## ris State Cage Tournament Opens Today Thursday, March 6, 1969

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Five champions will be crowned al goven before the weekend is over, the ast time for this arrangement d due t before the tournament is split next year into two weekends be-

AUSTIN (AP)-The best big city cause of the large crowds. One difference from the past will show up this year: Class B, the small town schools, will have four teams, instead of six.

Two of the big city Class AAAA teams, Spring Branch Memorial and San Antonio Wheatley, are undefeated, and the total won-lost record of the

AAAA teams is 127-4. er Friday afternoon, and Memor-ial will meet Odessa, 32-2, Friday undefeated last year in winning the AAAA title, is 24-2, including a 67-64 loss to Memorial, which

has a 41-0 record. San Antonio Wheatley, 30-0 this year and carrying a 53-game winning streak, will play Houston Wheatley in the AAAA opennight.

"It would have been a crying

"That's a game that should be

shame if we had to play each

other first," said Memorial coach

saved for the finals, if we can

both win opening games," said

we can to make our Green Bay

Packers a winning football team."

Don Coleman.

Houston Wheatley coach Collin Briggs.

Defending champions returning this year, besides Wheatley and Memorial which won in 1966, are West Sabine Pineland in Class A and Snook in B. West Sabine won titles in 1963 and 1965. Snook won in 1965 and 1966.

Ten teams have never been to the state tournament before: Brookeland and Huckaby of Stephenville in B: Clarendon and Detroit in A; Fort Worth Kirkpatrick. Hearne and Klein of Spring in AA; Kerrville and Perryton in AAA; and San Antonio Wheatley in AAAA.

Although Wheatley was undefeated last year, it was ineligible for district honors.

Corsicana, which finally cracked Waxahachie's longtime district domination, is ending the longest absence from the tournament-33 years.

The highest scorer in the meet is Tommy Jones of Class AA Crane. Jones, a 6-foot senior guard, has averaged 42 points a game this season.

Cincinnati pitchers set a National League record last season by completing only 24 games.

Larry Geracioti, New York University baseball coach, earned letters in football and track at Missouri State Teachers College.



Early this morning upwards of 20,000 schoolboy basketball fans converged upon Austin where the championships of five high school classes will be decided from among a 20-school field.

The tragedy of the situation, however, is that over half of these fans will never see their hometown teams perform. The city of Austin simply lacks the proper housing, dining or playing facilities needed to host a tournament the size of the one in question.

The problem reached epidemic proportions last year when the Class AAAA championship game was completely sold out early Thursday morning, the day the tournament started. This was for a game that was played Saturday afternoon and for a game in which the competing teams were not chosen until Friday night.

Instead of employing the obvious solution of moving the tournament to a city such as Houston, Dallas or Lubbock, however, the University Interscholastic League continues to ignore the problem while attempting to wish it away.

Each of the three towns mentioned above have gym facilities which dwarf those in Austin. Dallas's Moody Coliseum seats 8,900, Lubbock's Municipal Coliseum seats 10,000 and the Astrodome in Houston holds 50,000. Gregory Gym in Austin, meanwhile, is the most rundown, dilapidated facility in the Southwest Conference and barely seats 7,800.

GANGWAY Billy Bob Barnett bulls his way past three TCU defenders for two of his 18 points against the Christians Tues-

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day night. Barnett, who was the top A&M scorer in the game, leads the Aggies in both season and SWC scoring with 17.6 and 17.7 marks respectively. (Photo by Mike Wright)

## Ag Car Club **Sets Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Texas A&M Sports Car Club is set for 7:30 tonight in room 107 of the Military Science Building. The business session will feature a discussion of the two-day rally scheduled for May and finalization of plans for Dick Martin's 'gimick rally" March 15.

The club used the Hearne Air. port for a combined autocross and drivers school on February 22. The autocross circuit was tight and short as set up by eventmaster Dick Goss. The driving school portion of the event consisted of a short straight, a high speed curve, a 180 degree turn, back through the high speed turn and over the starting line. The course was about 1/2 mile long around two 45 degree turns in the taxiway. Best time for the combined event was turned in by George Eby in his Lotus Elan. Second and third was grabbed by Bill Kanne in his Porsche 911L and George Martin in r Sprite. The Sports Car Club invited anyone interested in any phase of sports car activities to attend the meeting tonight. Visitors are recognized and welcomed by all members, and tonight's program (which consists of filmed highlights of recent club activities) is aimed at giving the guest an idea of what the club is all about. If you have any questions to ask about the club please call any of the following people; Alan Weck-erling — 845-3005, Mike Bozart - 846-4106 or George Martin -846-3876.

## **GB** Elevates Bengtson To Top

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)-Phil ngtson was named the top man the Green Bay Packer organition Wednesday, but the Vince ombardi image remains.

Bengtson, who was named ach of the National Football eague team last year, was sected general manager Wednesy, a dual role that Lombardi ce had but said was too much one man to handle.

"Mr. Bengtson's responsibilities e the same as those which were en Mr. Lombardi when he

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served in this capacity," Dominic Olejniczak, president of the Packers, said in announcing the appointment. "This is in line with the policy

recommended by the executive committee and approved by the board of directors 10 years ago."

It was 10 years ago that Lombardi was hired as coach and general manager. In his nine-year reign as head coach, his Packers captured six Western Division

titles, five NFL crows and the first two Super Bowl championships.

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Lombardi resigned as Packer general manager last month to become head coach, executive vice president and part-owner of the Washington Redskins.

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"In accepting the position of general manager," Bengtson said, "I want to emphasize that I am doing it in order to do everything

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Olejniczak said Bengtson's dual position would be for the remainder of his present contract, which runs until Feb. 1, 1971.

The Packer president praised Lombardi's organizational talents Wednesday. He said that although the Packers have been without a general manager for a month, the entire organization has continued to run smoothly "and with no backlog of work accumulated."

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Dr. Rhea Williams, state athletic director of the UIL, claims that the meet is kept in Austin because it is the nearest possible site to the center of the state.

This seems to be a very weak point on at least two counts. First, in this age of fast, safe and convenient transportation the location of the tournament would seem to be of little importance. Secondly, over 3,000 fans were turned away at the doors last year which points up the critical nature of the seating problem above all others.

It would seem obvious that a fan would rather travel 300 miles and be assured of a seat than travel 150 miles without even seeing his team in action.

Don Coleman, head basketball coach of the Memorial Mustangs, has taken four teams to the state tournament and calls the conditions "terrible."

"It's a shame that all the people who want to see the state meet can't see it when there are several arenas in the state that could adequately house it . . . Many people don't even try to come to Austin because they can't get motel space or a ticket to the tourney," Coleman was quoted as saying last year.

It is an embarassment to the entire state of Texas that a problem with such a simple and practical solution remains

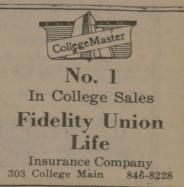
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Accepting for the newly formed chapter was Joseph U. Leblanc, president of the 60-member organization. Guests at the ceremonies in the Ramada Inn included Charles Davis, president of DPMA, Inc., and accounts director for Computer Technology, Inc., a subsidiary of Ling-Temco-Vought.



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