



# The Battalion



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## Stadium Proposal Studied Board Decision Expected Soon

The Texas A&M Board of Directors is expected to announce a decision tomorrow on the proposed expansion program for Kyle Field after receiving a report on the project Friday night.

Board members, University administrators and athletic officials heard an explanation of revised plans from Robert Klotz, member of the Houston consulting engineers firm which made the initial study.

The Board also received a preliminary study on a fund-raising drive designed to raise more than \$700,000 towards financing the expansion.

Klotz noted that existing plans recommend increasing seating capacity to about 54,000 with the addition of upper decks on both sides.

Present seating capacity is 39,000, with seats on the track adding another 3,000.

Klotz suggested the possibility of including about 1,100 promenade seats in the project on the west side stands. The seats would have backs and would probably be covered by the upper deck.

They would extend from between 12-yard lines and would sell at a higher price than other seats.

Other improvements called for in the proposal include addition of an official's dressing room and first aid station, a smaller dressing room for visiting teams, more restrooms and concession facilities and various renovations in Athletic Department rooms under the stadium.

A metal cover for the camera deck atop the pressbox is also included.

Field lighting would be expanded from the present level of 29 foot-candles to either 75 or 100 foot-candles.

Cost of the project would be from \$1,035,000 to \$1,070,000, depending on the level of lighting adopted.

The question of constructing an entirely new stadium was raised in the meeting but was not given serious consideration.

# Hogs Ruin Aggie Title Hopes; SMU Takes Raiders, Crown

## Ponies Triumph, 99-89

By The Associated Press DALLAS — Defending champion Southern Methodist, helped by Arkansas' upset victory over Texas A&M, won the Southwest Conference basketball championship Thursday night by beating Texas Tech 99-89.

The Methodists were trailing the Red Raiders 60-57 when it was announced that Arkansas had beaten A&M 94-71. Within the next 50 seconds, SMU scored seven straight points to go in front 64-60.

The victory was SMU's 10th straight and gave it an 11-3 conference title record and a season mark of 16-8.

Third place Tech's conference record was 8-6 and wound up its season with 13-11.

Tech, on the shooting of Bobby Measells and Norman Reuther, several times got within two points of tying SMU in the second half but each time the shooting of Charles Beasley widened the Methodist margin.

The Mustangs twice had 10-point leads late in the second half after Tech had shot in front 51-46 for its biggest margin at the outset of the final period.

Bob Begert of SMU, normally a 12-point-per-game scorer, tossed in 20 before fouling out with three minutes left in the game.

The triumph sends SMU to the NCAA Midwest regional tournament for the second straight year. The tournament will be at Lubbock next Friday and Saturday.

## Ag Eco, Sociology Wives Meet Monday

The Agricultural Economics and Sociology Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the foyer of the Agricultural Economics Building for a regular business meeting.



HOGS' TOMMY ROWLAND GETS TWO ... as Aggie Eddie Dominguez fails to block shot.

## Title Decided In Hills As Metcalf Predicted

By GERALD GARCIA Battalion Sports Editor FAYETTEVILLE, Arkansas—Texas Aggie Coach Shelby Metcalf didn't know how right he would be when he predicted at the beginning of the basketball season that the Southwest Conference championship would be decided in the Hills of Arkansas.

Metcalf and his scrappy cagers came here tied for the conference lead with the Southern Methodist Mustangs, but when they departed Thursday night the season was OVER.

The Arkansas Razorbacks turned spoiler, just like Metcalf had predicted, and halted the Aggies' drive for a second conference championship in three years, 94-71.

Meanwhile, the Mustangs rallied to down the Texas Tech Red Raiders, 99-89, in Dallas to win the conference title and a right to participate in the NCAA's Midwest Regional Tournament in Lubbock March 11 and 12. The Ponies ended conference play with 10 straight wins and an overall mark of 11-3, while the Aggies were 10-4.

A&M did have one consolation though. John Beasley, the 6-9 forward from Linden - Kildare who was the Aggies' only offensive weapon Thursday night, established three SWC marks.

The Beas, who is A&M's all-time scoring champion, broke Dick O'Neal's SWC per game scoring average of 30.2 set in 1955. Big John needed 38 points to tie the mark, but his 44 points — which is a career high — pushed his average to 30.6.

Beasley also broke two records he established last season. His 429 points in SWC play shattered the old mark of 395, and his 164 field goals erased the old record of 156.

Big John, who hopes to play professional basketball, hit on 17

of 36 field goal attempts — 10 of 18 in the second half — and 10 out of 10 free shots for his 44 points. Beasley's previous game high was 43 against the Baylor Bears. He was given a standing ovation by the 5,000 fans who crowded the Barnhill Field House when he fouled out with 41 seconds to play.

The Aggies led the Razorbacks only three times and that was early in the game as both teams started off cold. A free shot by Dick Stringfellow gave the Aggies a temporary 1-0 lead in the first minute of play. Then a jump shot by Eddie Dominguez three minutes deep in the game pushed A&M to a 4-2 lead.

The last time A&M was ahead was at 16:58 of the first half at

6-4, but the Aggies did tie the score five times in the first half at 7-7, 9-9, 11-11, 15-15, and 19-19.

Arkansas' starting five seniors, playing their last game in a Razorback uniform, gave the Aggies a great opportunity in the early going to break the game wide open but the Cadets could not cash in. The Razorbacks missed their first six field goal attempts, but the Aggies were as cold as they were.

The Razorbacks grabbed the lead at 21-19 with 8:36 left in the half on a jumper from the left wing by Tommy Rowland and were never headed.

Arkansas padded their lead to 43-33 at halftime as Rowland connected for the last 10 Razorback points in a two-minute and 40-second scoring spree.

The 6-4 junior from Little Rock rang up 17 points in the first half as he hit on seven out of nine field goal tries and three out of four charity shots.

The Razorbacks hit at a 50 per cent clip in the first half on 17 of 34 even though they missed their first six shots from the floor.

But as the Razorbacks got hot, the Aggies were still cold hitting at 32.3 clip on 10 of 31.

Beasley's hot hand kept the Aggies within striking range for 10 minutes in the second half, but the Razorbacks made nine straight points to take a 79-59 lead with 3:29 left and the Aggies were knocked out.

A&M crept within seven points of the Hogs after three minutes were gone in the second half on baskets by Beasley and Stringfellow, but a three-point play by John Talkington, who made 29 points with 19 coming in the second period, pushed Arkansas to a 10-point lead. Arkansas' biggest lead was registered with 54 seconds to play at 90-65.

## Louisiana Hayride Tickets Go On Sale At 6 Locations

Tickets are on sale at four campus locations and in College Station and Bryan for the second annual Louisiana Hayride scheduled March 19 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Ducats may be purchased at the Exchange Store, the Memorial Student Center Finance Office, Student Publications Office and from the Department of Journalism in the basement of Nagle Hall.

They are also on sale at Jarrott's in Townshire and in downtown Bryan.

Advance tickets cost \$2.25 in the reserved section, \$1.75 for

general admission and \$1.25 for students. They sell for 25 cents more at the door.

Sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi, the Hayride features country and western stars Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs and Little Jimmy Dickens.

In addition, singing stars Archie Campbell, Wilma Burgess, Debbie Day and Nat Stuckey will perform. The Foggy Mountain Boys will accompany Flatt and Scruggs.

Frank Page of radio station KWKH in Shreveport will emcee the three-hour program.



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# Dances, Talent, Review Highlight Military Weekend

Talent, artistry, beauty and practice will combine efforts beginning at 9 p.m. tonight as the annual Combat Ball kicks off an activity-filled Spring Military Weekend.

Other events highlighting the weekend will be the Military Review, Intercollegiate Talent Show and the Military Ball.

The 1966 Combat Cutie will be selected and announced tonight at the Combat Ball in Sblisa Hall.

Finalists include Linda Lee Moltz, Vickie Nesom, Donna LeBlanc, Whitney Vickers, Janna DuRard, Sandra Sherman and Jacqueline Lee Smith.

Uniform will be class C fatigues, with battle scarves optional, and no flight suits.

Tomorrow's activities begin at 2 p.m. when the Corps of Cadets form on the main drill field for a review that will honor two visiting generals and numerous civilian guests.

Distinguished visitors include Lt. Gen. Harvey H. Fischer, deputy commanding general of the Continental Army Command, and Maj. Gen. Nils O. Ohman, vice commander of the Air Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Other guests are Mr. and Mrs. Royce Wisenbaker, president of the Association of Former Students; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thompson, representing the A&M Board of Directors; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Young, Mardi Gras sponsors of

the Ross Volunteers; Mrs. Pat Leslie, president of the Federation of A&M Mothers Clubs, and Lt. and Mrs. Ralph B. Filburn II, parents of the Corps commander.

Fischer, a 1932 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy, is former commanding general of Fort Hood. He served in Killeen from January, 1964 until February, 1965, when he was assigned to Virginia.

The lieutenant general is a native of California. In World War II, he served on the Joint War Plans Committee in Washington, D. C., and saw action in Italy during the Rome-Arno Campaign and in the China Theatre. During the Korean Conflict,

Fischer commanded the 5th Regimental Combat Team and later the 45th Infantry Division.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with cluster, Bronze Star with cluster, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge and medals of valor from China, Korea, Italy, Brazil and Great Britain.

Ohman, also a West Pointer, received his commission in 1937. He earned his wings at Kelly Field in San Antonio in 1938 and was commander of the 19th Air Division at Carswell AFB in Fort Worth from 1956 to 1961.

He is a native of Sweden. A starting guard on West Point's

1936 football team, he was named to all-time Army football squad.

A veteran of 6,000 flying hours, Ohman flew 34 B-17 missions in Italy during World War II as commander of the 97th Bombardment Group. He had 46 Korean War combat missions in the B-26 and B-29 as commander of the 3rd Bombardment Wing.

His decorations include the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross with two clusters, Legion of Merit with two clusters, Air Medal with seven clusters, and the French Croix de Guerre.

At 6:30 p.m. Saturday the 15th annual Intercollegiate Talent Show will spotlight 12 acts, including the Tyler Junior College Apache Belles and an appearance

by Aggie Sweetheart Cheri Holland.

Master of Ceremonies Bob Jay of Radio Station KILT in Houston will host the entertainment.

Acts will include Jim Baldauf, A&M magician; Texas Tech instrumentalists May McVorkle, Mack Lawhon and John May; jazz dancers Lucy Linderborn, and Cissy King; rhythm and blues singers Ben Chavez and Ron Cardwell and pianist Beth Ertz, all from New Mexico University.

Baylor singers Terry Phelps and Louis Perry; Texas University's vocalist Larry G. Smith, and singing duet Marie and Molly O'Shaughnessy will also appear.

Gambling College will provide

dramatist Eddie Jones, and from McMurry College will come the Three Windjammers, Jerrel Elliot, Clark Walter and Jack Wilcox.

Rounding out the show will be the Just V folksingers, Bob Graham, Bill Spann, Bill Graves, and Jerie Ford, of Louisiana State University; and Arlington State College's pop singer Sally Soldo.

The final event of the weekend will be tomorrow night's formal Military Ball for the Cadet Corps and their guests at 9 p.m. in Sblisa Hall.

The dress will be class A winter uniform with white shirt and bow tie.