

# Last Round Inside Story On Council

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Here's the story on why the athletic council has quibbled around for almost a month now without hiring a new head football coach.

The information was given to us by an inside source who said he would rather not see his name in print, but added that the public ought to know the true story.

There are two factions on the council which are split over the big question of whether A&M should hire a big-name coach or a coach whom A&M can get for the usual salary?

The faction which wants to go ahead and hire a coach, and pay him about the same as A&M's coaches in the past have received, is in the majority. Our source said if it were to come to a final vote at present, he believes the 11-man poll would come out about 7 in favor of the small-name man and 4 against.

The chief argument of this group in favor of a small-name coach is: if a college starts paying its coach more than a man in a dean's position is receiving, the school then exists for football, not as an educational institution.

The three or four members who would vote it down, and who would vote for the big-name coach, are in the minority. But they have the backing of three powerful men.

These three men are none other than the three men who are representing the board of directors in an "advisory capacity."

Their names are W. T. (Doc) Doherty, R. H. (Jack) Finney, Jr. and A. E. Cudlipp.

Doherty, Finney and Cudlipp want the big-name coach. They contend, along with certain members of the council, that a big-name coach would draw players. This, in turn, would give A&M a winning football team. The athletic program, the high-salaried coach included, would pay for itself, and bring national recognition and prestige to A&M.

### Will Be Recommended Tomorrow

You can place your money on this prediction: the new coach will be recommended in tomorrow's meeting of the council, and ap-

proved by the board, probably at a meeting this weekend.

You also might win a little money by betting on this: The council will recommend a "small-name" coach. They won't bow to the three members of the all-powerful board of directors. This coach probably will be Michalske.

But if the board of directors does not approve the small-name coach recommended by the council, there will be some red-hot tempers flaring. And you might as well throw out your athletic council. This will prove it is powerless anyway.

On second thought, either way the board goes, there will be some people mighty hot under the upper regions of the shirt.

### Some Other Comments

Here's some comments from sources on down the line:

Barlow (Bones) Irvin, athletic director, clammed up like a man with a knife in his back. He would not talk.

However, he did say "Now is the time to contact future athletes." He said Willie Zapalac, freshman coach, and Bill Duncan, assistant football coach, "are on the road contacting the better boys now."

"You make the initial contact now. Most of the boys will make up their minds pretty soon. Boys naturally want to know who their coach will be."

He added that high school players will begin to turn in their letters of intent April 15.

I then asked Irvin if he had (See INSIDE STORY, Page 4)

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# Ags Make Sixth Try For SWC Win Friday

A&M's win-starved varsity basketball team will make its sixth attempt to break into the Southwest conference win column Friday night, taking on SMU in Dallas.

The Mustangs are pre-game favorites to take the contest not only because of their better record this year, but also because the Aggies have not defeated the Ponies on their home court in four years.

Until recently, SMU was running third in the conference race behind

second place Rice and leading Texas. But Buster Brannon's TCU squad, now riding the Upset Special, remained atop the Mustangs in a wild 85-84 contest last week to shove the Methodists into fourth place while the Frogs moved into third.

Aggie Coach John Floyd's starters are rested and ready again after their 80-55 loss to Arkansas at Fayetteville Monday night. The squad returned to A&M Tuesday and held its first workout of this week today.

Both SMU and the Cadets have men holding positions in the conference's high scoring bracket. Mustangs Ronnie Morris, with 66

points, and Art Barnes, with 51 points, hold sixth and eighth places respectively. John Fortenberry, Aggie forward, is tied with Baylor's Don Dickson for 10th place with 48 points.

Derrell Murphy, veteran Pony guard who held out last season, is back this year and holds sixth place among the top 10 scorers in season play.

Following a 71-60 loss to Lon Morris junior college Monday night, the Fish will be out to add to their list of wins at the expense of Allen Academy Friday night in Bryan. The Fish now boast a 5-2 won-lost tally, their only other loss being handed them by Rice's Owlets in Houston.

## Council Meets Again Thursday

The A&M athletic council will continue its search for a head coach at 10 a.m. Thursday in the MSC.

Dean W. L. Penberthy, chairman of the council, last night said that Line Coach Mike Michalske still is "a strong and definite candidate. He is still very much in the running."

Penberthy said "I don't know" when asked if anyone would be interviewed at the meeting. He also said that all members of the council will be present at the meeting "as far as I know." Athletic Director Barlow (Bones) Irvin and Pat Dial, business manager of athletics, were excluded from the last meeting.



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## Tigers Down Waller, 51-26

A&M Consolidated high school's Tigers last night smothered Waller under a 51-26 shellacking to stay in the running for the district 25-A basketball title.

Consolidated now has a 4-1 district mark and a 16-2 season record.

They close out their league season Friday night in Sealy. Bellville had handed the Tigers a 48-41 licking last week, giving the Brahmas a 2-1 district slate.

In the opener, the Tiger B team swamped the Waller B squad, 70-27.

The Tigers trailed 9-10 at the first quarter mark but roared back to outscore Waller by a 29-8 mar-

gin in the second and third periods. That gave them a 33-18 edge going into the last quarter.

## A&M Fencers To Compete In Annual Meet

A&M's fencing team Saturday will compete in the annual individual meet of the Amateur Fencing League of America.

The meet will be held in the Memorial Student Center assembly room, starting at 2 p. m.

Other teams competing will be Galveston Buccaneers, Houston Fencing club, University of Houston, Rice and Corpus Christi YMCA.

The following Cadet fencers will enter the meet—Bob Braslaw, Gus Wulfman, Bill Fink, Carroll Forrester, Ed Fries, Richard Forrester, Russ Goodale, Jim Pigg and Jerry Ramsey.

Other Cadets who will fence include Carl Hill, John Yates, Don Roth, Bill Swann, Roger Clark, Charles Holcomb, John Halbert, Gene Shackelford, Richard Brown, George Ernst, Neal Farmer, Ken Jones, Walt Anderson, Lonnie Sutherland, Lee Balsley, Van Eaton, Bob Zarbock, Bruce O'Hara and John Shanks.

### Intramural Standings To Be Announced

The first meeting this semester of intramural athletic officers will be held at 5 p. m. Thursday in room 301, Goodwin hall.

Barney Welch, intramural director, urged all of the officers to attend. Present outfit standing will be announced and plans will be made for this semester's competition.

# Cadet Trackmen To Meet Top AAU Team from Mexico

A&M's track team—1954 edition—will open the season on an international note, meeting a crack Mexico Amateur Athletic Union team at Kyle field Feb. 20.

The meet is sponsored by the College Station Kiwanis club and matches the top amateur track athletes of Mexico against the school which has won the Southwest conference track championship six times in the past seven seasons.

Thirteen lettermen return from last year's conference championship team, but none won numerals in the broad jump, high jump, pole vault or low hurdles. Also, players who brought home 62 points at the

conference meet will be missing from this season's team.

Returning lettermen and the events in which they compete follow:

Pete Mayeaux, sprints and javelin; Tom Dollahite, high hurdles and javelin; Glenn Blake, high hurdles; Harley Hartung, high hurdles; Carroll Libby, 440; Gerald Stull, 440; Frank Norris, 440; Wallace Kleb, 880; Dale DeRouen, mile; James Blaine, two mile; Verlon Westmoreland, two mile; Bobby Gross, shot put and discus and Marvin Swink, high jump.

Squadmen returning are Sidney Goyer, sprints; James Earle, pole vault and George Knipple, javelin. Knipple last year placed fourth in the javelin at the conference meet.

## Ag Wrestlers Open at Home With Longhorns

The A&M Wrestling club will open its home season in a meet with Texas here Feb. 27.

"Last year we beat them twice so with 10 returning lettermen, we should have a good chance to win our first meet," said Coach J. W. Griffith.

The returning lettermen are Robert Beattie, Dick Cappel, Bill Gilbert, Jerry Pyle, Rudy Henson, Javier Gonzalez, John Johnson, Al Perkins, Hugh Linktree and John Huff.

Some good prospects are Al Rial, an intramural champ last year, and freshmen Dave Reimer and Kenneth Jones.

Other meets scheduled with Dallas YMCA on Feb. 20, Texas March 13, there, and the National tournament at University of Oklahoma March 26 and 27.

### Box Scores

Consolidated (51)	fg.	ft.	fl.	tp.
Cooper	3	4	1	10
Beasley	0	2	0	2
Bonnen	3	0	1	6
Jackson	8	5	0	23
Anderson	3	0	0	6
Carroll	3	0	1	6
TOTALS	20	11	5	51
Waller (26)	fg.	ft.	fl.	tp.
Shaw	0	0	0	4
Feagin	0	0	0	0
Harris	4	1	4	9
Rayburn	0	0	0	0
Gallatin	1	0	0	4
Stanford	2	0	2	4
Suggitt	1	0	1	2
Reimer	1	0	1	2
Hoff	1	1	0	3
TOTALS	12	2	14	26
Score by Quarters:				
Consolidated	9	15	14	13-51
Waller	10	6	2	8-26

### B Game

Consolidated (70)	fg.	ft.	fl.	tp.
Floek	3	3	0	15
Hickman	3	4	0	10
Oden	0	0	0	3
Engelbrecht	0	0	0	3
Perryman	5	1	0	11
Garcia	9	0	3	12
Nixon	0	2	1	4
TOTALS	20	10	4	70
Waller (27)	fg.	ft.	fl.	tp.
Bishop	0	0	0	2
Davis	1	2	5	4
Moore	2	1	0	6
Reimer	5	1	5	11
Rejcha	0	0	1	0
Huff	1	0	0	2
Gallatin	2	0	4	4
TOTALS	11	5	18	27

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