

Basketball Team Deserves Support

Texas A&M has one of the best basketball teams in the Southwest Conference and what they lack in raw ability they more than make up with hustle and determination.

Amiable Coach Shelby Metcalf, who directed a 1964 SWC champion Aggie team, continues to provide able leadership.

The desire to win has been whole-hearted against rough competition, but the support by A&M students at home games is at best half-hearted.

The games are free to Aggie students. The games are short and exciting, generally less than two hours. But G. Rollie White Coliseum continues to be less than half full.

As Coach Metcalf said, he has to follow a tough act — a conference-winning football team.

Maybe the lack of yell practices, and midnight marches to Kyle Field provide less opportunity for a display of support during the basketball season.

Apparently Aggie interest in sports, and support for their representative teams ends, excepting January 1, with the Turkey Day game.

Because most of the games at home are on a week night, maybe Aggies need someone holding their hand — a date, before they have the spirit to fill the stands.

Basketball is one of the fastest moving games in all of sports. And with top competition and players like Peret, Heitman, Underwood, Barnett, and Bostic, the Aggie games have always provided last-minute excitement.

Civilians are the free-thinking, free-willed and unregimented segment of the student body. There is no one to decide what to do for them, and in recent days they have even decided to abandon regulations they made for themselves.

The Corps has always made football games compulsory, and Aggies, both Corps and civilians have never failed to cram the stands for gridiron action.

The Corps alone could more than half fill G. Rollie White. The verbal support of the entire Corps plus even one quarter of the civilian students should provide a morale incentive for the basketball team.

The remaining conference games will be crucial to the team and we support an unwritten order for compulsory Corps attendance.

Two hours a week never put Johnny out on Highway 6, and maybe pride and support for our team might carry over into personal pride for one's self and in being a student here.

Johnson Asks New Rights Bill; Chances Not Considered Good

By STEPHEN M. AUG
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson asked Congress Wednesday for virtually the same civil rights program he sought last year. But high administration officials are not optimistic that all of it will be enacted.

The President called for:

1. Stronger federal criminal laws to protect citizens from violence while exercising such rights as voting and attending desegregated schools;
2. Greater authority for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission;
3. Nondiscriminatory jury selection at both federal and state levels;
4. Open housing.

IN HIS message, Johnson urged Congress not to use recent big city riots and the views of extremists as an excuse for refusing to enact the civil rights legislation.

"Lawlessness must be punished — sternly and promptly," he said. "But the criminal conduct of some must not weaken our resolve to deal with the real grievances of all those who suffer discrimination. Nothing can justify the continued denial of equal justice and opportunity to every American."

ADMINISTRATION spokesmen explained that no basically new legislation was proposed because it is felt the time is nearing when—at least legally—all federal rights will have been guaranteed. The emphasis now is shifting toward gaining the opportunity to use the rights that have been obtained, they said.

Johnson's message reflects this shift.

For example, in seeking for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission the power to order employers and unions to stop discriminating, Johnson said that the administration also is seeking \$2.1 billion for a manpower training program.

THOSE CLOSE to the President who are knowledgeable about civil rights remain optimistic about the greater part of the President's program.

One high-ranking source forecast passage at this session of Congress of these key parts of the civil rights program:

—A federal law that would prohibit the use of force to prevent the exercise by minorities of such rights as voting, registering to vote, attending previously segregated public school obtaining a job or service at public accommodations. The Senate currently is considering this measure which has been approved by the House.

—WIDER POWER for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to permit it to order employers and labor unions to stop discriminatory practices. If the company or union refused, the Commission could seek enforcement in the courts. Neither the House nor the Senate has acted on this proposal.

—Legislation to make certain that federal juries are selected on a random basis such as voter lists and other objective standards. This already has received Senate approval.

Speaker Barnes To Be Honored At Coffee Friday

House Speaker Ben Barnes will be guest of honor at a 4:30 p.m. Friday coffee at the Holiday Inn, announced Ridley Briggs.

Briggs, one of several local residents sponsoring the one-hour reception, said the general public is invited.

Barnes will be the featured speaker Friday night at the Bryan-College Station Jaycee's Annual Bosses Night and Outstanding Young Man of Brazos County banquet at the Ramada Inn.

The young legislator from DeLeon has served four two-year terms as head of the Texas House of Representatives and recently announced his candidacy for lieutenant governor.

Editor, The Battalion:

We want to express our sincere appreciation for all the acts of kindness, flowers and correspondence tendered Michael D. Mann, '67, by his fellow Aggies (including the M.E. faculty and Co. C-2) after his serious injury in the auto accident of December 16th. He is unable to do much writing since he is restricted from sitting up, and will be in the hospital for some time. We want to give special thanks to those of you who donated blood.

Since we have very few individual addresses we are using this means to contact you. Incidentally, Mike can have visitors and would be happy to see you anytime you come to San Antonio (Baptist Memorial Hospital). Also, for the first time ever, he says he wishes he were there taking finals with you instead of being where he is.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. "Mike" Mann '42
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Editor, The Battalion:

It is indeed sad when you cannot depend on signs anymore. This is in reference to the sign by the MSC Library. It is even worse when you cannot depend on your fellow Aggies.

Recently I left my book in the rack by the MSC Library just as the sign indicated. When I came out, I could not find any trace of my book anywhere. I thought that I could trust my fellow Aggies but it seems that I was wrong.

I sincerely hope that it was only taken by mistake and that it will be returned to me or left at the lost and found office, or where it was taken from. With finals coming up, this book (social psychology) is needed badly.

However, I do not feel that this is the case at all. When an Aggie cannot trust his fellow classmates, then who can he trust? It was my understanding that people with average intelligence would have more sense than to go around stealing things. This should be especially true with Aggies and their so-called "tradition." Maybe the sign should have read as follows: "Leave articles on the rack at your own risk."

Edward Mares '69
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Editor, The Battalion:

A group of girls here at TWU have written an essay entitled "What Is A Tessie?" which correlates with A&M's "What Is An Aggie?"

Because TWU is the sister school of Texas A&M, and because most of the Tessies strongly support your school in all of its activities and vice versa, we thought that perhaps the essay on the typical Tessie would be of interest to you.

WHAT IS A TESSIE?
Tessie is a rather dumb, naive, innocent, and gullible Aggie's girl. She's not beautiful or ugly, particularly fat or skinny—just sort of average.

A Tessie likes Aggies, football games, basketball games, Town Hall, Aggies, midnight yell practices, the Corps, senior boots, Aggies, the Aggie Band, Reveille, The War Hymn, Aggies, Corps Trips, New Year's Eve parties, the A&M campus—and Aggies.

A Tessie dislikes other Tessies, Texas University, ex-fiancées, dirty jokes, competition, the four hour drive to A&M, too much booze, Aggie jokes, TWU, and rain.

A Tessie is the only person in the world who can go to A&M for one weekend and take enough luggage for a month, stand in the rain during a football game and come home looking beautiful because she switched hair pieces in the bathroom at the stadium, go to an Aggie party and act drunk without ever having taken a drink, and attend every Aggie function in spirit even though she couldn't make it in body.

Tessies are the loyal supporters of Aggies in general, with soft spots for their Aggie in particular. They are faithful to the end, no matter what their Aggie says

or does to discourage them. All an Aggie has to do is look into his Tessie's tearful eyes as he says, "GIG 'EM AGGIES," and he knows that she'll always be there waiting, when he needs her.

The "K.K.K.K.'s" — Kathy Pollard, Karen Burk, Kada Rule, Kathy Crawford

An open forum for presentation of the pros and cons of the city sales tax will be sponsored by the College Station Progress Association tonight.

CSPA President William G. Adkins said the 7:30 p.m. forum will be in the A&M Consolidated High School auditorium.

College Station will vote on a city sales tax Feb. 3.

During the hour and a half forum, two speakers each will discuss both sides of the one per cent city sales tax. Adkins said a question-answer period will follow in which questions will be submitted in written form.

COLLEGE STATION Mayor D. A. (Andy) Anderson, Texas A&M professors Dr. Carl Shafer, agricultural economist, James H. Dozier, business management, and W. D. Franklin, assistant research economist of Texas Transportation Institute, will be forum speakers.

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