

Sports notes and quotes: Football recruiting, basketball

By JOHN CURYLO

The Aggies have signed 29 high school football players to letters of intent in the last week. Recruiting is continuing with the visit of six prospects to campus last weekend . . .

Speaking of recruiting, it was interesting to hear speculation among some of the top sports writers at the state at the A&M-Southern Methodist game in Dallas Saturday. It seems there are numerous tales of certain schools offering play-for-pay deals to top prospects. It brought up the joking question of whether or not Hayden Fry's son, recently signed by the Mustangs, is getting anything "under the table" as the prospects are called . . .

You hear some great quotes in the sports world and in the newspaper game, but combining the two produces some outstanding observations. Bob Galt, of the Dallas Times-Herald, asked if the policeman who arrested Dallas Cowboy back Duane Thomas advised him of his right to remain silent . . .

Another memorable statement was made to this reporter the Monday night after the Baylor football game by place kicker Pat McDermott: "You're going to think I'm crazy, but believe me, we have a chance against Arkansas."

Basketball Coach Shelby Metcalf, known for his rants, said this about the question of playing the Star Spangled Banner before basketball games: "What are they going to use to break up fights?"

One quote that has to win The Battalion's first Silver Lining On the Black Cloud Award is the statement made by assistant coach Pug Gabrel the week after Gene Stallings was fired. Gabrel was at Oklahoma State last year, coming to A&M last spring. The coach observed, "Well, since I haven't lived anywhere six months and haven't established residency, I guess that means I won't have to pay income tax."

There are some interesting combinations on Emory Bellard's staff at A&M now. Ben Hurt and Melvin Robertson coached together seven years at the University of Houston. Hurt was an assistant at Orange High when R. C. Slocum played there. Dan LaGrasta was Bellard's assistant at Breckenridge High and San Angelo Central. Donnie Wigginton was a high school quarterback under Paul Register at Spring Branch. And, of course, Gabrel, Dee Powell and John Paul Young were on the staff last season . . .

George Mehaffey, the assistant basketball coach at Rice, was captain of the 1957 Aggies. The 6-5 center, nicknamed "Spider", lettered three years at A&M. Bennie Lenox, an assistant cage mentor at Texas, played here in 1962-64, leading his senior team to the SWC championship in Metcalf's first year as head coach . . .

Since former Aggie basketball players are in

mind, we can't go without mentioning Eddie Dominguez, who graduated in 1966. Now the proprietor of the Tupinamba Restaurant in Dallas, Eddie, affectionately known as "The Locator", goes to every A&M game. He also helps with recruiting, in addition to his position as a Twelfth Man Scholarship donor . . .

Renowned for his wardrobe, Eddie brags that the members of the team have never seen him in the same outfit twice, except for the maroon coat. Metcalf said that most people don't own clothes as nice as what Eddie wears fishing . . .

Billy Bob Barnett, a basketball and football player at A&M, is a partner in an Austin club, the Nickel Keg. Also involved is Ross Brupbacher, another Aggie grid great. Brupbacher is a starting linebacker for the Chicago Bears . . .

Tom Chandler is moving forward in his quest for the SWC baseball crown this spring. Not only is the veteran coach innovating batgirls in four non-conference games, but he is also outfitting his team in double-knit uniforms, white for home and gray for road games, both sets trimmed in maroon . . .

Two former Aggie All-Americans—Tommy Maxwell and Rolf Krueger—are back in school at A&M this spring. Maxwell is a defensive back for the Oakland Raiders, and Krueger is a defensive tackle for the St. Louis Cardinals . . .

Last night's victory over Arkansas gives Metcalf a 121-98 record at A&M. Unless Bob Prewitt of SMU wins it, look for the cage sage of the Brazos to be chosen SWC Coach of the Year this season . . .

Texas Christian guard Jim Ferguson is no relation to Aggie head yell leader Jimmy (Tarzan) Ferguson . . .

Basketball attendance is up in the league this year. A crowd of 8,108 packed G. Rollie White Coliseum for the Texas Tech game, and a record 9,389 were in Moody Coliseum for the SMU encounter. Tech has to take honors there, though. There are 800 people on the waiting list for reserved seats. It's too bad that out of a student body of 14,000 and a community of 53,000-plus only 3,826 cared to be at the game last night . . .

And, in keeping pace with Jack Gallagher of the Houston Post, we'll close this session with an Aggie joke:

It seems there was an Aggie who had a dog with an ingrown tail. He solved the difficulty by taking the pet to the animal clinic every week for x-rays to see if it was still happy.

Yet, the worst Aggie joke is that so many people were hurt at the game last night. Everybody kept turning around and bumping into each other looking for the flag during the National Anthem.

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No longer unanimous

Bruins still ranked first in nation

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UCLA lost a first-place vote in The Associated Press poll announced Tuesday but still retained the position as the top major college basketball team in the nation by a wide margin.

The Bruins, unanimous No. 1 choice for the past three weeks in the balloting of sports writers and sportscasters, received 40 first-place votes and 818 points. Marquette received the other No. 1 vote and 720 points. Both were unbeaten in 19 games through Sunday.

North Carolina, Louisville, Pennsylvania and Virginia finished in the same 3-4-5-6 order as last week. But South Carolina advanced from ninth to seventh, Ohio State dropped one place to eighth, Long Beach State fell from eighth to ninth and Marshall cracked the Top Ten with 10th place.

The remainder of the Top Twenty is Brigham Young, South-

western Louisiana, Providence, Florida State, Missouri, Hawaii, Kentucky, Memphis State, Maryland and Tennessee.

Kentucky, Maryland and Tennessee gained the Top Twenty this week, while Minnesota, Duquesne and Jacksonville dropped out.

- The Top Twenty:
1. UCLA
 2. Marquette
 3. North Carolina
 4. Louisville
 5. Pennsylvania
 6. Virginia

7. South Carolina
8. Ohio St.
9. Long Beach St.
10. Marshall
11. Brigham Young
12. SW Louisiana
13. Providence

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