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Rumors about many things circulate at A&M

The result of the events of the past two weeks is numerous rumors and speculation at A&M.

A lot of the gossip is about the head coaching job, but there is some concerning other jobs in the athletic department, sports figures around the country and some individuals on campus.

To hear these rumors, one only needs to keep his ears open. The Aggie Press Room, the concession room at the library and the Memorial Student Center coffee shop have been the birthplaces of much wild talk.

For the benefit of those who could not be there, we will go over some of the ideas spoken around Aggieland about what will happen in the near future:

Is it true that Howard Cosell will be the next sports information director at A&M, replacing Spec Gammon?

Don't laugh, Jim Butler, it's been said that Dandy Don Meredith will come along as his assistant.

We understand that head yell leader Jim Ferguson will soon replace Al Hirt as the cheerleader for the New Orleans Saints.

It's bound to be a fact that several equipment supervisors in the National Football League have been waiting for S. M. Meeks to retire so they can get the job here.

The job of business manager in the athletic department once was offered to Gus Mutscher. He was to have been assisted by Frank Sharp.

Now that the point has been made, let's take a look at several other ideas, born in the minds of those who wish they would happen:

Darrell Royal will soon replace Tom Landry as head coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

Speaking of Landry, he doesn't know how lucky his timing was on deciding to use one quarter-back. His two-player system was soon to be replaced with a two-coach system, alternating,

naturally, on every play. After that, the Pokes were going to employ a two-team system, then a two-owner system. Everybody knows they already have a two-fan plan—one set for when they lose and one for when they win.

Rumors can be heard far and wide. Sports writers in some of the larger towns in Texas have their "inside" sources. Many of these scribes publish the wishes of exes who think they have more information and power at their school than they really do.

For instance, who will be the next A&M coach? Pick a name out of a hat, and chances are that his name has been mentioned somewhere. But what about the past? Try these on for sighs:

Before and after the Bear Bryant years at Aggieland, the

Board of Directors, and/or the Athletic Council, and/or the university president turned down such applicants as Landry, Vince Lombardi, Woody Hayes, Johnny Vaught, Dan Devine and Frank Leahy for the job. The reasons given were simple—the individual concerned either wasn't an Aggie, wouldn't be good for A&M or had no future as a coach. Ouch.

It seems that when Bryant was in line for the head job, there was a big dispute over whether he or another man should be signed. Would history have been different had "Iron Mike" Michalske been promoted to head coach?

The search for the next A&M coach is extensive. Professionals have been consulted, including Bud Wilkinson. The former Oklahoma coach was in town

several weeks ago, helping the administration screen possible choices.

By now, everyone has heard that Ara Parseghian was here last week. Evidence pro and con has been given, and we don't know what to believe. However, it is doubted that two other famous guests were looking the place over. The reference, of course, is to Johnny Unitas and Bart Starr.

Yes, rumors do flourish at A&M. Far and wide, believable and impossible, that's the name of the game. It seems to be our favorite pastime, whenever we have time to pass.

But the best one we've heard is that the university administration is filing suit to have Bryant come back and finish out the contract he was let out of to return to Alabama in 1958.

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Astros - Reds trade highlights meeting

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Baseball's annual winter meetings exploded with three major trades Monday involving a wealth of big names that included pitchers Sam McDowell, Gaylord Perry and Ken Holtzman, and slugger Lee May.

With 13 players changing teams, it was one of the most active trading days in the history of these meetings.

The McDowell-Perry swap was a trade of pitching superstars. Sudden Sam, 29, who had a falling out with the Indians' management and quit the team for a week midway through the 1971 season, finished with a 13-17 record and 192 strikeouts. He has been one of the most prolific strikeout artists in the majors with 2,159 for eight seasons—17th

on the all-time list.

"I talked to Sam," said Charlie Fox, manager of the Giants. "He said, 'Thanks. I'll live up to what you think of me.' And I think he will."

Earlier the major league teams drafted 13 players at a cost of \$25,000 each, but the trading action easily overshadowed the draft.

The Cincinnati-Houston swap was the biggest of the day by numbers, with five players mov-

ing from the Astros to the Reds for May, whose 39 homers last season was the third best total in baseball, second baseman Tommy Helms and utilityman Jimmy Stewart.

The Reds got second baseman Joe Morgan, infielder Denis Menke, pitcher Jack Billingham and outfielders Cesar Geronimo and Ed Armbrister.

Adams named by NFL after upset of Dolphins

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The Miami Dolphins trailed 34-13, but they still had hopes as they moved to a first down at the New England nine yard line at the start of the fourth period.

On the next play, Mercury Morris skirted his right end to the four. The Patriots' defense dug in, but a Miami touchdown appeared imminent. After all, the Dolphins boast possibly the best 1-2 punch in pro football in Jim Csonka and Jim Kiick.

On the second down, Csonka got the call and hit the left side. The flag went down. The patriots were offside and penalized. Second down again, but now only two yards to go.

Kiick hit the right side to the one. Then Kiick is thrown back on a dive at his right guard. Now it's Csonka's turn. The burly run-

ning back hits the left side and is stopped inches from the goal.

The threat is ended. The Patriots take possession and go on to record one of the National Football League's biggest upsets of the season, jolting Miami's hopes of winning the East Division title in the American Football Conference.

Out of the pileup of the brilliant goal-line stand came rookie tackle Julius Adams. He wasn't credited with a tackle in those moments, but he jammed the Miami attack.

The entire New England defense could take bows, but Adams, a 258-pound second round draft choice from Texas Southern, stood out. For his play, he was named the NFL's Defensive Player of the Week Wednesday by The Associated Press.

Gymnasts to hold meeting on Friday

A gymnastics meet will be held Friday in G. Rollie White from 3 o'clock to 7 o'clock, the A&M Gymnastics Club announced Tuesday.

The meet is sponsored by the A&M Gymnastics Club and is open to any student or faculty member. Entries closed Wednesday at 5 o'clock. There will be both women's and men competition.

Events for men are the ring, high bar, floor exercise, vaulting and side horse. Women's events include vaulting, balance beam, uneven bars and floor exercise.

Intramural certificates will be awarded to the winners in each of the events.

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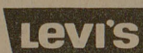
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