

Weightmen Club To Hold Contest

The A&M Weightlifting Club will hold a contest at 2 p.m. Saturday under the west stands of Kyle Field. The deadline for entries is 1:45 p.m. Saturday.

Competition will be held in the bench press, curl, and squat. There will be two classes: 160 pounds and under and over 160 pounds. Winners in each class will be determined by the Hoffman formula, and the contestant in each class with the best overall lift with respect to bodyweight will receive a trophy. Second and third place medals will also be awarded.

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FROM THE

Sidelines

By BOB SPIVEY

Journalism students are a funny lot. Here at A&M there is no difference. We of The Battalion wait eagerly to read our rival Southwest Conference publications—and in some cases laugh at the efforts of some of our alleged "elite" rival journalists.

Last week it was my displeasure to pick up a copy of The Daily Texan. Turning to the sports section, my eyes fell to the self-centered ramblings of a writer possessed with despotism illusions of Texas grandeur.

In the Nov. 26 issue of the Texan, Paul Burka wrote an article entitled "Tradition or Tedium." In this article he asserted that the Ag-Longhorn game was no longer a tradition but just another game in which the mighty Longhorns roll over their hapless opposition.

No one team can dominate the Southwest Conference in any sport. Texas under Darrell Royal has produced some fine teams. True, Texas has outscored A&M in the Turkey Day Classic more times than A&M has outscored Texas but every year A&M comes back and gives Texas some of the biggest scares possible. Last year Texas was thoroughly outplayed by an underdog Aggie team.

Does this not sound like a typically traditional game, Mr. Burka?

In his ranting, Mr. Burka also said that "The Corps, spirit, Twelfth Man and such don't play a major role in college life any more, nor in college athletics. It is a business, one that is highly organized and one that reflects the environment in which it flourishes—or withers."

He went on to say: "Every other conference school is in a city of reasonable size, and in that city has alumni of reasonable influence. For years A&M graduated farmers, engineers and service men, and you don't build up an influential alumni association that way."

Perhaps Texas has ruled the Southwest Conference in football for the last few years, but you can't say that either. It seems to me that Arkansas has been mentioned by some as a strong team—oh, well—maybe I am just not used to seeing that orange tower burning.

I don't believe that it takes this Texas-type business arrangement that Mr. Burka speaks of to win in the Southwest Conference. Unless anyone has forgotten, A&M managed to pick up the conference crown in both baseball and basketball—or does the 40 Acres care to ignore these two sports?

As for the Texas A&M-Texas game not being a tradition—well there are about 8,000 loyal Aggies down here that busted backs and muscles to build the greatest bonfire in the world to symbolize their burning desire to beat the hell out of t.u. Not only in football but in every contest, be it big or small.

So, Mr. Burka, perhaps you and others that think like you should back up and look around you. There is more to school than just football.

Memphis State Stuns Aggies

John Hillman Sparks Tigers To 82-73 Win

By LANI PRESSWOOD
Special to The Battalion
A second half scoring spree by the Memphis State Tigers ruined the season debut of the Aggie basketballers 82-73 last night.

A crowd of 8,700 watched the Tigers break-up a tight duel after intermission. At the half time Memphis State University held a 36-35 lead.

Memphis State hit six quick points at the start of the second half to take a lead they never relinquished. Their advantage bulged to as much as 17 points.

Sharp shooting kept the Cadets in the game for the first half. Center John Beasley and guard Paul Timmins hit consistently from the outside. The Ags canned 15 of 26 for a 57.7 per cent average for the first half.

A&M was hurt by floor mistakes in the first half, inferior rebounding the second half and too much Memphis State in general. The Tigers are a perennial power in the South. For the entire contest Memphis State shot 53.8 per cent from the field compared to 52.8 per cent for the Cadets.

The Tigers led in rebounds 36-35. The big gun for the Tigers was 6-6 forward John Hillman who sank 22 points. Guards B. J. Petty and Tim Morgan had 13 and 10 points respectively.

Beasley was high for the Ags with 18 points, all but two coming from the field. Norman followed him with 11. Timmins, Stringfellow and Tim Timmerman chipped in 8 points apiece.

Coach Shelby Metcalf played all 13 boys on the squad. Two of them, guards Dickie Stringfellow and Dick Rector, were weakened by recent bouts with influenza.

Metcalf expressed disappointment after the game, saying, "We

lacked teamwork and that is what it takes to win. Memphis State really got hot that second half." The game was played in Mid-South Coliseum, the third largest coliseum in this nation. This was the first basketball game played in the coliseum.

About 70 Aggies came from all over the Mississippi area to witness the contest.

The Aggies get a chance for revenge next week when they invade G. Rollie White Coliseum Thursday night the Cadets play University of Southern Mississippi at Hattisburg.

The Aggies first home game will be at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Arlington State Rebel game to College Station.

Kegler Tryouts For Women Set At MSC

Tryouts for the A&M Woman's Bowling Team to compete during the Region XII Games Tournament will be held through Jan. 7 at the Memorial Student Center Lanes.

The tournament, sponsored by the National Association of College Unions, will be held at the MSC Feb. 18-20 and will include competition in bowling, billiards, chess and table tennis.

Tryouts will consist of five sets of three games each. The 10 women with the highest total pins will meet in a final roll-off conducted under league conditions. The roll-off will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 7.

Those interested in trying out for the team must have at least a 1.0 grade point ratio, must be carrying a minimum of 12 hours and must not be on scholastic probation.

Five bowlers will be selected from among the entrants to represent their schools and the region at the Woman's International Bowling Congress Tournament at Portland, Oregon in April.

At the same time as the bowling competition, the bridge committee will host its own Invitational Bridge Tournament and the billiards committee will present an exhibition by a nationally-famous billiards professional.

Students from colleges and universities in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana will participate in the games tournament.

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