

Massive Facelifting Proposed For Venerable Kyle Field

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A new Kyle Field is fast becoming a reality with the machinery of a multimillion dollar expansion program standing poised for its grand entrance.

Backed by the Board of Directors of the Texas A&M System, the Former Students Association and the A&M Athletic Department, the project will eventually expand the ancient structure to accommodate 65,000 fans, a far cry from the present 39,000 capacity.

First discussed in whispers back in December, the plans took on an official air March 5, after the Board accepted the preliminary report of Houston consulting engineer Robert Klotz and named Board member L. F. Peterson of Fort Worth to head the project.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE of the Board is in charge of the construction in two phases. Phase one will raise the seating capacity from 39,000 to 54,000 with the addition of cantilevered high-rise sections above the regular seats. This type of construction uses large beams rising from the back of the section, instead of view-obstructing posts.

Also in the plan is the addition of unlimited parking facilities across the railroad tracks from the stadium and new access roads which will make travel across the maze of one-way campus streets unneeded.

Planned increases in the lighting system will triple the existing 29-candle power setup, and improvements to the dressing rooms are also included in this phase.

But the greatest improvement in the mind of present Aggies is the increase of good seats between the 20-yard lines from 17,000 to 33,000, making it possible to get the students out of the end zone.

A Board report on the subject stated that "As loyal 'Twelfth Men' they deserve a better seat. More seats are needed NOW."

THIS IS THE immediate program which should be completed by the Fall of 1967. Cost estimates range from \$1,050,000 to \$1,500,000.

"Bids will be accepted in September," said A&M System Comptroller W. C. Freeman, and construction will begin after the final home game of the 1966 season.

Phase two is a long-range, no time limit plan to raise seating to 65,000 by enclosing the south end of the field to make a bowl. The track around the field will also be moved and the field lowered. No cost estimates have been presented, however, and construction will probably not begin for seven or eight years.

So phase one is the big news, and the most pressing question is financing. This question has a twofold answer.

THE BOARD IS preparing to issue bonds up to \$750,000.

Formerly called Student Building Use Revenue Bonds, they are the same type which financed the dining halls and dormitories on campus. This will add a small amount, to be determined after the bids are accepted in September, to the existing Building Use Fee. But the bonds will be repaid over many years and the nominal cost per student will be returned in the more choice seating.

While the bonds are an essential part of the program, the more dramatic feature is a \$750,000 fund-raising drive by the Former Students.

"We've never done anything like this before," noted Robert L. Hunt, Jr., executive secretary of the expansion program. "We raised one to two hundred thousand for the MSC but nothing as huge as this."

APPEALING TO EXES, friends of the university, faculty members and corporations, Peterson and his men will offer tax-deductible donation seat options for \$150-\$250. These options guarantee the owner a seat in a particular area for 10 years, although he still must buy tickets for that area and his seat in that area may be different at each game. This gives each person in an area an opportunity to sit in the choicest seats at different games, instead of one person getting 50-yard seats for every game and another sitting on the twenty all season.

The options area sectioned into four areas. Option one consists of the front five rows of the high-rise on the west (pressbox) side. These are the best seats in the house and will go for \$250. They are the big objective of the drive.

"We must sell most of these to get a good monetary return on the drive," Hunt said.

Option two seats are located in the front five rows under the high-rise on the west side. These are lower than the option one seats but are shaded from the weather and will also go for \$250.

THE THIRD OPTION is located in two places — on the west side high-rise behind the option one section and in front of the same high-rise in old Kyle Field. A \$150 offering secures this option. Option four encompasses five rows on the east side high-rise and requires a \$200 donation.

A 25-man steering committee of former students will act as advance agents for the drive. One thousand other exes will be appointed to carry through the drive, which begins June 1. Plans are to terminate the drive on July 31 unless the option sales are light.

"Success depends on the sale of the seat options, explained Hunt. "If enough aren't sold during that time, the money will be held in escrow until the rest can be raised."

BUT EVEN THE most loyal Aggie would find reason to scratch his head at this point. Why spend millions of dollars expanding the Aggie playground when attendance last year averaged just 25,000 per game.

Normand DuBeau of University Information is the man with the answers, because he prepared the brochure that will be dis-

tributed to prospective donors. According to DuBeau:

—The projected enrollment for the fall of '66 is 11,000, and the estimated future rate of growth is 15 per cent annually.

—Seventy-five per cent of the degrees from A&M have been earned since 1945. Only 25 per cent of the sheepskins were awarded from 1876 to 1945. Consequently there are 32,000 living exes.

—The annual population growth in Texas is greater than the national rate (9.1 per cent for Texas, 4.6 per cent for the nation).

—URBAN GROWTH experts claim that with the improved freeway systems today, the College Station-Bryan area will soon become a satellite of Houston. This area will grow briskly because people will commute to jobs in Houston.

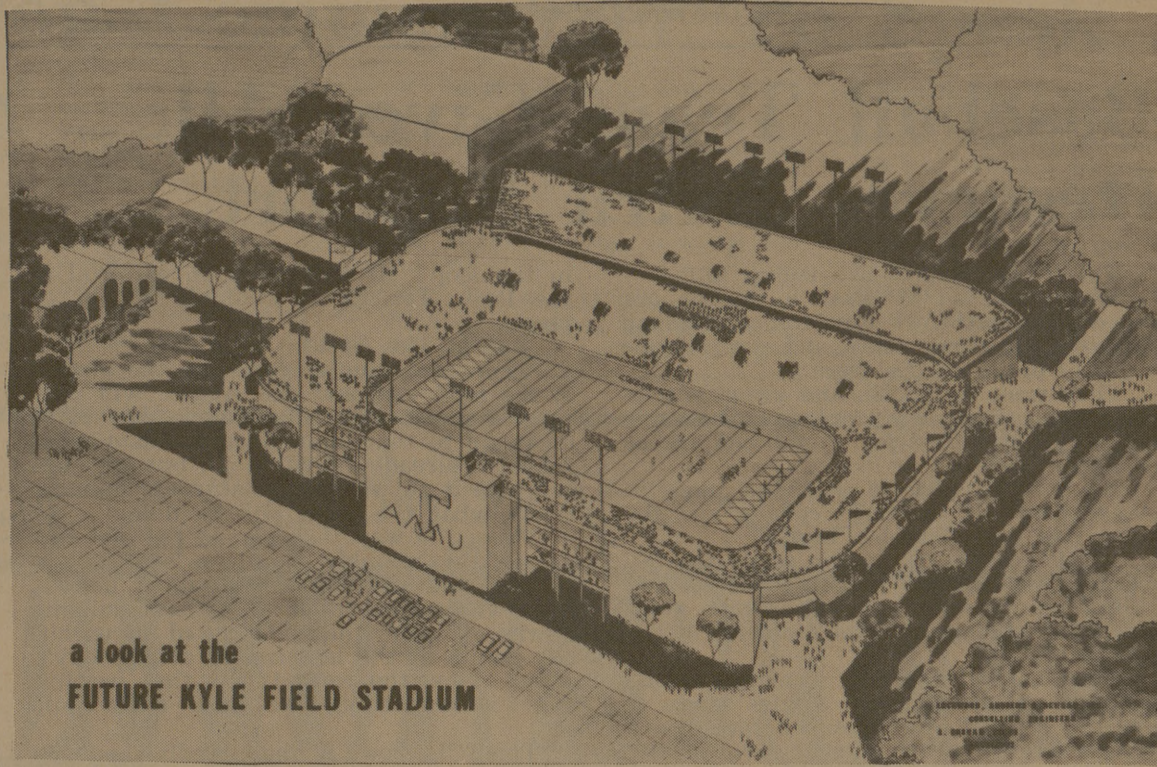
—Because of the other reasons, attendance will double in 10 years and A&M can afford to play more games at home (the 1966 team has only three home games). Statistics have proven that the home team gains a seven-point advantage. Therefore A&M should win more games and draw even larger crowds.

—Larger and improved facilities drawing in the fans means money in the athletic department bank account. And since football revenues support the athletic program, a more well-rounded program is in the offering.

WHILE THE NEW Kyle Field will never surpass the Astrodome in grandeur, it will eclipse the Houston wonder capacity wise, 65,000 to 53,000.

In the Southwest Conference, the Aggie arena will exceed the home fields of Baylor, Texas Christian, Texas Tech and Arkansas. It will reach the capacity of Texas' Memorial Stadium and will be surmounted only by Rice Stadium (73,000) and the Cotton Bowl (75,000), Southern Methodist's home field.

"Equaled by some, but second to none" is the campaign slogan, and the New Kyle Field Committee fully intends to realize their Aggie dream.



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Singing Cadet Concert Slated Friday

The Singing Cadets will present a two-hour free public spring concert at 8 p.m. Friday in Guion Hall.

Robert L. (Bob) Boone, director of the 55-voice glee club, said the concert will feature songs of inspiration, spirituals and hits from Broadway shows.

Mrs. June Biering of Harvey is pianist-accompanist.

Seating will be on a first come, first seated basis.

The opening portion of the concert will feature "Spirit of Aggie-land," "Heavenly Light," "Oh, Be Joyful," "Alleluia," "Bourree for Bach," "Prayer From Hanzel and Gretel," "She Walks in Beauty," "Where in the World," "Paul Revere," "Give Me Your Tired" and "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child."

Boone will sing a medley: "Nobody Knows," "Were You There" and "Glory Road."

After intermission the Cadets will sing "Drink, Drink, Drink" from "Student Prince"; "Girl From Ipanema" from "Get Yourself a College Girl"; "Pass Me By" from "Father Goose"; "Rainbow" from "Wizard of Oz," and the title song from "Exodus."

Soloists include: Jim Cain of Brownsville, "More" from "Mondo Cane,"

Mark Luther of College Station, "Ballad of the Alamo."

Corky Stone of McAllen, "Somewhere" from "West Side Story."

Al Meyer of Bryan, title song from "High Noon."

Jerry DeHay of Brownwood, title song from "Shenandoah."

Gordon Hill of Bryan and Jerry Holbert will team for "Draft Dodger Blues" as will Jim Hatton of Woodville and Holbert for "Amen" from "Lilies of the Field."

"Whale of a Tale" from "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" will spotlight Alan Barnes of Abilene, Tommy Taylor of College Station and John Westmoreland of Houston.

Aggie Shot Down Over Viet Nam

First Lt. James E. Ray of Conroe, a 1963 Texas A&M English graduate, is reported missing in action in Viet Nam.

Frank Ray, brother of James, a senior pre-medical student, was advised this week that James' Air Force F-105 jet was shot down in a mission over North Viet Nam last Friday.

Other pilots on the mission reported Ray ejected from his crippled craft and his parachute opened fully. Further details are unavailable. He had been in Viet Nam five weeks.

The downed pilot's parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ray Sr., of Conroe.

Ray was president of the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate in 1962-63 and received that organization's Distinguished Service Award. He visited Uganda in the summer of 1963 in conjunction with the Operation Crossroads Africa program.



CADET CROONERS SCHEDULE SPRING CONCERT
... free public performance set for Guion Hall Friday.

Awards Program Honors Architects

Edward Scott Werth, a fifth year student from Dallas, won the most coveted prize at the School of Architecture's Awards Convocation Wednesday.

Werth captured the American Institute of Architects' Medal in recognition of scholastic achievement, character and promise of professional ability.

Randolph L. Waligura of Garwood, also a fifth year student, was runnerup.

Houston Associated General Contractors of America Scholarships went to Don Sam Parr of Amarillo, \$400, and Thomas Carl Stone of Donna and Caesar Alvarado of Houston, \$300 each.

Fifth Year Progress Award was won by James Needham Groom Jr. of Borger.

Fourth Year Featherlite award winners and cash prizes include: first, Robert J. Billington of Bellevue, Neb., \$175; second, Robert B. Hunter of Floresville, \$125 and Andrew C. Cronk of Bryan, \$100.

Franklin H. Roberts Jr. of Dallas won the \$500 Koppers Company Award. The School of Architecture also received \$500 from Koppers.

Fourth Year Progress Award winner was Earl G. Landreth of Brownsville.

Arnold Irving Wall of Bryan won the \$150 Nuener Scholarship as an outstanding third year student.

Edward David Chauviere of Waco received the Kenneth D. Williams Memorial Award as an outstanding junior in scholastic achievement, character and promise of professional ability. Chauviere has a straight "A" average.

Robert J. Billington of Omaha, Neb., was chosen to represent A&M in a foreign student exchange program sponsored by the

Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture.

Thomas Clifton Gruber of San Antonio was named the most outstanding sophomore. Roger D. Manny of Fort Worth and John E. Short of Lufkin were cited as outstanding freshmen.

Terrence Roy Gene of Richardson in architecture and John Earl Cutler of Houston in landscape architecture won J. Rodney Tabor Awards of \$200 each for outstanding performance.

Donald H. Holick Jr. of Houston and Jerry Arthur Howard of Clifton won Davidson Fellowships in construction work through photography. Holick received \$150, Howard \$100.

Howard also won the Langford award for work in design and construction.

Morris F. Hamilton Jr. of Bryan was presented the AGC award for most consistent progress in architectural construction.

A Langford Award also went to Howard Boyd Lathrop of Fort Worth.

Richard Vanderburg of Dallas received a Davidson Fellowship of \$250.

James Milton Carpenter of San Antonio won the Alpha Rho Chi Medal as a graduating student with high ability in leadership and promise of professional merit. Alpha Rho Chi is a national social-professional fraternity of architecture.

Speaker for the ceremonies was Dr. M. T. Harrington, coordinator of A&M's international programs. Edward Romieniec, chairman of A&M's School of Architecture, and Associate Professor David Woodcock also spoke briefly.

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The Aggie Choke

Texas A&M, currently caught up in the rigors of its annual Spring choke, appears to have come through again in that familiar, heart-warming Aggie fashion.

Quite frankly, some of us were a bit worried there for awhile. After all, the Aggie baseballers had to blow the league lead and a second place national ranking to get where they are today — third in the SWC standings.

Nevertheless, A&M surmounted all obstacles and really showed up experts like Bibb Falk. Imagine the UT baseball coach's chagrin. He, along with countless others, had predicted a championship for the Aggies, saying, "They'll win it (the SWC title). They're loaded."

Everybody knows that the Ags aren't ones to take that sort of talk lying down. So they promptly went out and managed to lose games to the like of SMU, an outfit which perennially has only two chances of winning whenever they run onto the baseball diamond; slim and none.

So, eat your words, Bibb, Baby. Nobody makes cracks like that about A&M. Not as long as there is a mathematical chance for the Farmers to blow up, which is exactly what they appear bent on doing.

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Damage Unknown In Water Incident

There are no damage estimates as yet on the water attack early Saturday morning which left Dormitory 20 under four inches of water, Bennie Zinn, director of student affairs, said Wednesday.

Zinn said it has not been determined who turned off the electricity and water, uncapped the plumbing and then flooded the dormitory at 4:30 a.m. Saturday.

"We won't know the exact estimate for damages for quite awhile, since damages on the tile will take several weeks to determine," he added.

"Building and Utilities will send all bills and estimates on damages to Dean Hannigan, but there has been no decision as to who might have to pay for repairs."

Zinn termed the incident as "kid stuff which is very destructive."

He said many of the students weren't in the dormitory when it was flooded and that there was damage to walls, pipes, closets, clothes, shoes, books and electronic equipment.

"Whoever it was that went down into the tunnels knew what they were doing. There are a thousand valves down there and you have to know which ones to

turn to cut off the water and electricity," he said.

The school is covered by insurance for vandalism and insurance investigators are presently on campus to determine the damage.

Zinn said he told the students in the dormitory to write home to find out if they were also covered by insurance for destruction to their personal effects.

Building and Utilities brought pumps to take out the water as soon as possible, but there was water on the floors until 11 a.m.

The biggest damage will be to the tile on the floors which will buckle when it dries. Zinn said costs could range from a few hundred dollars into the thousands, depending on the amount of floor damage.

Zinn said the housing department doesn't like to charge a flat fee to each student because he realizes there are many students who never participate in such incidents.

Col. D. L. Baker, Zinn and Dean of Students James P. Hannigan will meet later in the week to discuss ways to curb further water fights, to determine the costs for damages and decide on who will make payments.

Former Students To Honor Graduating Seniors Tuesday

Graduating seniors will attend their first function as former students of Texas A&M Tuesday.

The Association of Former Students hosts the Class of 1966 at a banquet in Duncan Dining Hall at 6:30 p.m., announced Richard (Buck) Weirus, association executive secretary.

C. C. Krueger, past association president and former Board of Directors member, will sketch the group's history in the principal address. Krueger, president of the San Antonio Machine and Supply Company, is a 1912 graduate in civil engineering. Donor of Krueger family paint-

ings to Cushing Library, the banquet speaker also served as San Antonio A&M Club president and director of the Texas A&M Research Foundation.

Welcoming graduates at the stag function will be Royce Wisenbaker, association president and engineer from Tyler.

Seniors may pick up complimentary banquet tickets at Association offices in the Memorial Student Center west wing. Weirus requested tickets be claimed by May 16 for an accurate count for the steak dinner. An Association questionnaire is also to be filled out by graduates, he noted.