

A & M Baseball Team Opens Conference Play Tomorrow

By JOE CALICOATTE
 The 1961 Southwest Conference baseball campaign will be kicked off for A&M tomorrow in Austin as the Cadets meet Texas at 3. Tomorrow's game could be a big one for A&M, since defending champion Texas is slightly favored to be a repeater. So far this season Texas doesn't have a loss against them while they have chalked up four straight victories. Their main asset has been a strong mound staff built around Bobby Barnett who rolled up a 7-2 record last year and was chosen on the All-SWC team. Texas has only given up four runs in their first four outings.

One Loss
 After an error-plagued opening loss to Sam Houston, A&M has shown signs of improvement as they have won three straight over Rice, University of Dallas and Sam Houston in a rematch.

In the first game with Sam Houston, hits were scarce for A&M, but in the last three outings the pace has quickened. The team now boasts an overall average of .297 at the plate.

Soph Leads Hitters
 Ray Hall, a sophomore right fielder, is leading the way for A&M's regulars in the hitting department with nine hits in 18 trips to the plate for .500. In his total Hall included a triple and a home run.

Veteran first baseman, Dick Dickerson, is the number two hitter for the Aggies with .429. Dickerson clouted two homers against U of D, one of which was a grand slam. He is way out front in RBI's with eight.

Stuffy Davis is the third top hitter with an even .400 at the plate and has brought in two runs. Davis hit an all-important home run in the last game with Sam Houston with a man on base to win the game, 7-5, in the 11th inning.

The only other man over the .300 mark is Terry Cobb, a sophomore, who is hitting .375. Cobb has a home run and three RBI's.

Pitchers Hit
 A&M's pitching staff is showing up well at the plate as three out of six men to pitch so far, have hit over .500.

Jerry Warren is the leader with 1,000 in one trip, followed by Mike Spence and Bob Collins who have one for two.

Collins has collected two of A&M's wins in relief while Spence is credited with one victory.

A&M will return home next Tuesday for a conference game with Baylor, who is also considered a contender for the 1961 championship.



Intramurals

There was not too much activity in intramural sports yesterday as only one event—Class A Tennis—was on the agenda.

In the four games in Class A Tennis, Sq. 9 continued to win as they wiped out E-1 with an impressive victory of 3-0. Sq. 17 came from behind in their game with Sq. 6 and won, 2-1. Sq. 5 won an easy victory over L-2 by forfeit, but it still counts on the win column. In the final game of Class A Tennis for the day, F-1 swept past Sq. 2 for a decisive 3-0 win.

Stanleys Elected Cage Co-captains

The Stanley twins from Buna, Pat and Don, have been named co-captains of the 1960-61 Aggie basketball team.

In voting by the squad members, Caroll Broussard of Port Arthur was selected as the team's most valuable player.

The Stanleys won varsity letters for two seasons following their transfer to A&M after graduating from Kilgore Junior College.

This past season they played prominent parts in leading Coach Bob Rogers' Aggies to a 16-8 season record, and to a second place finish in the Southwest Conference race that ended with a 10-4 record.

Broussard, a junior, re-wrote the Aggie individual scoring record book, now holding 12 of the 13 records and needing only 16 points next season to tie the other mark.

He was a consensus honorable mention choice on the All-American squads, leading the SWC in point-making with 339 for a 24.2 average. His season total was 538 in 24 games. He was also the 23rd highest scorer in the nation.

Aggies Ink Another Central Texas Star

The Aggies have swiped another prize Central Texan from other SWC schools as they signed Pat Smithson, an agile, 200-pound guard from University High (Waco), to a letter of intent.

This signing makes the fifth star prospect to be signed in the Central Texas region.

Smithson was twice a Waco Tribune-Herald Super Centex selection and twice all-district.

Spring Sports Barbecue Set For May 18

The annual Texas Aggie Spring Sports Barbecue, co-sponsored by the Brazos County A&M Club and the A&M Athletic Council, has been scheduled to be held at The Grove May 18 at 6 p.m.

Morris Frank, columnist for the Houston Chronicle, will be the master of ceremonies.

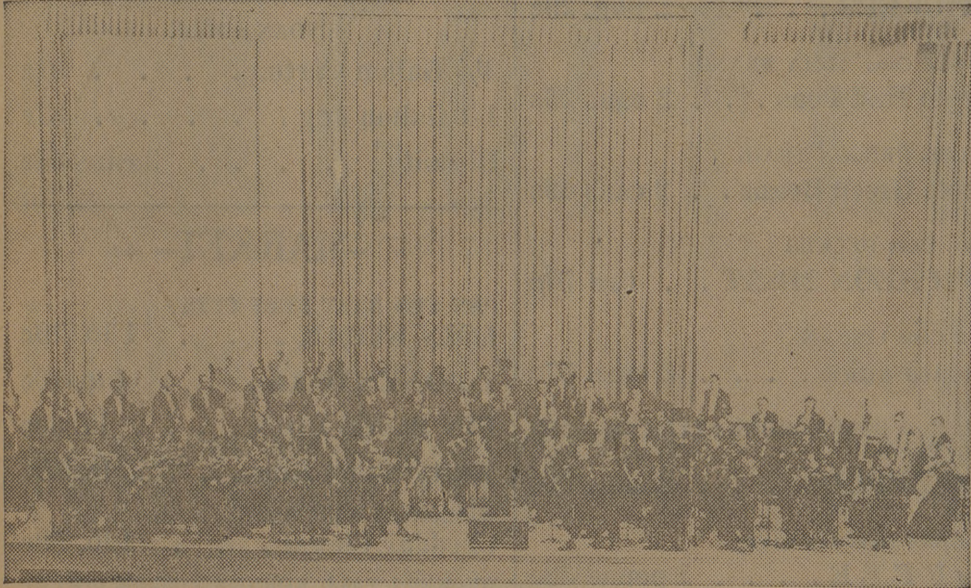
Plans for the event were announced by Jim Myers, Aggie athletic director. He said the barbecue will honor the members of this year's basketball, baseball, track, golf, tennis and swimming teams.

A stag affair, the barbecue is open to the public and an advance sale of tickets will be held.

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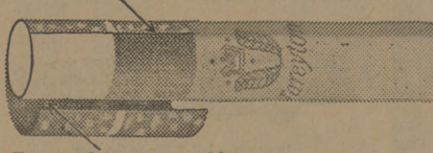
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