

# SPORTS SLANTS

By BARRY HART

Intercollegiate athletics at A&M are so top heavy as to be on the verge of collapse. Football rules the roost so completely that the others have been virtually forgotten. As it stands now, we have one of the most unbalanced programs in the Southwest Conference, and the outlook for the future is anything but bright.

There is only one solution if A&M wants a well-rounded athletic program—there must be a separation of athletic director and head football coach.

Paul Bryant stands among the five best football coaches in the nation today—but is he a good athletic director? An athletic director is just what the name implies—a DIRECTOR of athletics—ALL athletics, not just football. Does Mr. Bryant fit this description? His entire interest appears to be focused on the gridiron, and well it should be, for he could not turn out winning football teams otherwise.

Football is the heart and soul of college athletics, but that is no reason why we shouldn't make more of an attempt to turn out winning teams in the other sports. Bryant cannot afford to divide his attention among all sports and keep grid Aggies on top of the SWC. We need an athletic director who can devote a great part of his time to the consideration of basketball, baseball, track, swimming, golf and tennis.

Last fall 92 scholarships were passed out in football. In sharp contrast, Art Adamson had three with which to work among his Aggie swimmers, yet he succeeded in winning the league title in 1956 and finished second this year. There is a need to divide the total number of athletic scholarships given to high school graduates more equally among all the A&M sports.

Every year large numbers of grid hopefuls who come to Aggieland on scholarships fail to make the team. I suggest a more conservative giving of four-year free rides with a desire toward quality, rather than quantity. Let's go get the guy that can do the job and cut down on the large numbers that can't and never will.

A sensible start toward returning the athletic program to equilibrium would be to build a new dorm to house 150 men, instead of just 80-92 football players as the plans call for now. A dorm only for gridgers can do nothing but antagonize the other athletes. Maybe the other sports aren't

## Score Sees Little From Injured Eye

CLEVELAND, (AP).—Sitting on his hospital bed, Herb Score Thursday told a reporter standing three feet away that with his injured right eye, "I could tell you are there, but I couldn't recognize you."

The young southpaw ace of the Cleveland Indians said he can see light and motion with the injured eye, and it is improving every day. He was cheerful and optimistic that he soon will be pitching again. When?

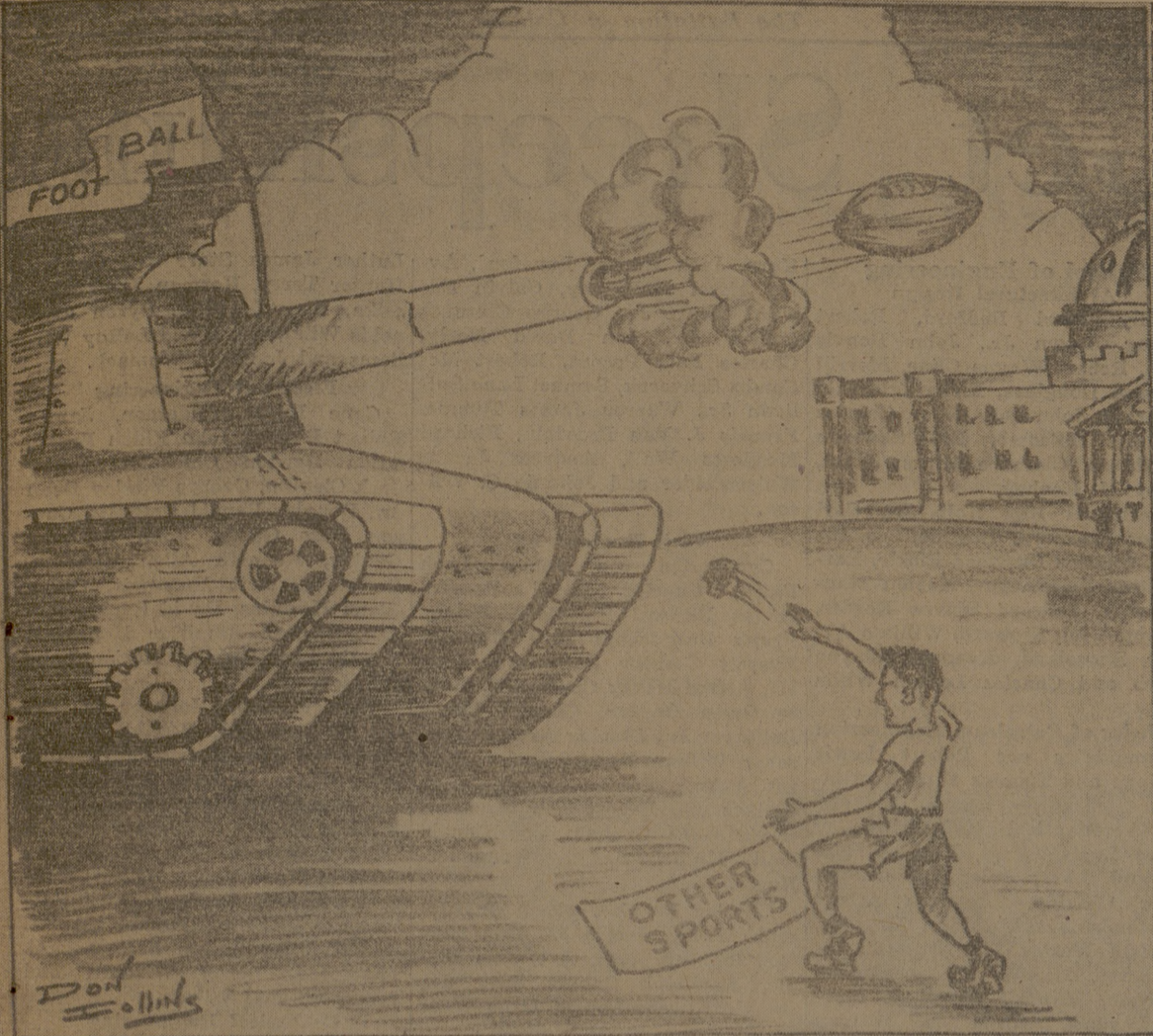
"It's up to the doctor. He's managing me," he said.

In his darkened room at Lakeside Hospital, Score bantered with newsmen, the first ones permitted to see him since he was hit in the eye by a line drive from the bat of Gil McDougald of the New York Yankees on May 7.

The strikeout king of the major leagues, who will be 24 years old

on June 7, was wearing the glasses he normally used for reading. The right lens was covered with a black disc, which had a pin prick hole in the center. The left lens was clear, because that eye was not injured and its vision is unimpaired.

He took the glasses off momentarily, revealing that practically all external evidence of the vicious drive that felled him has disappeared. There is still a slight swelling on his cheek bone and on his nose, which was broken.



### A BALANCED SPORTS PROGRAM . . .

#### COL. ANDY

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were paying most of their own way through college.

"Of course, I wanted the top high school boys and would have liked to have them," he adds, smiling, "and I would gladly have given a scholarship to any boy who could step into conference competition and take first place as (Darwin) Hooper did.

"But I didn't usually offer more than one scholarship yearly to a high school boy. I asked the others to come down and take a waiter's job in the mess hall while they earned a place on the squad. These are the boys I call 'amateurs'. But because of my preference to help my squadman first, many top high school boys passed

up A&M and attended college elsewhere."

Colonel Andy was one of the coaches for the U. S. Olympic team last year at Melbourne, Australia, one of the high points of his glorious career, and it is appropriate that the American team won more gold medals—15 of a possible 24—than any team in Olympic history.

The personable coach stepped down last week after serving A&M for 35 years. He coached track in two sections and served as a major in World War I and as a colonel in WW II, both in the field artillery.

Anderson first became cinder head man in 1922, winning a conference title that year. He coached 14 seasons, capturing crowns again in 1929 and 1930 before re-

signing to become Dean of Men and Commandant of the Cadet Corps.

Colonel Andy left Aggieland to serve in WW II, then resumed coaching in 1947 when his teams began dominating SWC track and field. The Aggies took the league championships in 1947-8-9, dropped to second in 1950, then swept three straight. They have finished behind Texas every year since.

"This is the ideal place to build national champion track teams," asserts the retiring coach. "I hope that my successor puts the Aggies back into the national ranking they deserve."

The record speaks for itself as Frank G. (Colonel Andy) Anderson steps down after 25 glorious years—a legend at Texas A&M.

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SHOWMAN MELVIN LEBO (left) congratulates Roy Snyder who purchases grand champion ham by proxy for E. W. Brown, of Orange, at Little Southwestern. Kermit A. Wehrmund records the sale.

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