

# Sidewalk Surfing Arrives At A&M

A new sport is sweeping the college campuses. No longer is it "cool" to pile into a Volkswagen or to see how many people can be stuffed into a phone booth.

The craze ready-made for people who are landlocked is Sidewalk Surfing.

For neophytes who have never heard of the sport — it involves a small board with roller skate wheels, a big hill, and a daredevil.

After a hill has been found that is both steep enough and long enough, the cautious ones block the traffic at the intersections.

At the summit of the hill the man with the board waits for the all clear sign, takes a deep breath, says a brief prayer and kicks off into the wild blue yonder.

A few seconds later it is too late to stop. All that can be heard is the whistling of the wind, the shrieks of the girls and the roar of the spinning wheels.

If the daring young man on the board shifts his weight too much or if the wheels hit a bump in the road or a dip then the rider falls from the low-slung vehicle. This is called "wiping out."

If the cement surfer is lucky he will only skin his knees, elbow, and possibly his backside. Unlike his water-surfing brother, the sidewalk surfer can break an ankle, wrist, both knee caps or his skull.

For the uninformed, here is a brief rundown on how you ride the wild cement surf. First a board must be purchased. The prices run anywhere from \$5 to \$25. After procuring the board the next problem is mounting it. This is done with the back foot placed across the board and the front foot placed parallel with the board.

Most beginners place too much weight on the front or back of the board. All you can do then is step off the board before you reach the point of no return — and at most any speed stepping off usually means getting "wiped out" all over the asphalt.

This sport is catching on here. The beginners use the dorm halls or sidewalks while the more stout-hearted move over to the ramps at Kyle Field.

Why would any sane person want to try such a stunt?

It may be the challenge of staying in the road or a dip then the rider falls from the low-slung vehicle. Whatever the reason, Sidewalk Surfing is here.



**AUTHOR BOB SPIVEY**  
... demonstrates proper surfing technique.

## BATTALION SPORTS



### Arkansas Eleven Voted Rice Award As Nation's Finest

NEW YORK (AP) — Undeclared Arkansas was named the winner Wednesday of the Grantland Rice Award as the top college football team by a five-man committee representing the Football Writers Association of America.

The Rice Award, sponsored by Look Magazine, is named after the late sports writer.

Arkansas, Southwest Conference champion and 10-7 victor over Nebraska in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1, received four of the five first-place votes. One voter had the Razorbacks third. Arkansas, with a 10-0 regular season record, finished second behind Alabama in the final Associated Press poll.

Notre Dame was runner-up with five second-place votes for 10 points. Texas had one first place vote and one third-place vote for four points. Michigan received three third-place votes for three.

Alabama, defeated 21-17 by Texas in the Orange Bowl, did not receive a single vote for first, second or third. Alabama was unbeaten in the regular season.

## Prospects Brighter For Aggie Tankmen

Last year the Aggie swimmers faced a "rebuilding season" with only two lettermen on hand. This year the outlook is different. Coach Art Adamson will be able to count on two two-year lettermen, nine one-year lettermen, five squadsmen and six fine looking freshmen.

Heading the swimmers will be Bob Baker, a senior from Houston's Spring Branch. Baker, held out last season, won the Southwest Conference 50-yard freestyle event in 1962 and has been a consistent point-maker.

Other lettermen on the swimming team include Robert Climie, William Harriman, James Hooton, Mike Offner, Paul Ouellette, George Staples, David Trifon, and Ken Karr.

Mike Palmer, a senior two-year letterman from Duncan, Okla., heads the list of experienced divers. Burt Griffey of Downey, is the only other letterman, while James Sedberry and Lance Sindo add depth to the team.

Coaching the Aggie swimming squad is Art Adamson, a veteran in his 30th year as head of the A&M swimming program.

A native of England, Adamson became a nationally known swim-

mer, winning the 100-yard freestyle championship of New Zealand in 1925 in 57.2 seconds. He also held a record of 1:03.4 for the 100-meter event. A graduate of A&M Adamson is a member of the Gulf Coast AAU and National AAU swimming committees. He is past president of the College Swimming Coaches Association and has the association's 25-year service award. In 1962 he was voted into the Helms' Foundation's Hall of Fame.

Emil Mamaliga is the Aggie diving coach. A former champion at Ohio State, he competed in the breaststroke.

Mamaliga, a veteran of three years in the Navy, came to Aggie in 1947. A member of the A&M physical education department, Mamaliga has gained additional fame in the field of weight lifting. He directs the weight lifting program for all Aggie athletes and has authored a book on the subject.

The only Aggie home meet this season is set for Saturday night at 7:30 when Arlington State will furnish the competition.

The season runs through March 12 when the Southwest Conference Meet will be held in Dallas.

## Golden Boy Paul Hornung Reported On Trading Block

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Journal-American said Wednesday that Paul Hornung, the Golden Boy halfback, is finished with the Green Bay Packers and

may be traded to the New York Giants.

The newspaper said Hornung and his coach, Vince Lombardi, reached the breaking point last week in Miami when the Packers were training for the National Football League Playoff Bowl game with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Hornung did not start in the game, and his last play was a halfback option pass that was intercepted by the Cardinals. The interception doomed Green Bay's hopes. The Cardinals won 24-17.

The Journal-American, in a story by Charles Peeney, said that the Packers earlier had promised the Giants first refusal if Hornung ever came on the player trade market.

Lombardi has denied reports that he is thinking of trading the versatile halfback.

According to the newspaper, Hornung's latest clash with Lombardi came when the player was late for a team meeting. He reportedly telephoned Lombardi to apologize and was told:

"Get in your car and keep going."

## Green Bay Coach Axes Trade Rumor

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Green Bay Coach Vince Lombardi emphatically denied Wednesday that he plans to trade Paul Hornung, the Packers' high-scoring halfback.

"I don't know a player in the National Football League who has the potential of Hornung," Lombardi commented on a report by the New York Journal-American which said that Hornung is finished with the Packers and may be traded to the New York Giants.

Lombardi emphasized that he was not "saying we're going to sit pat up here."

"If we have an opportunity to better ourselves, we will trade," the coach said. "But I have no plans to trade Hornung, period."

## New Lion Coach May Be Named

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit News said Wednesday that the Detroit Lions will announce the hiring of Sonny Grandelius as head coach Sunday.

Grandelius was one of five Lion assistant coaches fired by the National Football League team in December, shortly before Head Coach George Wilson resigned.

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