

Sports Banquet Set for Jan. 6th

A&M's 1950 lettermen in winter sports—football and cross country—will be feted at the Annual Winter Sports Banquet Jan. 6 in Sblsa Hall. Sponsored jointly by the Brazos County A&M Club and the Athletic Department, the banquet is open to the public.

All lettermen and their dates will be honored at the annual banquet, Allen Madeley, general chairman in charge of arrangements announced today.

Assisting Madeley in arrangements are C. G. "Spike" White, program chairman; John B. Longley, finance and ticket chairman; W. S. McCulley, banquet and decorations chairman; Kenneth Bond, publicity chairman; Athletic Director Barlow "Bones" Irvin, and the Brazos County A&M Club President, W. N. "Flopp" Colson.

Tickets for the annual affair may be obtained from any member of the Brazos County Club and at the Memorial Student Center, Madeley concluded.

Ag Coach Reviews Eastern Cage Tour

By RALPH GORMAN
Sports News Editor

"The boys were tired—dog-tired in the stretches, while we were up East, because we traveled a long way with very little time for rest," John Floyd, Aggie cage mentor told the Battalion upon his return from the recent basketball tour through the Atlantic Coastal states.



Gorman

When the Duquesne game was mentioned (the Dukes downed the Aggies 73-36), the new A&M basketball tutor commented, "Sure, we were spotted in the Duquesne game . . . we were especially tired towards the last of our tour."

Duquesne was rated among the stronger teams in the nation in pre-season propaganda and since their encounter with A&M, they have turned back mighty Syracuse—the No. 7 team among the major college

quintets. All the Aggie cage bouts have been on the opposition's court, and Cadet partisans have been wondering just what type ball the boys have been playing.

Floyd had a pleasing answer for that, too, saying "I am satisfied with the boys brand of ball in their first five contests, and my sophomores are playing the best game on the court."

"These sophomores," Floyd explained, "are using their heads, where the older boys don't stop and think. Bill Carpenter and Don Heft are great. Don't worry about us, though, because we're ironing out the wrinkles, and we'll be a lot better team with a few more games under our belt."

Floyd also reports that all-conference guard Jewell McDowell is hampered considerably with a bad back. He is thinking of keeping McDowell out of the lineup until the Amarillo sharpshooter feels better.

"Jewell's a great little basketballer, Floyd remarked about the conference's No. 5 scorer for 1949, "but it's not fair to him or the team to ask him to play, when it really agitates his back more each time."

There has been some concern regarding the scoring merits of last year's stars—McDowell, Buddy Davis, and John DeWitt. Again the Aggie cage boss gets the prize for the best answer in

saying, "There won't be a consistent high scorer in the Cadet games this season, so partisan fans shouldn't get alarmed when their favorite player doesn't get high point honors in each game."

Floyd—Neophyte to Ramble-Scramble SWC

Followers of SWC basketball will recall that Floyd is a neophyte to our ramble-scramble conference, and when he arrived on the scene this season, he brought with him a new style of play which is his variation of the type used by the famed Hank Iba of Oklahoma A&M.

A&M's cage mentor warned that the switch in method of play would probably mean that the Farmers will lose numerous early season

games, but in the latter stages of the campaign, the Cadets will be hard to beat. His teachings differ from previous cage coach Marty Karow's wide-open style, and he employs the tactics where the team controlling the ball shoots only the "sure things." Most of these are close-in goals. Floyd's pupils keep the ball moving and the team moves with machine-like precision until a defensive flaw is spotted and then . . . swish, two points.

Until the Baylor Bears turned them back last night 61 to 57, the Bobcats of SWT had perpetrated devastating wins over three opponents, as they averaged 75 points per contest.

Even now, with three wins and one defeat, the Bobcats have an average of 73 points per game, and a team with that much offensive scoring power should pose a real threat to Floyd-led quintet Thursday night.

With five pre-season games gone and six more to go, the Cadets are pitted against Southwest Texas State of San Marcos tomorrow and Friday nights.

In view of the fact that the Bobcats downed the TU cagers twice in practice tilts, plus their three-one pre-season record, Floyd is not optimistic about his team's chances.

"It won't be easy to win even one of the games with the Bobcats

this week, much less both. But I'll be satisfied with one win," the Aggie mentor concluded.

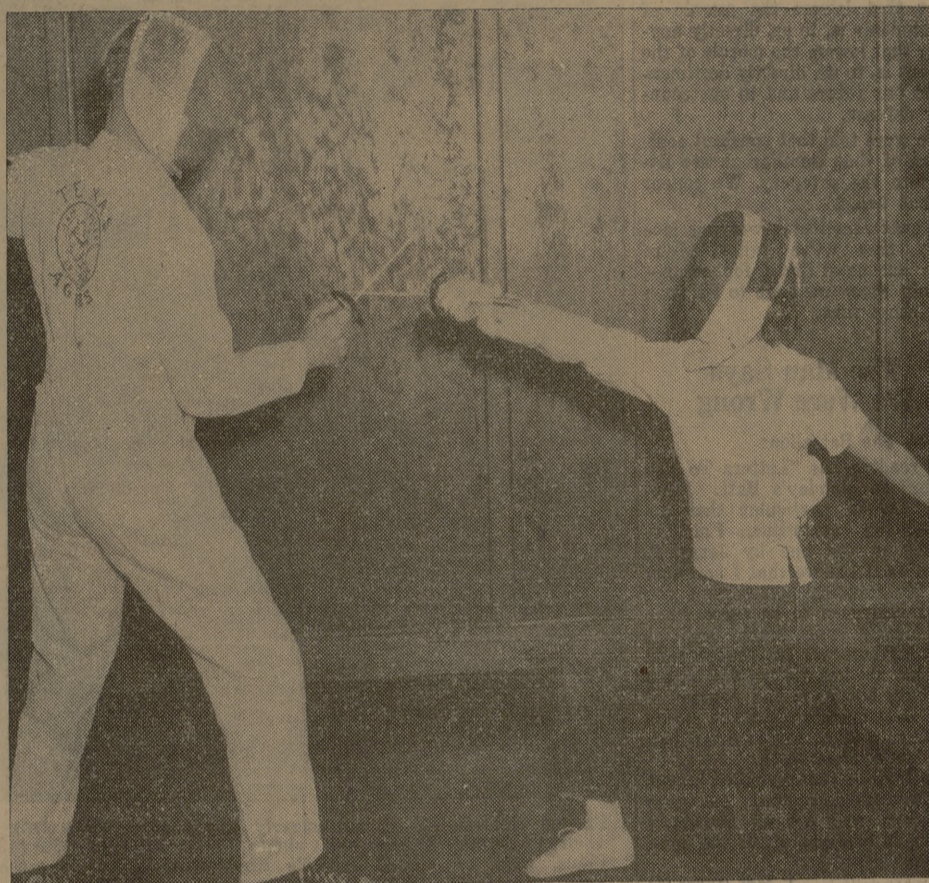
Starting for the Cadets tomorrow night against SWT, Floyd will call upon the services of DeWitt and Marvin Martin at the forward posts. At 6'5" and 6'3", respectively, these cagers have two varsity letters to their credit and present formidable opposition for the Bobcats.

Handling the guard chores will be McDowell and a newcomer to the varsity, Don Heft. An inch taller than the 5'9½" McDowell, Heft won a freshman numeral last year and played good ball all season.

Making the initial jump in the center ring will be 6'5" Davis. "Davis lacks the needed mature experience, and will be better when he shapes up later in the season." The tallest man on the Aggie five has turned in high point performances in three of the first five contests.

As a warmup to the varsity classic tomorrow night in DeWare Field House, the Fish quintet, also coached by the former Hank Iba student, will vie with Lon Morris Junior College.

Aggies--Tessies Come to Blows



En garde! That's the way it goes, and the Aggie fencing team seems to have the right idea on scheduling matches. During the past weekend, the Cadets went to Denton and had it out with the Tessies, the outcome is yet undecided. Parrying away are Captain of the Aggies Curtis Wilson and Terry Kantrowitz, manager of the TSCW team.

In Final Williamson Poll . . .

Oklahoma, TU Top Rankings

By JOE HOLLIS

Paul B. Williamson, the man upon whom Aggie partisan fans relied on through the current season to see their team to the top, has announced his final ratings on the 834 college and service teams across the nation.

It might be well to mention here that the "eminent gridiron nostradamus from New Orleans" has considered each and every game throughout the 1950 campaign and his final ratings are established in such a manner that they "are as impartially consistent as possible so that each team is ranked above the teams it has defeated and below those teams to which it has lost."

"We realize that it would be almost impossible to rate the teams in this manner 100 percent consistent, and we can accept a slight deviation from this method."

Williamson Picks First Ten
But, our forerunner of all grid contests has missed the boat considerably and should be floundering about aimlessly in the briny deep

Bears Edge SWT For 4th Straight

Waco, Tex., Dec. 13—(AP)—Baylor's basketball team stopped the Southwest Texas State Bobcats, 61-57 last night, holding the lead for all but the first 25 seconds.

The unbeaten Bears racked up their fourth straight victory without their scoring leader Ralph Johnson. He had an ankle injury.

Bob Beatty of the Bobcats scoring honors with 21 points. Johnny Starkey got 19 and Norman Mullins 13 for the Bears. Baylor led at the half 29-22.
—Beat SWT—

We agree with his rating chart concerning his first ten teams, which are 1) Oklahoma, 2) Texas, 3) Princeton, 4) Tennessee, 5) California, 6) Kentucky, 7) Michigan State, 8) Army, 9) Clemson, 10) Miami, Fla.

All the names of the major colleges in the above paragraph will ring a bell for anyone who has followed 1950 football only slightly and Williamson may rest without fear for his selections of the first ten.

What Happened??

But what about this. He has ranked Baylor 62 places ahead of Arkansas, who defeated them by three touchdowns. We will admit that Arkansas did not have such a grand and glorious season, but should Baylor be this far ahead of them.

Also, Williamson ranks SMU 14 places ahead of A&M and 34 places ahead of TCU, both of whom defeated them.

He continues in error and ranks Rice 21 places ahead of TCU, even after the Owls were defeated by the Horned Frogs, 26-14.

Indiana Clips TCU Sets Record, 87-68

Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 13—(AP)—Indiana University's hustling Hoosiers set a home floor scoring record last night in defeating TCU 87-68 after a tight first half.

TCU led through most of the first half and was down only 40-36 at the intermission. Then it lost five men on personal fouls early in the second half, including George McLeod, 6-9½.

The score was tied seven times in the first half. The Texans matched speed with the Hoosiers until they picked up their heavy load of personals.
—Beat SWT—

Rough Pro Ball Easy for Doak

Dallas, Dec. 13—(AP)—Doak Walker, the fabulous SMU All-America who made good in pro football with a bang, was home yesterday saying it's rougher in that league, but it was easier on him than the college game.

Walker, who led the National Football League in scoring with 128 points while playing with Detroit, went to the SMU Athletic Department and dormitory the first crack out of the box.

"I'm trying to get back into SMU," he grinned, "but they say my grades aren't good enough and besides I couldn't make the team."

Walker wanted it known that he didn't think making the pro league was easier than playing college football but that it was easier on him because he wasn't under as much pressure as at Southern Methodist where he was quarterback, punter, passer, blocker and even got in some defensive work.

"Bobby Layne called the signals," he said. "That relieved me of a big worry that I had at Southern Methodist. Then, too, I was used mostly as a decoy—going in motion a lot."

"They hit harder and tackle harder in pro football," he observed, "but there isn't any of that slugging, kneeling and dirty stuff like you'll find so often in college—at least, there wasn't any in the games I played."

He said he had been quite fortunate along the injury line, being out only one game and that because of an ankle hurt.

"Twenty-two games are a lot of football, though," he commented. "That's two seasons in one. I was a little weary along toward the end. But pro football is a great game."

Drinking and Driving Makes Deadly Mixture

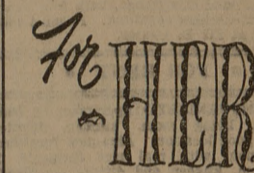
When you go out for an evening to have just "one" drink, don't underestimate its power to render you unsafe as a driver.

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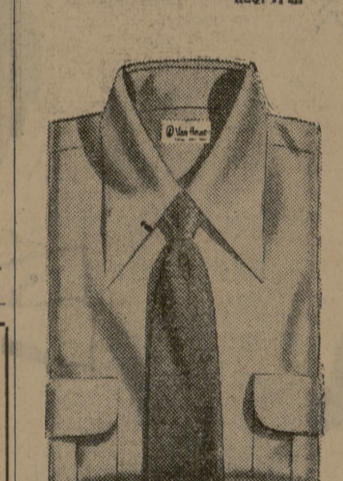
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