

Aggie Student Trainers, Managers

'They're Expected To Do All Types Of Jobs'

A couple of years ago a college in the southern United States was looking for a new mascot.

After struggling with the problem for quite some time, college officials decided on a tiger.

Now the problem was where to get a tiger. It was finally decided to get a wild one from Africa and train it at school.

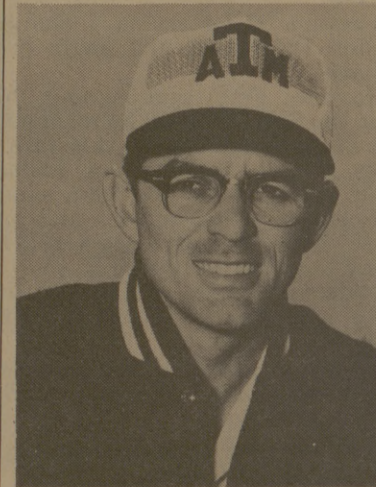
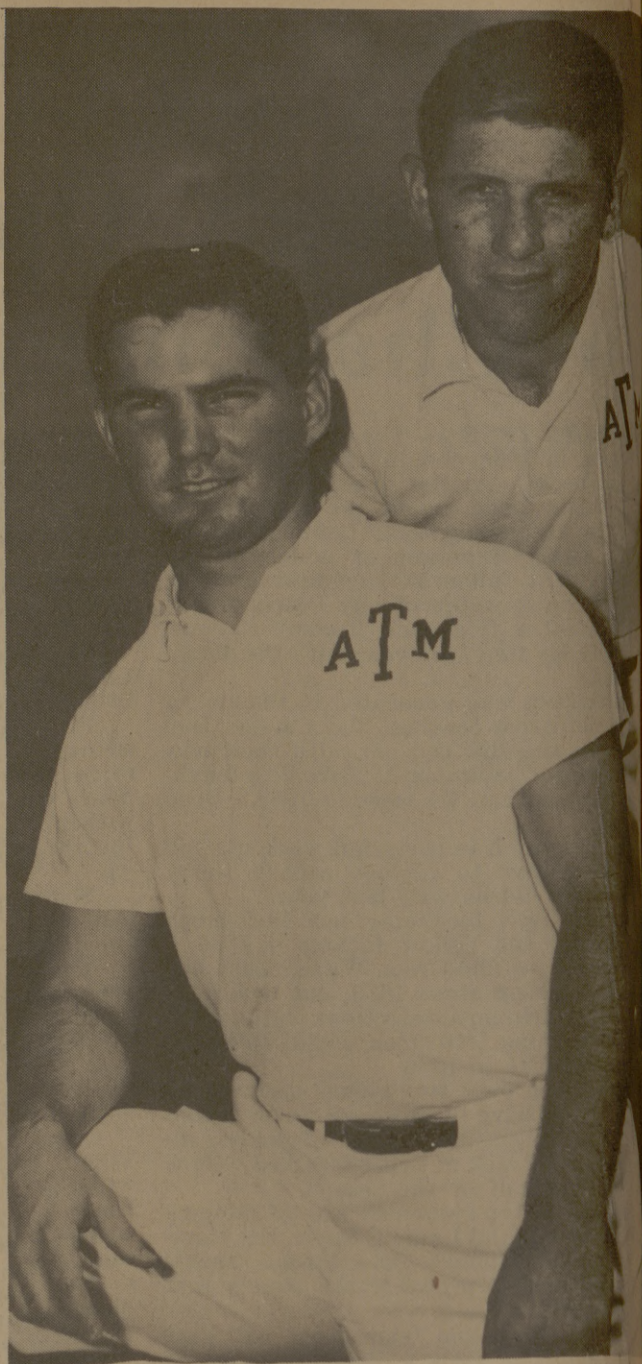
Right before the teams were supposed to come out onto the field before the first game of the year, the tiger broke out of its cage and the capacity crowd which was on hand for the game panicked.

A student manager ran into the coach's office and told him about the incident. "Well, just round up all the student trainers and manager and go and capture it because we have to be on the field to loosen up in a few minutes," the coach said.

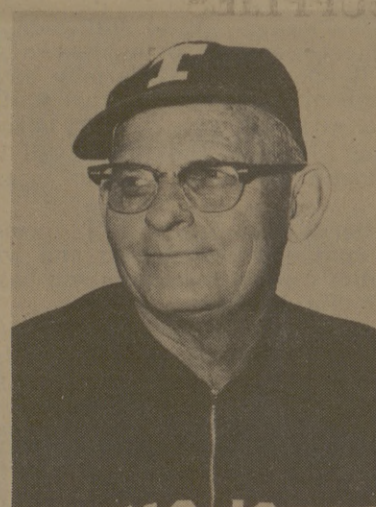
That's how S. M. (Monk) Meeks explained the job of the Texas Aggie student trainers and managers. "They are expected to do everything," Meeks said. Meeks is the chief ramrod of the manager and Billy Pickard handles the trainers.

"During two-a-day drills as we have had this fall, we put in about 10-12 hours of work a day," said J. P. Ellis, the senior member of the manager corps. Ellis, Bob Coward, Bob Trott and Dennis Tewell are the only ones who get any aid for schooling. Ellis gets a full scholarship and the others get half a scholarship.

Besides the four who get the scholarships, other student trainers and managers are Berry Watson, Larry Jordan, Rick Rickman, Dale Stout, Tito Guerrero, E. J. Nunez and Lester Cox.



BILLY PICKARD ... head trainer.



S. M. MEEKS ... equipment manager.



TRAINERS, MANAGERS

"Check that scratch on that boy," a coach orders. "Bring football over here," a player shouts. These are just some of the things that are required of the Texas Aggie trainers and managers. The trainers, left to right top picture, are Robert Trott and Dennis Tewell. The managers, bottom picture, are J. P. Ellis, kneeling, and Berry Watson, Bob Coward and Larry Jordan, standing left to right.

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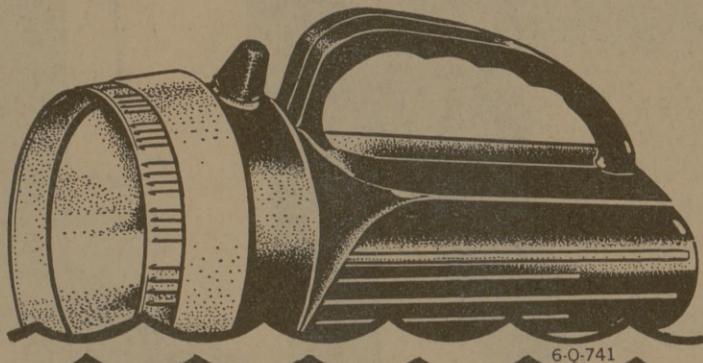


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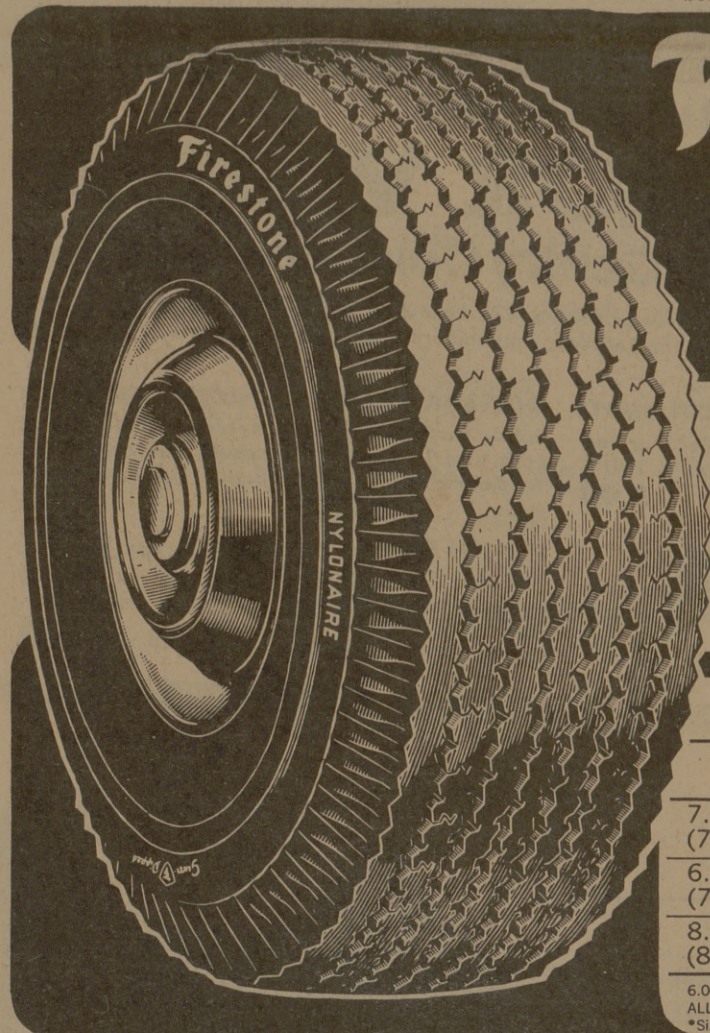
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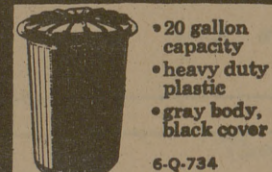
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