

SPORTS SLANTS

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 Battalion Sports Editor

A&M's 1956 football season was the most profitable in the history of Aggieland. Although the exact figures were not available at this writing, a very close estimate puts the total paid attendance for the 10 games at 430,000. Each school takes \$1.15 per paid fan, so from all appearances, the Aggies brought home approximately \$490,000, give or take 10 grand.

Now the question arises as to what the athletic department is going to do with all that dough. A quick answer is a new dormitory for athletics—but let's look closer at that new dorm.

Tentative plans for a new building to house our athletes call for from 40 to 46 rooms. With two men in each room, the maximum capacity will be from 80 to 92 men. The number of rooms would indicate that only football and possibly a few basketball players will live in the dorm. This is fine, but where does that leave swimming, baseball, track, tennis and golf?

The money brought in from football pays for every other sport here but basketball, which has been paying its own way since the move into massive White Coliseum. This has always been the case and always will be, but why deprive the other Aggie athletes from a new place to live?

The new dorm will cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000. It'll be modern in the strictest sense, possibly with a swimming pool. But the fact remains that A&M's other five sports are left out in the cold. What about them? Don't they rate at all? What do you think?

Granted that half a million bucks is a lot of money, but where is the thinking behind a dorm limited to 92 men? Why not double the amount to be spent and build an athletic dorm that will do what the name implies—house A&M's athletes, ALL OF THEM.

Football is the heart and soul of the Aggie athletic program, but there are other sports here too, and they deserve a little attention—they get little enough as it is.

The new dorm is planned for the

near future, but even a casual observer can see badly needed improvements in the athletic set-up that are overdue. Outside of football and basketball (White Coliseum is one of the SWC's finest field houses), the athletic facilities are (See SPORT SLANTS, Page 4)

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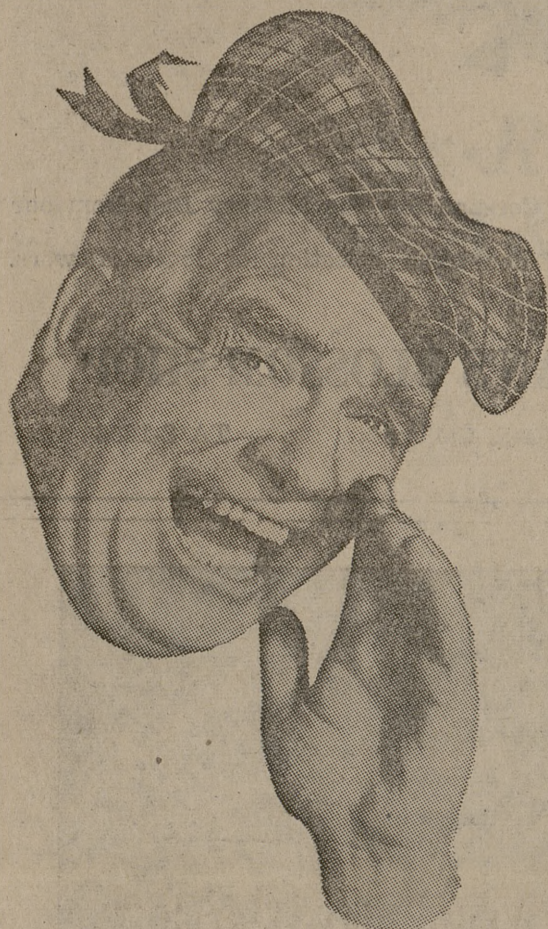
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KYLE FIELD, HOME OF THE TEXAS AGGIES—and the Southwest Conference's worst baseball stadium. A&M's baseballers, conference champs in 1955, play before fans forced to sit in stands so old and rundown that they are on the verge of collapse. As can be seen here, the tar paper roof is nearly gone, and it leaks like a sieve. In the foreground is a view of the modern, up-to-date "dugouts" the Aggie nine sit on during their home games. Note the protection against the elements. The stadium, by the way, is the first thing a train rider sees on his way past the campus.

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Injuries Force Grid Practice To Standstill

By BOB CLENDENNEN

Serious injuries to players has caused Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant to call off spring training until Friday, the latest he can wait and still get in his 18 practices within the SWC-prescribed 28 days.

The men who are able are out for track this week. Others make a trip to the training room every day. For trainer "Smokey" Harper, it's business as usual as he tries to reduce the soaring list of cripples.

Saturday's scrimmage didn't uncover any outstanding players, but Jimmy Wright was statistically the best quarterback on the field. Bryant was pleased with his showing, as well as that of Roddy Osborne. With John Crow and Loyd Taylor missing from spring training, the big guns at halfback have been Dick Lewis and Carlos Esquivel.

The rope climb was put into use Monday. One of the first victims was Spiro Cosse, who struggled up the rope hand over hand. Then, because of the strain, he slid down . . . his hands may be healed enough to practice Friday.

At a little past half-way, here in order named are the top players (who are taking part in spring training).

Quarterback: Wright, Osborne, Charles Milstead.

Fullback: Richard Gay, Gordon LeBoeuf, Massey.

Halfback: Esquivel, Bobby Conrad, Robert Sanders, Dick Lewis.

Center: John Gilbert, Dick Goff, Larry Ward, Bill Godwin.

Guard: Murry Trimble, Bill Webb, Carl Luna, Albert Taylor, Buddy Payne.

Tackle: Charles Krueger, Ken Beck, Jim Stanley, Darrell Brown, Gale Oliver.

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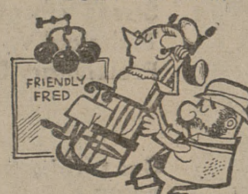
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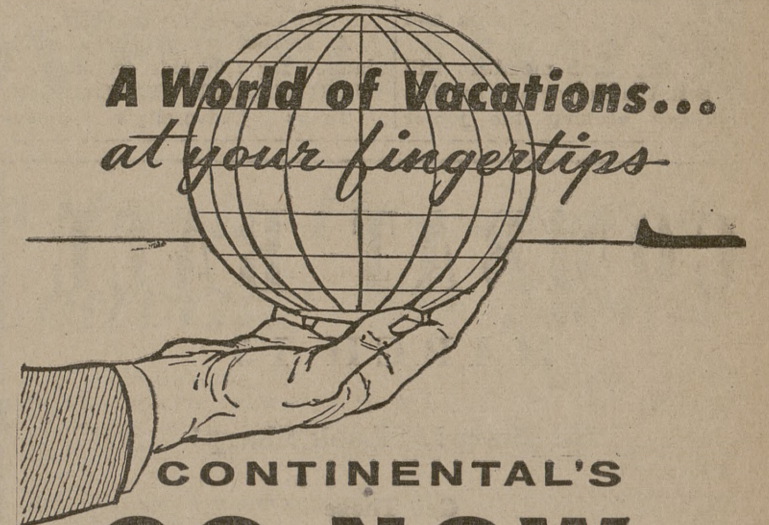
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