

SPORTS SLANTS

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 Battalion Sports Editor

The buck has been passed again! In typical A&M fashion, Dr. Chris Groneman, chairman of the Athletic Council, refused to let the exact figures on how much money the Athletic Department made during the 1956 football season be published. As a private citizen, it is my privilege, and anyone's for that matter, to ask to see those records, but the way has been blocked—as it has been so often.

Barlow (Bones) Irvin, assistant athletic director, told me Tuesday that the figures would be available to me, but "... first check with Dr. Groneman or Coach Paul Bryant, just to be sure." Bryant is out of town, so I called Dr. Groneman. He said he had no authority to allow me to see the books, but suggested that I "... submit a letter to the Athletic Council asking permission to see the figures." This meant only one thing to me—NO!

What sinister fears cloak A&M with its dark veil of secrecy? Why don't they publish the facts? Are they afraid people will find out how much money they've made? Are they afraid people will ask: "You've got all that dough, why don't you get busy and repair some of the college's sorry athletic facilities?"

It doesn't take a Charles Van Doren to figure it out. All the money goes for football—nothing else counts.

As was indicated in this column

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yesterday, the immediate need for athletic money is in the facilities of minor sports. Three weeks ago a person or persons as yet unknown broke into the Aggie baseballers dressing room and made off with an estimated \$200 worth of personal equipment. It wasn't hard to do. Many of the windows were already broken; all that was needed was to reach in, open a window and climb through. Since then signs have been put up in both baseball and track dressing rooms saying: "The athletic dept. assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen personal property."

Rather than build new quarters or repair the ones now being used

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WARNING TO ATHLETES—meaning "Don't let anybody steal your equipment because we can't be responsible for it—we can't keep people from breaking in as our facilities are so poor."

to such an extent that further vandalism would be impossible, the Athletic Department simply took the easy—and cheap—way out. Both track and baseball dressing rooms are in old DeWare Field House—itsself in tenement-like condition, but capable of repair, as seen by the new windows being put in.

A trip through these dressing rooms is appalling, but the worst is the horrible shower rooms (as pictured on page one of Wednesday's BATT). Ten showers in two, 8 by 12 rooms are all that is furnished for 100 track and 40 baseball men. Not only are they too small, they lack ventilation, lighting, foot-baths, soap dishes and cleanliness in general.

There is one latrine serving 140 men, with one wash basin—sans soap or towels. An ancient drinking fountain leans in one corner—

almost incapable of any water, much less being cold. The need is great—and immediate. And what will be done about it—you guessed it—NOTHING!

Aggie Rollers In ABC Meet At Ft. Worth

Five Aggie bowlers will participate in the 54th annual "World Series of Bowling"—the American Bowling Congress Tournament in Ft. Worth.

The tremendous meet, which is in progress from March 9 to April 27, is being held in mammoth Will Rogers Memorial Building. Thirty-two alleys have been installed for the first ABC tourney ever to be held in Texas.

The building will accommodate 3,500 spectators with parking area for 3,000 cars. The Aggies will bowl March 18 and 19, along with Bryan's Park Cleaners team. The Bryan AFB Jets are slated to roll March 24 and 25.

Bowling for A&M will be John Redden, Dick Dres, Bob Wilson, Bob Brown and Fred McDonald.

Competing will be such nationally known bowlers as Don Carter, Buddy Bomer, Bill Lillard, Ray Bluth, Billy Welu and Lee Jouglard.

Cadet Fencers 2nd in Meet

The Aggie fencers took second place in a four team meet at the U. S. Air Force Academy, Denver, Colo., Saturday.

The Aggie team took off into the chill morning air from Easternwood Airport last Friday morning for Denver. They arrived on schedule only to be outgunned by the cadets from the Academy.

The Academy swordsmen outpointed the Aggies 51-44 to take first place in the meet. However A&M tumbled both the University of Colorado and the University of Nebraska for an easy second.

Joe Elliott, Desie Trevino and Cecil Hill were outstanding on offense for the Aggies. Elliott won over half his duels in both foil and

epee divisions. Trevino was victorious in eight out of nine matches in sabre, and Hill won seven and lost two in epee.

Nelson Bourn, Robert Coker, Bert Klopfenstein, Len Layne, Don Palombo, Kenneth Redler, Johnny Roberson, Bryan Russell, and Albert Yantis compiled the remainder of the A&M score.

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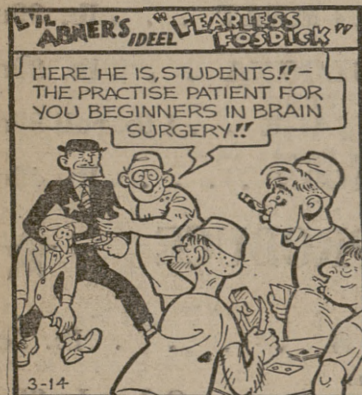
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The SMU challenger to the Aggies, finishing favorite's position vining 50-36 two weeks ago

Tetsuo Okan conference record opens defense freestyle record the first night heavy favorite this event in

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