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Another dry spell for Aggie sports

Although A&M has gone through another school year without winning a Southwest Conference championship, the eight months have not been about their exciting moments. First, of course, there was football, again with all its hopes, for awhile, again with its appointments. Then came Torrey Taylor and Pat McDermott's receding field goal. A journey to the foothills of Arkansas resulted in one of the major upsets of the season. Many thought the Aggies were of the race, but it was obvious the monkey wrench would be thrown into the flag chase. More wins put A&M in position to take it, but a Liberty bid and the opportunity to go to Texas from another trip to Cotton Classic were what the Thanksgiving Day battle in Kyle would decide. Turkey Day night, the reign of Gene Stallings ended, and the search for the new leader began. After a 25-day wait, Emory Bel-

lard became the head man, and hopes and speculation were all optimistic. As he made his way through basketball season parading some of the top high school prospects in the state across the court of G. Rollie White Coliseum, it was apparent that the future of Aggie football would be brighter. Meanwhile, Shelby Metcalf was developing a competitive basketball team out of a squad which had been picked to finish last in the conference. A trip to UCLA brought the Aggies to national notice for a little while as another Bruin conquest. During the Christmas holidays, A&M made a name for itself, capturing the consolation trophy at the Bluebonnet Classic and winning first place in the Presidential Classic. Mario Brown was dazzling opponents with his ball handling, and suddenly the Aggies were off and running in the SWC race. Before long, A&M was a team to be reckoned with, although there

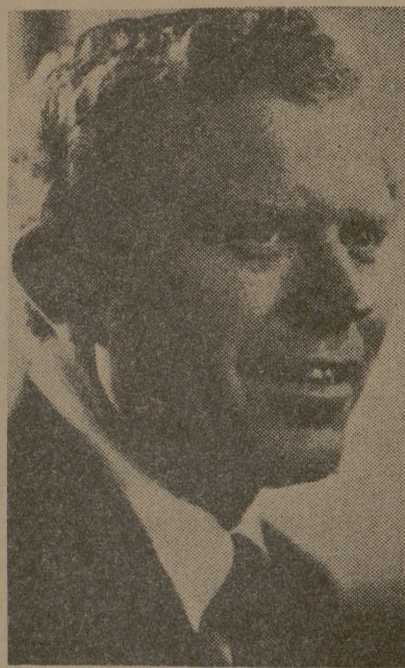
were only two seniors on the squad and a transfer player was the floor leader. A standing-room-only, sit-in-the-aisle crowd of 8,108 saw the Aggies play one of their most exciting and electrifying games in recent years against Texas Tech. A close loss to Southern Methodist in Dallas made chance seem slim, but a gut performance against Texas Christian in hostile Ft. Worth brought A&M back into contention. A fight in Waco saw Baylor fans use chairs on Aggie players, and the team was never the same afterwards, but they ended the season on a happy note, beating Tech in Lubbock. Partisans are waiting for next year, when last year's crop of Fish are eligible for varsity play and all but one varsity starter returns. Baseball took over, with Coach Tom Chandler introducing bat-girls to the Southwest Conference. The first few games in Kyle Field featured typical baseball weather for March at A&M—wind, cold and rain. Chris Sans signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers, leaving A&M minus its loudest bat. With him gone, hopes for title contention were down. The first league series saw TCU win two out of three, and the Aggies went along

to lose a game each series after that. In 1971, A&M swept its first four series and was swept its last two. In 1972, the Aggies never swept a three-game SWC meeting, but they never lost all the contests, either. R. J. Englert hit in all but five of the 38 games he played, and he had a 28-game season and 16-game conference hitting streak broken against Texas. Dennis Fosdick was named SWC swimming Coach of the Year, while A&M surprised everyone, including themselves, by finishing third. Three swimmers represented the Aggies at the NCAA meet in West Point, New York. With six sports completed, A&M finished in the first division in all of them this school year. The only bad part of this is that key losses to Texas in three of those—football, basketball and maybe baseball—gave the Longhorns the flag. Track will be decided later this month, and the Steers are favored. Texas also won the golf title. But, it was still a fine year for Aggie athletics, and while enjoying the past this summer, thoughts of next year are even better. We only hope the results live up to the expectations.

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Behind the Selection of Barnes

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BEN BARNES A SENSIBLE CHOICE

THE BIG REASON this newspaper endorsed Ben Barnes was because he, more than any other candidate, has faced and answered and tried to debate such questions as we have just listed.

He has slung the least amount of mud and talked the most about what Texans ought to be talking about.

For the last 12 years he has done nothing but prepare himself for such an assignment. He proved he could run the House as speaker and did a repeat in the Senate as lieutenant governor.

He handled both jobs so well that he became the youngest president in history of the National Legislative Conference—an organization of legislative leaders from 50 states.

The average person who is sick goes to a doctor who is a specialist in that ailment. We ought to put a specialist in the governor's office.

BEFORE IT ENDORSED Ben Barnes, The News interviewed three of the four major candidates for governor in confidential sessions lasting an average of two hours; the fourth did not request an audience.

The three were asked meaningful questions and were assured they could talk from the heart with no

repercussions. Ben Barnes did not evade a single question. In his answers he displayed an incredible knowledge of state government, whereas one of his major opponents sat for 90 minutes and hesitated to say anything.

So what do you do—endorse somebody who does not equivocate and shows a lot of knowledge along with it? Or somebody who evades and shows virtually no knowledge about the job he seeks?

This is another way of asking: Do you vote for somebody who is qualified or somebody who is not?

THE REAL DANGER in the present Texas political climate is that those not guilty of wrongdoing will be thrown out with the few who are. If you are going to "reform" Texas government, how do you reform it with novices?

Along this line, we were amused by a short letter written not long ago to The News in pencil by a farmer:

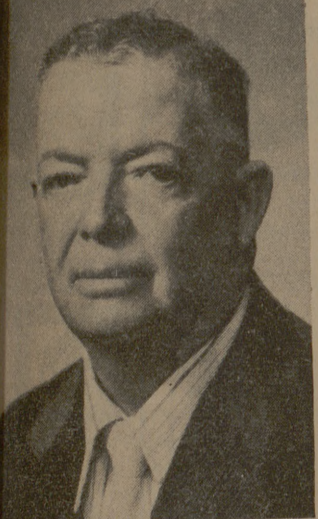
"All I hear on television from some of these guys running for governor is how honest they are.

"Hell, my daddy was the honestest man I ever knew, but he didn't know nothin' about being governor."

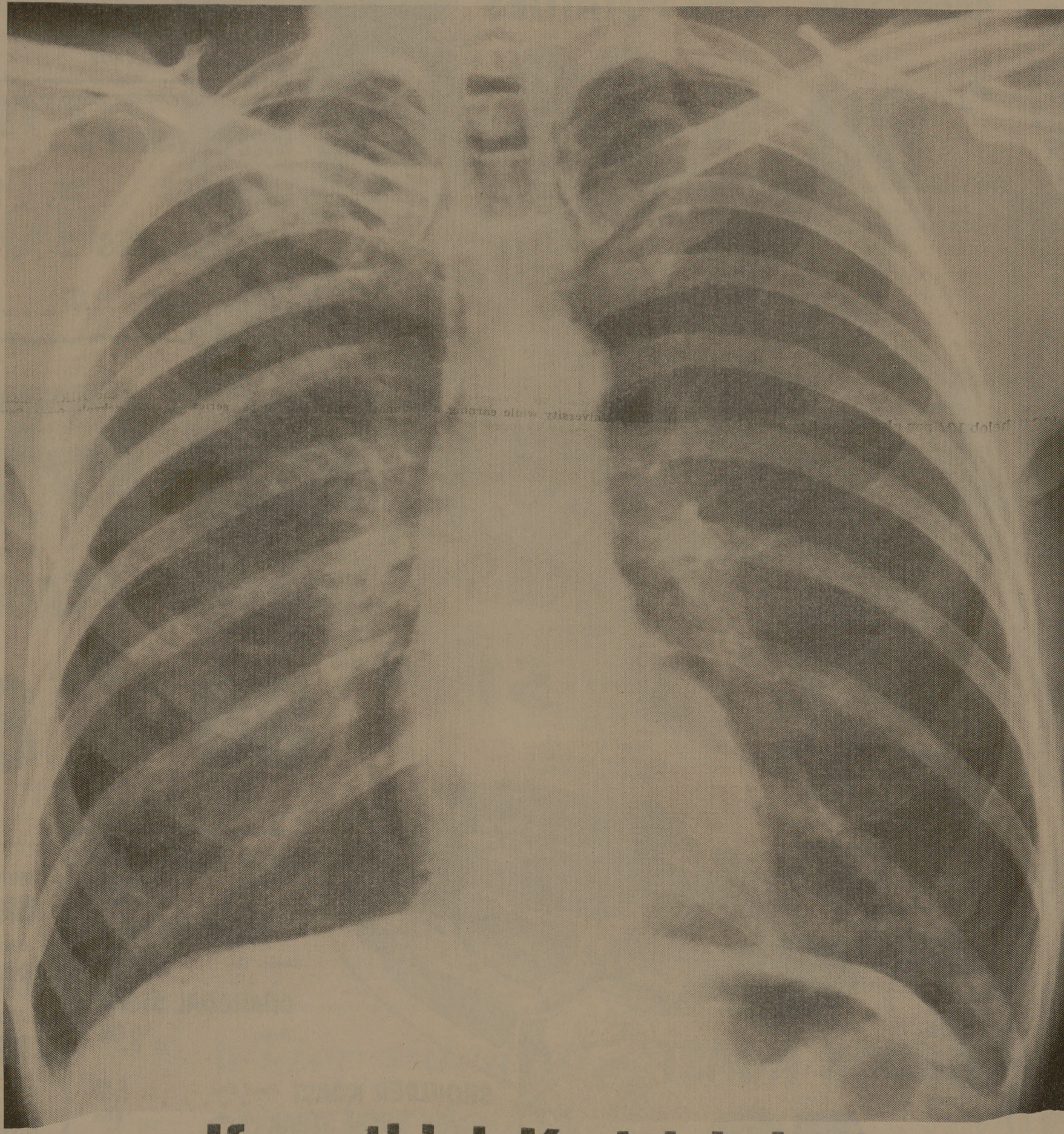
College tennis Super Bowl unveils in Miami Saturday

"Super Bowl of College Tennis—Number Two!" That's what this Saturday's match between Trinity University and the University of Miami, Florida, should be called. This duel in the Florida sun matches USA-number one ranked Trinity—the only undefeated major collegiate tennis power in the nation—against number four-ranked Miami, the highest-rated team in the East. The pairing should make for a match as exciting as Trinity's 6-3 victory over USA-number two ranked Southern California March 20 at San Antonio in what the Associated Press tagged nationally as "The Super Bowl of College Tennis." Already, Miami officials are expecting a crowd of 10,000 fans to overflow Miami's Hurricane Courts. The match is the final event of the spring for both teams before the NCAA National Championships June 12-17 in Athens, Georgia. Trinity brings a 35-match winning streak, currently the longest in the nation, into the contest—but a look at the history of Tiger-Hurricane tennis duels shows winning streaks mean little when these two teams meet. Breaking winning streaks seems to be a habit for both. Last year, Miami brought a 37-match streak to San Antonio but lost 8-1. The last time Trinity went to Miami, in 1970, the Tigers carried an identical 35-match streak under their belts but the Hurricanes triumphed 5-4. Trinity's longest winning streak ever, 75 matches

won from 1961 to 1965, was ended by Miami. Overall, the series record between the two stands at four victories for Trinity and two for Miami. Trinity brings one of the most fantastic line-ups ever into the match. The top four Tigers were honored as all-Americans at last year's NCAA tournament (where Trinity finished as runner-up to UCLA for the second year in a row). The top five Tigers are ranked 14, 18, 20, 21 and 52nd in the Men's Division of the United States Lawn Tennis Association and Trinity's sixth man is rated eighth in the juniors division. Playing one through six, respectively (with their 1972 singles records in collegiate dual match and tournament play), for Trinity are Dick Stockton (20-1), Brian Gottfried (28-2), Bob McKinley (31-4), Paul Gerken (22-1), Pancho Walthall (35-2) and John Burrmann (22-3). Stockton, McKinley, Gerken and Walthall are seniors and during the past four years have taken Trinity to an 88-6 overall dual match record. Gottfried—a native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and the 1970 National Juniors Champion—and Burrmann are sophoms. In doubles, the six pair off as follows—Stockton and McKinley (21-1 in collegiate play, the only loss coming in the finals at the Rice tournament to Gerken and Gottfried); Gerken and Gottfried (19-0); and Walthall and Burrmann (16-2). Stockton-McKinley are ranked fifth in the USLTA and Gerken-Gottfried, seventh.



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