



AGGIE CAGE ACTION TUESDAY finds Randy Knowles (32) clearing the boards during A&M's 81-74 Southwest Conference victory over defending champion Texas Christian. Also in the picture is Jeff Overhouse (50) chosen last year as the SWC Sophomore of the Year. The Aggies are 2-1 in conference play, facing Baylor Saturday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Fish play a preliminary game at 5:45. (Photo by Mike Rice)

Basketballer Willis Reed worried about future health

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — Willis Reed, the 6-foot-10 center who led the New York Knicks to the National Basketball Association championship two years ago, is having so much trouble with an ailing left leg that he painfully speculates "I might never be back."

Reed was expected to return to work out with the Knicks

Wednesday but a meeting with team doctor Andrew Patterson

cancelled that appointment.

It was decided his left knee would

not stand up to the pounding it

would be required to take.

Reed, the Knicks' answer to superstar centers such as Kareem Abdul Jabbar and Wilt Chamberlain, has not played in 35 games dating back to Nov. 11. And while he was optimistic until now, the tone of his comments has changed.

"The knee hasn't responded to allow me to do the things I have to do to play basketball — running, jumping," Reed explained. "I haven't done a good job or just walking around. We are going to take a few days to think about what to do. Maybe continue the therapy. Maybe surgery. They don't know."

"They (the fans) have just got to forget about me until I am actually out there again. But who knows? Willis Reed might

never be back."

So, at 29, Reed's career is definitely in jeopardy, and his teammates realize it, although they remain hopeful.

"His future is definitely in limbo," said Walt Frazier. "He doesn't feel too confident. It's easy for him to get down on himself, not being able to play much this season. Maybe he won't be back this year, but he will work hard all this summer, knowing him, to come back next year."

"If not, I'll just try to do the best job I can."

Judo Club looking for members; still making plans for tournament

The A&M Judo Club is looking for new members in hopes of being able to hold a tournament and increase activities, announced Richard Lemons, president.

The organization meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5 to 6 p.m. in the judo room on the second floor of G. Rollie White Coliseum. Dues are \$4 per semester.

"We'd like to have anyone interested in judo join our club," Lemons said. "Beginners can receive instruction, and people of other levels are encouraged to become members."

The club is under the overall instruction of Delbert Antwiler,

a second degree black belt. Each meeting consists of calisthenics and a workout, with an instruction session each day.

The club is planning a tournament, but they need more people in their organization before the university will allocate space for the event. Lemons added that the club, re-formed a year ago December after several years' absence, usually provides transportation for members who want to attend tournaments elsewhere.

Lemons said that prospective members who have questions about joining the Judo Club could contact him at 823-0228 after 6 p.m.

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Archer not in tourney; Nicklaus rated as favorite

By BOB GREEN
Associated Press Golf Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — George Archer, the defending champion and this season's leading money winner, withdrew from the \$150,000 Andy Williams-San Diego Open golf tournament Wednesday.

The 6-foot-6 Archer called tournament officials from his home in Gilroy, Calif., and said he had the flu and would be unable to compete in the tournament beginning Thursday on the 7,011-yard, par 72 Torrey Pines Golf Club course.

Archer, who has won \$48,177

in just three weeks, lost to Miller Barber in a 21-hole playoff

for the title in the Dean Martin-Tucson Open Monday.

The play-off at Tucson was the second extra round in three weeks for Archer, who had to

go to 90 holes to beat Dave Hill

and Tommy Aaron for the Glen Campbell-Los Angeles Open title three weeks ago.

Nicklaus, rested and relaxed after a week off to celebrate his 32nd birthday, is gunning for a sixth victory in seven starts.

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BAND REPLIES TO CRITICISM

January 24, 1972

Mr. Hayden Whitsett, Editor
The Battalion
Campus

Dear Mr. Whitsett:

I feel that I must make an attempt to correct some statements made about the organization of which I am director, since my name was mentioned in the article.

I refer to the article in the Battalion of January 20, 1972, under the by-line of one, Mr. John Curylo.

It is quite evident that very little, if any, research was done to verify the statements that were made in the article.

At the last band rehearsal on the ninth of December, 1971, just before the commissioning exercises, no vote was taken as to whether or not the band could attend the S.M.U. basketball game. Had a vote been taken, the count could have been 270 to 21 since we did not have 291 men on the roster at that time. I have no idea as to how these numbers were established. It would have been impossible to have had a representative band present for the S.M.U. game on the 15th of January as the second semester was not to start until the following Monday, the 17th of January.

The baseball games—the band did not refuse to play for baseball games. In recent years the schedule has been such that a doubleheader is played on Friday at 1:00 p.m. Since the men in the band attend classes the same as other students, it is impossible to have a satisfactory group present for these games. If the band were of the size needed to perform satisfactorily, too much space would be used by band personnel in the inadequate stands now in use. All of this has been discussed with Coach Chandler many times. The band attempted to play for the baseball game with Texas University last season. At the start of the game on Friday at 1:00 p.m., there were about 75 men who did not have one o'clock classes. By 2:30 p.m. there were only ten men left who did not have classes. This group was seated outside the right field fence and continued to play until the bass drummer had to leave for class.

Whether or not to make football trips is not the decision of the band. The trip that the band made to the L.S.U. game in the 1970 season was instigated by the late President Rudder. The trip required eight buses and cost just over \$8,000. This money came from a fund that the President controlled, from A&M clubs in the Beaumont-Baton Rouge area, and from money made from the sale of band records allotted by the Texas Aggie Band Association. Mr. Buck Weirrus was responsible for soliciting the money received from the various A&M clubs. It has never been the policy of the band to decide on trips when large sums of money are required.

The band has not played for non-conference basketball games in the last ten years. It is not a matter of refusing to play, it is just an effort to allow the men time to catch up scholastically after the busy football season. Coach Metcalf is aware of this situation and understands as does the team.

As for the publicity given the band by the Athletic Department—my relations with that department have been most pleasant. I have cooperated and worked with them on many special days, such as Hall of Fame Ceremonies, Randy Matson Day, and on many other occasions. When a game is televised or when a team appears in a bowl game, one of the provisions of the contract is that the bands from the participating schools must be present, so the Athletic Department is not publicizing the band at such events—it is more of a mutual endeavor. It has become customary at all colleges for the bands to be mentioned in the football program. It is not a matter of publicizing, but a matter of acknowledging the presence of the bands and their contribution to the game.

The band has received only two invitations to appear at pro games to my certain knowledge. The invitations had to be declined because of the large number of parents who objected to their sons taking part on such occasions on Sunday. Yes, Sunday is still Sunday to some people.

The Association of Former Students owns the copyright on The Aggie War Hymn. I have never said that it is the property of the band. The Association ruled that The War Hymn could be used anytime in connection with programs pertaining to or promoting Texas A&M University, but that it could not be used in connection with a radio or television commercial. The "Gig 'Ems" referred to in the article were definitely commercials.

I have always prepared an outline of the band drills for the radio people. Never have I made any remark about how the announcer handled the material. In the first place, I never get to hear the radio at half-time. On many occasions I have written to the announcers thanking them for complimentary remarks that were relayed to me by people who heard the coverage. Never have the announcers been criticized in any way.

Band personnel has never been forced to attend basketball games. They like to appear in public at full strength to lend all the support possible. The understanding is that if a man has a major quiz on the next day, he is not expected to attend the game. No attendance check is ever made.

I have never been approached in regard to having pom-poms with the band. I cannot visualize them appearing with a band of a military tradition. If they appeared with the yell leaders that would be entirely out of my area.

Coach Metcalf says that he wants the full Aggie Band present for conference games as the band adds to the spirit and attitude of the team. I do not know what his feelings would be toward a stage band.

Anyone who care to do so may make disparaging remarks about the leadership as long as the remarks refer to the director and do not include cadet leadership. These young men were selected because of their strength in this area and are highly dedicated in their positions.

As far as the "we have better things to do"—this remark was not made in my presence, therefore, I cannot comment on it. This letter may be much too long for publication, but it is written in all sincerity and honesty. I regret that so many erroneous statements were published without prior investigation.

E. V. Adams, Director
Texas Aggie Band

P.S.
The state or quality of being reluctant; unwillingness; dislike; with to and sometimes against. From 1 Feb. 46 to present, the Texas Aggie Band has shown "reluctance" as follows:
Performed 200 drills at football game half-times.

Taken part in 104 marching contests

Been in 130 Corps reviews on campus

Appeared in 72 Corps trip parades

Appeared in 15 Battle of Flowers parades in San Antonio

Appeared in 1 Buccaneer Days parade in Corpus Christi

Appeared in pre-game performance at first Bluebonnet Bowl game

Appeared at observance of 100th Anniversary of Spindletop Oil Field, Beaumont.

Played for 26 Aggie Musters

Played for 208 basketball games

Appeared at 2 Regional basketball play-offs (Dallas and Ft. Worth).

Appeared at 1 game deciding baseball championship with University of Texas in Austin.

Did pre-meet ceremony for 3 SW Conference track meets - Kyle Field.

Played for 80 baseball games when all classes were dismissed at 4 p.m. for home games.

Played for 60 baseball games before old grand stand was torn down.

Played for dedication ceremony of overpass opening on FM 60.

Paraded and played concert at official dedication of State Museum at Washington on the Brazos.

Above listing is not complete but does comprise quite a "pile of reluctance."