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Underdog Hogs Okay; Seek End Of Win Famine

By FRED WALKER
Batt Sports Writer

With only one conference win to their credit but still productive of more trouble than a cage of starving lions, the Arkansas Razorbacks will invade DeWare Field House tomorrow night to engage an Aggie basketball team that has reduced the Southwest Conference to a three-way possibility by defeating Texas, 92-29.

For the third straight season the Porkers have been victims of overwhelming early-season losses, but in seasons past they have rallied to fight their way to a co-championship of the SWC. This year the situation—though similar—appears to be even more critical.

Injuries Costly

Arkansas completely fooled the experts when they came from no where to place in the finals of the All-College Tournament in Oklahoma City. Everything looked bright for the Razorbacks before New Years, but then injuries struck the team with devastating force. Nev-

Will Warm Up, Weatherman Predicts Today

By Associated Press

Texas' historic week-long storm may end today, after giving the state another taste of Arctic cold.

Forecasts called for rising temperatures this afternoon after more bitter weather during the night. Early Friday temperatures fell to record lows including 19 below zero at Dalhart in the Panhandle.

Meanwhile there were these developments:

• The lower Rio Grande Valley gave up its citrus and vegetable crops as completely lost—and wondered if it could save the fruit trees. Some fruit trees were being plowed up to make room for cotton plantings. Estimates on the citrus loss ranged up to \$7,000,000.

• The death toll rose to 21 with discovery of an unidentified body behind a service station at Hidalgo in the Valley. Scores of Valley people fled flimsy homes for warmth in churches and schools which were kept open all night.

• A vast area south of Houston and San Antonio was still locked in ice which knocked out telephone and Western Union communication. Ham operators relayed emergency messages.

• Fires again plagued the state. Latest was a \$1,500,000 fire which destroyed a Southern Compress and Warehouse Company warehouse in Galveston Thursday.

Former Resident Succumbs in Dallas

Ben H. Ferguson, 47, former owner of the Campus Theatre, died Monday evening in a Dallas hotel after suffering a heart attack. Funeral services were held Wednesday in Hamlin.

Ferguson came to College Station in 1947 from Dallas, where he had lived since 1931. He was born in San Augustine and went to Hamlin with his parents at a young age. His father managed a theatre in that city.

Ferguson is survived by his wife, two sons, R. S. Ferguson Jr. and T. W. Ferguson of Wichita Falls; and a daughter, Mrs. Leon How of Albuquerque, N. M.

80,000 Slated For April Draft Call

Washington, Feb. 2—(AP)—The Department of Defense called on Selective Service yesterday to supply 80,000 men for the Army in April.

Calls for 80,000 men were issued previously for January, February and March. The draft requests have totaled 530,000 men since inductions were resumed last Fall. All have been for the Army. The Defense Department said the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force do not plan to draft any men in April.

Work on a proposed legislation to lower the draft age to 18 and extend the period of service from 21 to 27 months was at a temporary standstill today.

Allies Gaining, Within 40 Miles 38th Parallel

Tokyo, Feb. 2—(AP)—Allied forces pressed closer to the Han River today by chewing up, bit by bit, two Chinese Communist armies and dis-eased elements of the North Korean Red army.

Instead of patrol action, there were large numbers of U.N. troops only 10 miles south of the thawing Han, which skirts the age-old capital of Seoul.

This placed the Allies 40 miles from the 38th Parallel in the ninth day of a limited offensive which had carried them 20 miles since Jan. 25, against enemy position which was weakening daily.

An Eighth Army spokesman estimated that 6,650 Chinese and North Korean Communists had been killed by ground action between Jan. 25 and 31. Air reports listed casualties for that period at 1,442, but some may be duplications.

Even so, there was a difference of military opinion as to whether the Allies have cracked the main enemy defenses, despite notable losses in manpower and shrinking morale among the Reds.

In Washington there were reports that high officials have decided U.N. troops should stop at Parallel 38, presumably pending further efforts toward political settlement of the conflict.

An Eighth Army spokesman declined to confirm or deny the Washington report.

Great Issues Course Plans Five Speakers

Five speakers for the Spring Semester Great Issues course have been announced by S. R. Gammon, chairman of the committee on Great Issues.

Eric Sevareid, one of CBS leading news commentators, will speak Feb. 9 on "Washington versus the Country."

James C. O'Brien, of the Federal Security Agency, will discuss "Manpower Resources in Time of National Emergency," on Feb. 19.

On March 7, Mrs. Vera M. Dean, Editor of The Foreign Policy Association's publications and authority on international affairs, will discuss "The Next Phase in U. S. Foreign Policy."

William L. Shirer, noted Mutual Broadcasting Co. news commentator, will speak March 26 on "Our Struggle for Survival."

Felix E. Larkin, Counsel for US Department of Defense, will discuss "Our Current Defense Problem."

Two or three more speakers will be announced later Gammon concluded.

Coffman Will Lead RE Week Forums

By DEWEY C. EDWARDS

Burton Coffman, minister of the Central Church of Christ of Houston, will be one of the 13 leaders to be on the campus during Religious Emphasis Week, Feb. 12-16, according to Gordon Gay, associate secretary of the YMCA.

Coffman will conduct forums from 4 to 5:30 each afternoon on the following topics: Monday, "Do Scientific Facts and the Bible Agree?"; Tuesday, "What Should a Student Get Out of Four Years of College?"; Wednesday, "What Makes a Person a Success?"; and Thursday, "Men and Women Relationships." These four topics were selected by popular request by the students as determined in the results of an "Interest Locator" questionnaire that was distributed throughout the dorms.

Each night at 9 p. m., Coffman will hold discussion groups on subjects chosen by the individual groups. These will be operated on a come and go basis thereby letting the students leave as they desire.

Living in Dorm 14, Coffman will be available to the students of both 14 and dorm 17.

The author of the "Love of God and Other Sermons" and several articles, Coffman was the main speaker at the Religious Emphasis Week in Commerce, Texas, in 1946, and also assisted here at A&M during the first Religious Emphasis Week held in 1942.

Receiving his B. A. degree in 1927 from his hometown college, Abilene Christian, Coffman first taught school in Abilene. In 1931, he was the associate minister in a church in Wichita Falls. In 1934, he became the minister of the Church of Christ in Lawton, Oklahoma. Then he served as minister in Sherman, Texas for three years before coming to his present position in Houston in 1938.

Coffman has held successful revivals in eleven states embracing many of the larger cities of the United States—Chicago, New Orleans, Birmingham, Columbus, Nashville, Memphis, Long Beach, Houston, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Dallas, Abilene, Lubbock, Albuquerque, Wichita, and others.



Burton Coffman

Negro Entrance in TISA Favored by Student Senate

Lucky Fish



Escorted by J. Y. Parsons, Miss Pat Pennington is one of six beauties chosen as finalist in the race for Freshman Queen. The results of the selection committee will be made public at the Freshman Ball, Feb. 24 in Sbisba Hall.



One of six finalists for the title of Freshman Queen, Miss Gail Grissom will be escorted to the Freshman Ball Feb. 24 by John Stephens. The young lady hails from Abilene, Texas.

Brazos Underground

Burrowing Staffer Reveals Sad Plight of Ground Hog

By B. F. ROLAND

Aren't you glad you aren't a ground-hog?

Silly question! Well, I thought so, too, until yesterday. Let me tell you what changed my mind.

You may know how college newspapers are about these off-breed hooligans. They're always trying to cook up some yarn about how Columbus didn't really discover America or how Washington told a lie about the cherry tree.

They even try to dream up some crazy tale to run on Mother-in-Laws Day, which as you all know comes the second Tuesday of the fifth week in February every year but leap-year.

Anyhow, I was working diligently in the office yesterday when the

managing editor beckoned to me. I laid aside my book of cross-word puzzles and hurried to his desk.

"Tomorrow's Ground Hogs' Day," he said to me.

"Oh," I remarked. Then I hastily added, "Going to celebrate?" He ignored my witticism.

"You're a wild-life major, aren't you?"

"Then go out and interview a ground-hog. Get the scoop. Find out if he expects to see his shadow. And find out how true this story about him is?"

"Yes sir," I beamed. I appreciated his faith in my mastery of my chosen field.

"By the way, you might pick up an interview with him, too."

That's how I came to be sitting cozily in a Brazos County burrow chatting with a ground-hog. I interviewed him like a good reporter.

"I'll bet you're proud," I ventured after the formalities of an introduction.

"Why?" he asked.

"Well, you've got one whole day

out of the year named after you."

He didn't seem to appreciate the honor. "So what?" he said. "Look at it from the other viewpoint. Here I am supposed to be the world's most well-known weather-prophet."

"But what good does it do me? The U. S. Weather Bureau won't even give me official recognition."

"Jealously," I replied, "pure jealousy."

"Perhaps." The groundhog was pensive. "But look at the stigma I've got on my name. They say that if I look out of my hole and see my shadow, I duck right back in again."

"So I've heard." I was trying to show I was very interested.

"And what does that make me? A scardy cat, that's what. With a reputation like that, I could hardly face my children—if I ever had any."

"Chances are if I could find a female groundhog tomorrow and she should happen to have a shadow, too, I might crawl back in my hole and never come out. That's right! I said girl. We ground-hogs don't have a Kinsey. We're just supposed to go around being scared of our shadows."

Thus it was that I found out the sad plight of the ground-hog. I returned to the office a changed man. The managing editor was waiting. He jumped up as I entered. "Will he see his shadow tomorrow?"

I looked at him apologetically and replied, "I forgot to ask him." I didn't like the look in his face so I hurriedly added, "He did tell me what a four-letter name of an Artic bird was. May I go back to my cross-word puzzle?"

Weather Causes Dances' Demise

A&M's pre-spring social season will be slightly delayed, it appeared late yesterday.

For both ASABAB, the architects' ball originally scheduled tonight, and the Freshman Ball, set for Saturday night, have been postponed due to unfavorable weather conditions.

ASABAB will wait one week — till Feb. 9 — before taking off on its usual tangents. The Fish Ball has been postponed until Feb. 24, according to C. G. "Spike" White, director of Student Activities.

Gets Unanimous Vote of Approval

The Student Senate voted unanimously last night to instruct its TISA delegation to vote "yes" on the question of admitting Negro schools to the statewide college organization.

This year's Texas Intercollegiate Students Association convention will be held on the A&M campus March 16-17. The association, of which A&M is a charter member, is an organization of Texas colleges designed to "foster better citizenship through vigorous student governments."

Last year the senators voted 15 to 9 in a stormy session to instruct its delegation to vote negatively. The meeting last night was in direct contrast, with the vote coming swiftly and with no opposition voiced.

Fuller Leads Fight

Joe Fuller, parliamentarian of the Senate and also of the TISA, introduced the motion to instruct A&M's delegation. Fuller had initiated action on the same motion last year, but unsuccessfully.

"The TISA can no longer afford to ignore this opportunity for Southerners to solve their own problems without outside coercion," Fuller told the Senate. "Already several member schools have indicated they will support such a move at the convention. And already two schools—Texas University and Southern Methodist University—are teaching white and colored students."

"The trend seems to be for recognition of the Negro in Texas colleges. Delegates to the TISA convention should act as a courageous, intelligent group of men and women and approve the entrance of Negro colleges into their association."

Housing Situation OK

Fuller cited several instances in which Negroes and whites had been entertained together on the A&M campus and said he had been told adequate housing could be provided Negro students attending the mid-March convention here. At the meeting last year, a senator told Fuller that a high college official claimed such housing and dining facilities would be difficult to obtain.

Bill Moss, vice-president of the Senate, followed Fuller to the floor. Moss is now serving his second consecutive year as a senator.

"Last year I voted against admitting Negroes," he said. "Since (See TISA, Page 4)

Senators Seek Seating Switch For Basketball

A group of Student Senate members will soon meet with Athletic Director Barlow "Bones" Irvin to seek an adjustment in seating procedure for home basketball games.

The Senate last night named its executive committee to meet with Irvin, after lengthy discussion on crowded conditions in DeWare Fieldhouse.

Allan Eubank moved that a committee meet with the athletic director, asking that both sides of the gym be opened to all students, with roped-off areas for pay-at-the-door spectators. This, he said, would handle staff and faculty, visiting students, and the local citizenry.

Joe Fuller asked that the executive committee be named to "take appropriate action." Under the present seating arrangement, students in uniform are required to sit on the South side of the gymnasium.

A "senior section" for the gym was proposed, but was voted down.

Coffee and Doughnuts

In other actions at its regular monthly meeting, the Senate asked its MSC Council representative, Ferris Brown, to offer two recommendations to the council. They were for an "improved quality of coffee" and for "coffee with cream, plus one doughnut for ten cents."

Only nine senators voted for a doomed motion to protest the coffee-with-cream hike from five to seven cents.

The Senate decided to invite T. R. Spence, director of physical plants for the A&M System, to attend the next meeting and explain the college's "master building plan" in connection with the campus beautification drive.

Election Set

The election committee announced two forthcoming elections at the meeting. The first, to be campus-wide, will be to decide to which country A&M's foreign student scholarship will go. Three countries—Austria, Norway, and Germany—will appear on the preferential ballot, with a blank left for write-ins. The vote will be taken Wednesday night.

Another election will soon be scheduled in Dorm 8. Senator Bill Boddeker has moved from the dormitory and, under Senate regulations, must be succeeded by a resident of that dorm. Date for this election has not been set.

Deadline Set At Feb. 10 For Vanity Fair Pics

Various deadlines for submission of pictures and making of reservations are drawing near for the Aggeland '51.

Vanity Fair pictures, which will be judged by George Petty, must be submitted by noon on Saturday Feb. 10. Jim Modlin, associate editor of the annual said today.

Pictures should be 5x7 glossy prints. Three shots are required—one full length formal shot, one bust shot, and one sports shot.

Senior Favorites must also be turned in by Feb. 10. Fee for submitting a favorite is \$1.50, the associate editor continued.

Feb. 6 is the last day that campus organizations can reserve space in the yearbook and make arrangements for pictures.