

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Track Team Overlooked In Sports Staff Coverage

Editors, The Battalion:

I think it is about time someone let you know that A&M has a track team, in fact, a very good track team. Anyone who reads your sports page would not know if we did or not. For two consecutive days there has not been one word mentioned about the track team or any of its meets.

Wednesday's Battalion was filled with news about the swimming team, the tennis team and even the basketball team, but it seems that the track team wasn't important enough to take the time and space to mention something about it. Basketball season is over; swimming and tennis are minor sports—track is a major sport and is in season. The A&M track team has won six of the last seven Southwest Conference championships and has been defeated only three or four times in its last 50 meets.

It's a good team, there's no getting around that, probably the second best in the nation. Why don't you tell someone about it? A&M has something to be proud of in its track team and now when A&M needs a shot in the arm, you completely overlook it. You are supposed to give a complete and unbiased report of the news. You are doing a poor job as far as your sports page is concerned.

During the fall your sports page is full of football, football, and football. Where did they finish

this year in the conference? Then it was basketball and where did they finish? Now track season is here and you have a team that wins, and wins consistently but few write-ups about track appear in your paper.

Maybe track meets do not draw as many fans as does football games and basketball games, but you have no one to blame but yourselves. A little publicity and praise in A&M's own paper would help tremendously. I do not intend to criticize the football, basketball or other teams here at A&M. My criticism is directed solely at you and your staff.

Track is a good, clean sport and the coaches and members of the track team have put in lots of hard work to build it up to what it is. Why don't you give them a break?

The track coaches scheduled one home meet for this season. Why only one? Probably because A&M's own-paper doesn't think enough of the team to give it a decent portion of the sports page.

Poor Judgment, Perfect Timing

Editors, The Battalion:

This letter refers to your article "Seniors Okey Beer, Deny Juniors Ring" in The Battalion of Friday, March 13. It is my opinion that you are making fun of the senior class in this article. That's alright with me but why not use a little judgment when you write such an article.

Your timing was perfect; the article appeared the day that many of the high school students were arriving on the campus and in the edition of the paper that was directed towards them. I can see where you would be tempted to run such an article and realize that it is the policy of a paper to print facts, but let's use some common sense in presenting these facts.

The article won't have much effect on the high school boys, but you can rest assured that it will cause some of the boys' parents to wonder about the integrity of the seniors and of the school.

Don R. (Bubba) Heath '53 EDITORS' NOTE: While you are perfectly right in stating that many parents may doubt the integrity of the senior class by reading the article concerning seniors wanting to have a party and serve beer, the fact is they did just that.

As for timing, we admit it was a perfect job, for had we waited until the next issue (four days later) the news would have been old. If members of the senior class are to do such things as vote to have beer parties, we see no reason why steps should be taken to cover up such things for visiting parents and high school students.

If the parents and students are not adult enough to know such things exist at all colleges, probably at other schools more than A&M, we aren't going to take the responsibility of painting a rosy picture only for them to be disillusioned later.

Perhaps if you and some other members of the class had been at the meeting such a motion would have not passed and there would be nothing for which to be ashamed.

You are missing a golden opportunity to give A&M a little prestige among the nation's colleges when you fail to publicize your own track team.

Glenn Blake '54

EDITORS' NOTE: A quick check reveals that since March 5 (the first track meet was March 7) only three issues of The Battalion have gone without stories about the track team. We admit, two of the three were this week.

We certainly realize what a great team A&M has, and by all means the players and Coaches Anderson and Putnam deserve much notoriety for their accomplishments.

We publicize other sports heavily in season, true. But they are practically the only Aggie teams competing at the time. Members of the track team have the unfortunate circumstance of being in season the same time as a number of minor sports, as well as baseball, a major sport.

Space limitations prohibit us from making a general rule that track shall receive a place on the sports page every day. We owe obligations to our readers and participants in other sports to print stories concerning them also.

As the season continues, we feel sure that no important news about the Aggie track team will be overlooked.

We also hesitate to agree that with more publicity track meets could draw crowds equal to football and basketball.

Incidentally, good luck as you compete with the Aggie track team Saturday in Baton Rouge.

Debate Team Sets Louisiana Match

The Texas A&M debate team will debate in the Northwest Louisiana State College Tournament March 20-21 in Natchitoches, La.

The A&M teams were judged excellent at the Piney Woods Tournament March 13-14 in Natchitoches.

The senior team, composed of John Samuels and Kenneth Scott, won three out of four of its preliminary debates, but was defeated in the second elimination round.

Bud Whitney and John Wilson, members of the freshman team, also won three out of four of their preliminary debates. They were defeated in the first elimination round.

The tournament was held at Stephen F. Austin College in Natchitoches with 24 teams entered from Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

N. W. Louisiana State College was the winner of the tournament.

Local Hospital Gets New 62 Bed Wing

Construction will begin within 30 days on a 62-bed addition to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan. Bids have been forwarded to the State Health Department in Austin for awarding of contracts.

Based on tabulated bids, total construction will cost \$585,796, including six separate construction phases.

Eitze-Kitchens Construction Co. of Austin was low bidder on general construction. Ray R. Gauger, architect for the hospital, said Eitze-Kitchens Company's bid was \$337,734.

With \$800,000 available, plans are to equip the new wing with modern facilities. In addition to the new 62-bed wing, 12 beds will be added by remodeling the present building after completion of the new section.

Eleven Boy Scouts Receive Awards

Eleven Boy Scouts from Troop 386N, sponsored by Lincoln High School, have received advancements in rank.

Awarded the rank of first class scout were Howard Baker, Moses Boone, Faress Johnson and Roosevelt Watson.

Those receiving rank of second class scout were Charles Washington, Walter McGruder, Robert Thompson, Donald Caldwell, Raymond Williams, Donald Simms and Ralph Whiefield.

AVMA Auxiliary Hears Mrs. Hanna

Mrs. Louis B. Hanna, Children's Librarian at the Carnegie Library in Bryan, gave an illustrated lecture about Easter in the Holyland before the Student AVMA Auxiliary Wednesday in the MSC.

Mrs. Rachel Moore was elected to represent the auxiliary as duchess to the Cotton Pageant and Ball.

A. R. Russell Will Crown Cotton Court

Albert R. Russell, assistant to the executive vice-president of the National Cotton Council of America, will crown King and Queen Cotton at the 19th annual Cotton Pageant, April 24, in DeWare Field House.

Russell will also give a short sketch of the cotton industry, said Clarence Watson, faculty sponsor of the pageant.

Queen Cotton, Jane McBrierty, at TSCW junior, and her eight ladies-in-waiting recently made a trip to Neiman-Marcus in Dallas where they choose dresses for the coronation.

Dale Fischgrabe, president of the Agronomy Society and student coordinate for the pageant, said plans for the event are progressing according to schedule, and predicted this year's pageant and ball should be the greatest ever produced by the Agronomy Society.

Eller's Band to Play For FFA Dance

Jimmy Eller's five-piece band will play for the annual FFA Western Dance Saturday, April 18, announced Tom Milligan, chairman of the band committee.

Sponsored by the A&M Collegiate FFA Chapter, the dance will be held in Sbis Hall. Highlight of the dance will be the selection of two sweethearts, one representing high school FFA chapters and one the A&M chapters.

Everyone is invited, especially high school FFA boys, Milligan said.

Tickets are \$2 stag or drag.

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At College Station Churches

"The Cords of the Cross" is the title of the sermon to be delivered by the Rev. Nolan R. Vance, pastor, at the morning worship service of the A&M Methodist Church beginning at 10:55 a. m. Sunday. Sunday School will be taught at 9:45 a. m. The Wesley Foundation will meet at 6 p. m. The evening worship service will begin at 7:30 p. m.

A&M Presbyterian Church The Rev. Forrest Eisenbise, director of the Southwest Section of the American Leprosy Mission, will show a movie and speak at a special service in the sanctuary of the A&M Presbyterian Church at 7 p. m. Sunday. Church School will be taught at 9:45 a. m. The morning worship service will begin at 11 a. m. The Presbyterian Student League will meet at the church at 6 p. m. Wednesday and go to Hensel Park for a picnic.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church "Procuring and Practicing Forgiveness" is the topic of the sermon to be delivered by the Rev. N. C. Renfro from Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, at the morning worship service of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 10:45 a. m. Sunday.

Poultry Judgers Ready for Meets The Junior Poultry Judging Team is ready for competition in the Southern Intercollegiate Contest to be held in Memphis, Tenn. April 16 and 17, said team coach C. B. Ryan. Purpose of this contest is to stimulate interest in poultry production and also to teach potential poultry producers to distinguish between the grades of poultry products.

The theme of the mid-week Lenten service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. will be "The Crucifixion."

Bethel Lutheran Church "Christ Is Our Sympathetic High Priest" is the title of the sermon to be delivered at the morning worship service of the Bethel Lutheran Church at 10:45 a. m. Sunday. Sunday School will be taught at 9:30 a. m. "Joseph of Arimathea" is the title of the sermon to be delivered at the Lenten service beginning at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. The Aggie Walther Club will meet in the MSC 7 p. m. Wednesday.

A&M Christian Church The Rev. Charles G. Workman, A&M Presbyterian student worker, will deliver the sermon at the worship service of the A&M Christian Church beginning at 11 a. m. Sunday. David Edens, A&M student, will be the moderator. Sunday School will be taught at 9:45 a. m. CYF and DSF will meet at 5 p. m.

A&M Church of Christ Services at the A&M Church of Christ will begin with Bible School in the YMCA Chapel and regular class rooms at 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Morning worship at 10:45 a. m., Young People's Meeting at 6:15 p. m. and the evening worship service at 7:15 p. m. will be held in the YMCA Chapel. "Paul, The Christian" is the title of the sermon to be delivered at the morning worship service.

First Baptist Church Services at the First Baptist Church will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. and will be followed by the morning worship service at 10:50 a. m., Training Union at 6:15 p. m. and the evening worship at 7:15 p. m.

St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel Services at the St. Thomas Epis-

copal Chapel will begin with Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Sunday and will be followed by Church School at 9:30 a. m., Morning Prayer and sermon at 9:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.

St. Mary's Catholic Chapel Masses will be said at the St. Mary's Catholic Chapel at 8:30 and 10 a. m. Sunday and 6:45 a. m. Friday.

College Heights Assembly of God Services at the College Heights Assembly of God will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Sunday and will be followed by the morning worship service at 11 a. m., Christ's Ambassadors at 6:30 p. m. and the evening worship service at 7:30 p. m.

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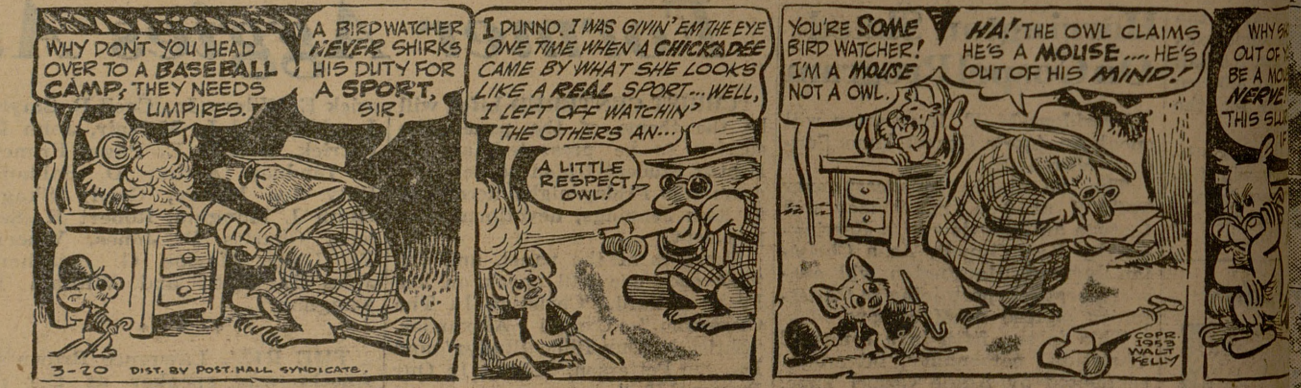
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