

Lord, McDermard express views...

Aggies, Raiders undefeated, test national powers

One thing about Texas A&M and Texas—nobody can fault the quality of their opposition. The Aggies and the Red Raiders are undefeated, both having won two games, and now they take on the two teams that are waging a hot battle for the No. 1 position in the land—the Aggies going to Columbus to meet Ohio State and the Raiders entertaining defending national champion Texas.

Lord—I don't know if I could compare them to LSU. They'll be big and LSU was fairly large.

Q—As a defensive player, what do you expect them to try?

McDermard—That triple option—it's a great formation. It makes you commit that one mistake that hurts you. It puts great pressure on the individual; even the backs can be in trouble if they pursue at the wrong angle. If your backs pursue wrong, they can cut back and go all the way.

Lord—They can run the options well, but they're a power team, too. They're really probably a little easier to scout than a team that's not winning—remember, I said easier to scout; not easier to play. They have everything they need but because of their success, they can be more selective. What they do, they do well and they

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McElroy, the quiet guy who brought cheers

It was generally agreed around Texas A&M during fall football practice that split end Hugh McElroy would be an exciting football player.

No one dreamed, however, just how exciting the little (5-7, 159) Black split end would be.

He put an over-capacity crowd of 67,590 at LSU's Tiger Stadium in a state of bedlam last Saturday night when he nabbed a Lex James pass for a 79-yard Aggie touchdown 13 seconds before the final gun, thus giving the Aggies a 20-18 victory.

McElroy wasn't even recruited for football at Aggieland. He came from Houston Worthing on an academic scholarship, worked some track and then decided to give football a try. He won a scholarship and now he's a key man in the A&M attack.

In two games this year he has grabbed 9 passes for 247 yards. He's the only Black player on the squad and after the LSU game, the squad voted him the game ball. He was one proud young man.

"I think LSU was looking for the deep pattern and they gave me lots of room. Lex threw a good pass. I was tired but no one was gonna catch me on that play," McElroy beamed.

Hugh is majoring in engineering technology and wants to be a technical writer after he earns his degree.

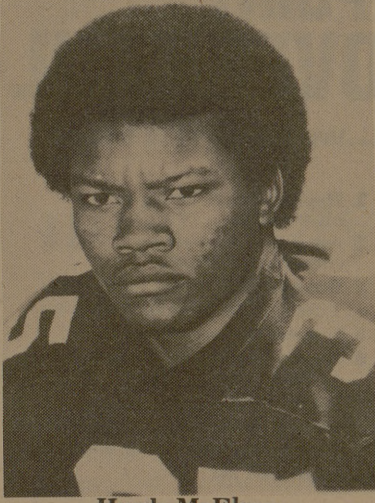
On campus one would not pick

him out as a football player. He is quiet and reserved, wears glasses and doesn't attract attention. But, on the football field he is one man to watch.

He has large hands, quick feet and he's tough. He had to be tough to stick it out in football drills while trying to earn a scholarship.

In the 41-14 win over Wichita State he caught three passes for 67 yards and once ran the end-around for 25 yards. Against LSU he caught 6 passes for 180 yards, including that 79-yarder that sent Aggie fans into orbit.

McElroy is no prima donna. "I've got a lot of work to do to



Hugh McElroy

the ball and we made them play our game—and they made mistakes.

Lord — We still don't really know how good we are and what we can do. Our front four is real good, quick, but not tremendously large. We have a lot of confidence in our sophomores and we want to work out the mistakes before the conference race . . . I don't know

if I even need to say this, but we're not looking past Ohio State and Michigan.

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Intramural sports season underway

By MIKE STEPHENS
Battalion Sports Writer

The first week of intramurals has ended with the 1970-71 season getting off to a good start in several sports.

Class A&C football is continuing until October 15. A few games were rained out the first week, but each team has been able to play one game. Squadrons 11 and 13 have each won two games to lead in the win column. D-2 beat K-2, 36-0, in the season's most lopsided score so far.

Basketball continues in Class B and Class D with each team playing two games the first week. In Class B, D-2 and I-1 have won both games with I-1 beating H-2

58-9 in the highest scoring game. Class D has Walton, Law and Moore halls each having won two games. Law beat Hart 62-25 in one high scoring game.

Other sports being played are Bowling and Handball in Classes A & C. Also, Classes B & D are playing Ping Pong and Horse-shoes.

Intramural managers are still needed, announced Intramural director Ray Fletcher. Anyone interested is invited to inquire at the Intramural Office said Fletcher. Also, any intramural official or manager who hasn't signed up for the steak fry Sept. 30, must do so before the end of the week, he said.

Q—What are your impressions of this team you'll be playing Saturday?

McDermard—Texas is probably the strongest team in the Southwest Conference. They're not exceptionally big, but their backs are strong. They're an awfully quick team; that's a trademark of the Southwest Conference.

Q—Ohio State is big and strong; they run well and they pass well. They're real quick on offense, they've got great punting and they hit well. That doesn't leave much room for weaknesses, does it?

Q—Reds slug Astros

CINCINNATI (AP) — Pitcher Tony Cloninger struck a homer and single and drove in two runs, leading the Cincinnati Reds to a 6-2 triumph over Houston Wednesday night.

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