

The Coaches' Wives

Happy At A&M

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"The Aggie Bonfire really shows the great spirit of A&M," Mrs. Gail Hurlbut, wife of quarterback coach Jack Hurlbut, says.

"I can't imagine bonfire without 'Pinkie' Downs," she added.

Mrs. Hurlbut enjoys eating Thanksgiving dinner with the team on Tuesday before the 'Turkey Day' game because it gives her a chance to know the players better.

Like most coaches' wives, she loves and enjoys football. "I'm happy because Jack is doing what he likes to do best," she said.

Both she and Coach Hurlbut are from Houston. He played football for Rice one year before going to the University of Alabama. "I always wanted him to play and win," Mrs. Hurlbut recalled. "But now football means more to me because Jack is a coach."

She enjoyed her stay in Alabama but was happy to come to A&M because it is nearer her home.

She has found A&M a friendly school. "Courteous students are the rule here rather than the exception," she noted.

She admires the whole football team but is especially interested in quarterback Edd Hargett because her husband is quarterback coach. "Edd is a great athlete," she said.

She also enjoys watching Curley Hallman because Coach

Hurlbut counseled him in Alabama.

"The boys and the coaches have really worked hard this year," she said. "They are boys who just won't give up and that is what it takes to win."

The Hurlbuts have a 4-year old son named Steve. He's a real Aggie fan and tries to do everything the Aggies do at football games.

He thinks the band is great. "We would be delighted if Steve goes to A&M," Mrs. Hurlbut said. "We're almost certain that he'll be in the band," she added. "But then there is no band to compare with the Aggie Band."

She attends all home games and some out of town games. Steve usually accompanies her to the out of town games.

One of her favorite pastimes is reading about the Civil War. Coach Hurlbut gave her five books on the Civil War for Christmas last year.

She and Coach Hurlbut are sponsors of a college sophomore training union class at the First Baptist Church of College Station. "We don't get to work with them as much as we would like during football season but we try to do more in the summer," she said.

She also enjoys all other sports. Swimming is her favorite.

Some 30,000 drivers participate in automobile racing in the United States.



MRS. JACK HURLBUT

West Pointers Not Sweet When Told No Bowl In '67

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor has ruled that the West Point football team will accept no post-season bowl bids, the Pentagon announced Thursday night.

"It was concluded that accepting an invitation to play in a post season bowl game would tend to emphasize football to an extent not consistent with the basic mission of the Academy, which is to produce career Army officers," the statement said.

The Pentagon said the Vietnamese war entered into the discussion by officials "but it was not a major consideration."

The Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, La., had indicated an interest in inviting the U. S. Military Academy football team to

play in the New Year's Day classics.

The Pentagon statement said: "Authorities at the U. S. Military Academy announced today that no bowl bids will be accepted this year for the Army football team."

"After having studied all implications of participation in a bowl game, it was determined that it would not be advisable for the Army team to participate."

An Army spokesman said the "final decision was made by the Secretary of the Army."

He denied that West Point had received a bowl bid but acknowledged that "we are aware of some interest in the Academy concerning a bowl appearance."

Rep. F. Edward Hebert, D-La., strongly criticized the action as "a hasty decision" by the Army. He said the action had delivered a body blow to the Academy's morale.

Hebert vowed that he would continue his effort to have the decision changed.

At West Point, 324 metal sugar bowls disappeared from the mess hall Thursday morning. Sugar was heaped in mounds on plates.

A sign lettered in red and blue said:

"No Sugar Bowl for the Army team, no sugar bowls for the Corps."

"Most of us want to see the team go to a bowl game," one Cadet said. "But some of the cadets are a little bit afraid that if we did attend a bowl game they'd somehow require the Corps to attend, and it would cut into Christmas leave time."

Aggies Meet Rice In A 'Must' Game

By GARY SHERER

The Aggies visit their second 'home town' tomorrow afternoon as the Maroon and White clash with the Rice Owls for the 52nd time in history.

FORTUNES for the two teams have been distinctly different. The Aggies started off with four straight losses and then reversed the trend with an identical number of wins. The Owls lost their first opener to LSU but then won three straight. Their season then took a turn and the Owls take a three-game losing string into the game.

The Owls have been eliminated from any hope of taking the 1967 Southwest Conference title. But first-year head man Bo Hagan's charges would love to knock off the front-running Aggies.

Aggie Coach Gene Stallings is well aware of this and has had two weeks to get his team ready for this the ninth game of the season. This will be the first time the Aggies have had a chance to put their record on the winning side since the season opener with Southern Methodist.

EVEN THOUGH the Owls are 3-4-0 on the season, they present some impressive offensive statistics. Their quarterback Robert Hailey leads the SWC in pass completions with a 87 for 161 mark. His credentials look even better when it is learned that Hailey is playing regularly only because the Owls top field generals has been injured this season.

That man is Robby Shelton, who presents a running threat when he is in the game. Shelton is expected to be ready for action tomorrow.

Where Rice has some big offense statistics, the Aggies have been able to top the Owls in the statistic that counts the most — scoring. The Maroon and White is the top scoring team in the conference.

The Aggies are not among the leaders in team statistics but they

have come up with that all-important big play that has brought them where they are now, at the top of the heap.

THOUGH THE Maroon and White's team statistics are lower than some, the team still has some individual performances that have helped.

The top two offensive performers have been quarterback Edd Hargett and tailback Larry Stegent. The twosome has accounted for 1,670 of the 2,207 yards the Aggie offense has garnered this season.

All these statistics no matter how big or small, must take a back seat tomorrow. For as any SWC fan knows, any conference team has as much chance of winning as the other, regardless of record.

This is a must game for the Aggies. At the start of the season, many experts said that the 'Turkey Day' game will decide the SWC title. The Aggies must beat Rice to make this prediction a reality.

Aggs Soccer Team In Texas Tourney

The Texas Aggie soccer team will foot their own bill and go to the Texas Soccer Invitational tournament at Austin this weekend.

The tournament will operate on a one loss-elimination procedure. The complete Aggie roster is making the trip as the possibility of 2-3 games-a-day presents a stamina problem.

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HE'D RATHER WRITE AND SWITCH

NEW YORK (AP) — Playwright Robert Anderson switches the ribald comedy to poignant drama in his next Broadway project, 'Never Sang for My Father.'

Anderson, author of the smash hit 'You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running,' describes the new work as a study of deep family conflict, set in contemporary suburbia.

Among participants under Schneider's direction in the scheduled January arrival are Alan Webb, Hal Holbrook and Teresa Wright, who is Mrs. Anderson in private life.



Terry Turner (above) of San Jose, Calif., working in a castle.

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