and associates in extending our congratulations and in wishing for you a happy, constructive and successful administration.

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