

# More on Gene Stallings

Editor:

There are two ways to evaluate the success of a head football coach at Texas A&M. The first is on the basis of games won and lost. Gene Stallings led A&M to the Cotton Bowl on January 1, 1968. Not since 1942 under Coach Homer Norton had an A&M team been to the Cotton Bowl. (Bear Bryant didn't even get us there.) The last school to win a Southwest Conference championship besides Texas was A&M in 1967. But we fired Gene Stallings.

The second way to evaluate a coach at A&M is on how much he contributed to Texas A&M. There has never been a greater Texas Aggie than Coach Stallings. There never will be a man more dedicated to preserving the uniqueness and traditions that belong only to A&M. Aggies have always prided themselves on their love for A&M and loyalty to fellow Texas Aggies. Gene Stallings loved Texas A&M in a way that none of us will ever understand. The loyalty he has displayed to Texas A&M, even after being fired, is a model for Aggies everywhere. As a Texas Aggie Gene Stallings is in a class by himself. In doing so, Texas A&M moved away from the uniqueness which has always been ours, and moved toward an impersonal mediocre status from which we may never recover.

Not only has the Board of Directors

fired a football coach, they have turned their backs on a part of Texas A&M which we cannot afford to lose. As Harless Wade stated in the Dallas Morning News, "If Texas A&M has to fire as loyal of a Texas Aggie as Gene Stallings, where do we go from here?"

Sam Torn

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Editor:

Overall, I think the reporting of the Student Senate's consideration of the resolution calling for two faculty and two student non-voting members on the Board of Directors was well written. However, a few points need to be clarified.

In the first place, I am doing a dissertation on faculty, not student, representation on college and university boards. However, I have been studying the problem of adequate student participation in university governance, also. Incidentally, just a day or so before the Senate meeting, Don Banker, another graduate student in educational administration, decided to do his dissertation on student representation. He attended the meeting but did not speak.

To clarify the issue concerning my comparison of the A&M board members to Governor Preston Smith, I offer the following account of what was said:

Student Senator: "Do you think the letter from Gov. Smith stat-

ing his support of student representation will favorably influence the A&M board?"

Hermann: "Yes, because the board is like the Governor." (Laughter)

Hermann: "I mean that the board is similar to the Governor in political thinking, not in personality. I don't know what kind of personalities the board members have because I don't know them personally. However, I believe that they respect the Governor; at least I hope so."

When I replied that any student representation would be better than what A&M students now have, I meant any duly elected representative. This was not intended to mean that Dr. Jack Williams is not a good president—What I meant was that I believe that each major interest group can best be represented by its own elected leader(s). However, this principle does not relieve the president of the responsibility of also endeavoring to represent the faculty and the students to the board.

Finally, I was not really disappointed in having the resolution tabled by the Graduate Student Council and the Student Senate. Leaders of both organizations had informed me before their meetings that the resolution would probably be tabled for further consideration later.

Thank you for your interest.  
Burton R. Hermann '63



"It's a Christmas stocking, what else?"

## U.S. neutrality

The United States, or perhaps we should say President Nixon, has decided to take a neutral stand on the war between India and Pakistan.

We must say that it is about time, for far too long has the United States been sticking its unwanted nose into the affairs of the world. There have been times when intervention has been called for by the United Nations or requested by an ally involved and there are times when we have, without anybody wanting us to, appeared with gun in hand.

It is one of the most incomprehensible things to see "Yankee, Go Home!" painted on walls by both sides involved but yet still have the United States there, protecting, or saying we are, nonexistent lives, unimportant property, or just not offering any excuses.

But now, for a while, it has stopped. The thoughts that took us into the Dominican Republic and the debacle in Vietnam have seemed to be squelched, if only temporarily.

It is not so much the rise of neo-isolationism in the United States as it is a maturing of our nation. We are learning that we do not have the instant answer to the world's problems and that an army here or there isn't going to do anybody any good. We are learning that it is not the intelligence to settle affairs of their own and that it is not a prerequisite that some American die before the issue is finished.

And such, evidently, is beginning to be the thinking in Washington.

"The United States is only interested in efforts to bring about a cease fire and peace," said Hugh Scott, Senate Republican leader.

This is what our nation needs, a desire to finish the killing and finish the wars, not start or help along more.

If there is anything that President Nixon has done to deserve the support of the American people, it is this. One can disagree with him on many points, and we certainly do, but this is one that cannot be easily objected to. It means life instead of death, it means peace instead of war, let us make it the standard policy of the United States.

## Bulletin Board

- Tonight Laredo Hometown Club will meet in the Memorial Student Center in room 2B at 7:30.
- Wednesday Freshman Class Council will meet in the Physics building, room 306, at 7:30.
- Wheelmen will meet in room 002 of the Services building at 7:35.
- Orange County Hometown Club will meet in the Memorial Student Center lobby at 7:30.
- Thursday Junior Class Council will meet in room 304 of the Physics building at 7:30.

## Stark to attend NY conference

A&M's Memorial Student Center director J. Wayne Stark will participate in the 15th Association of College and University Concert Managers conference in New York Dec. 11-15.

Stark is a member of the ACUM board of directors executive committee.

He will be among 300 U.S. and Canadian college concert managers at the four-day meeting in the New York Hilton. ACUM is concerned with campus presentation of music, dance, theater, films, lectures and related cultural programs.

Steve Hayes

## Environmental groups

Every now and then, I run across someone who says, "gee, its great to be involved, but I am not really interested in the College Station and Bryan area. I'm really thinking about the national scene, you know, where everything is really happening."

My first reaction to such a statement is that really, the one place that you can best see things happening is at the local level. The higher up the ladder you go, so to speak, the further you really get from where any gut-level involvement is taking place. But my verbal reaction is one that gives the speaker the benefit of the doubt, and assumes that he really is more interested in working at the national level in environmental matters. Too, I sympathize with him in manners concerning College Station and Bryan. It really is difficult to get fired up, for as the Clay case, as well as the recent voter registration case, shows, it is difficult to get involved around here even when you want to.

So, anyway, after a few ramblings, I give the person a list of the most prominent and effective national environmental organizations, and let him or her take it from there. Now, if any of you want more information on such groups for information or employment, here is the list.

Zero Population Growth — Political action and education on overpopulation, 367 State Street, Los Altos, Calif. 94022.

Friends of the Earth (FOE) — Not tax-free so can lobby for new environmental laws. Currently opposing funding of the SST, 30 East 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

League of Conservation Voters — Political arm of FOE. Will raise money and recruit volunteers for candidates working to protect environment. Strictly non-partisan, 917 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Environmental Defense Fund —

National coalition of scientists, lawyers, citizens for protection of environment. Has brought cases against use of DDT in Michigan and Wisconsin courts. Started litigation against Florida barge canal on Oklawaha River by U.S.A.C.E., P.O. Drawer 740, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11790.

Sierra Club — 85,000 members in 30 chapters. Recently coordinated efforts of 14 other conservation groups in blocking a timber bill that threatened national forests, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco, Calif. 94104.

National Audubon Society — 125,000 members in 172 chapters. Leaders in blocking the Everglades jetport and in the fight against DDT, 1130 5th Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10028.

The Wilderness Society — 60,000 members. Sponsors "A way to the Wilderness" trips open to all. Now actively engaged in negotiating with Dept. of Interior to block Alaskan pipeline until effects on environment are known, 729 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

The Nature Conservancy—18,000 members in 33 chapters. Buys up land vital to nature, preserves it for public use. Saved 150,000 acres thus far, 1522 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Planned Parenthood — World Population — 166 affiliates, over 500 clinics providing family-planning information and services, 515 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

Izaak Walton League of America — 50,000 members in 700 chapters. Vital role in Citizens' Crusade for Clean Water. Has filed suit for permanent injunction against mining in a wilderness area of northeastern Minnesota, 1326 Waukegan Road, Glenview, Illinois 60025.

Scientists' Institute for Public Information, 30 E. 68th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021.

The National Wildlife Federation, 1412 16th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

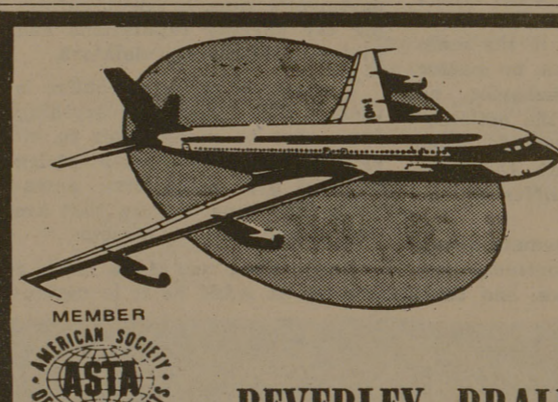
The Conservation Foundation, 1250 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

National Parks Association, 1701 18th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, 2000 P. Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

John Muir Institute for Environmental Studies, 451 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco, Calif. 94133.

Citizens League Against the Sonic Boom, 19 Appleton Street, Cambridge, Mass. 02138.



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