

Bellard, Edwards make big hit with Dallas Aggies

"Winning is inevitable at Texas A&M," Emory Bellard told the Dallas A&M Club Friday at Texas Stadium. "With the staff we've got and some of the talent available, the Aggies will be in there fighting every time."

"I might not be very tall," he continued, "but when I'm introduced as the head coach of Texas A&M, I stand tall with a lot of pride. I may not be very big, but I'm every inch an Aggie."

The crowd went wild, to say

the least.

This was the scene 30 times this summer, as Bellard crossed the state speaking to A&M Club meetings.

Dallas was the last of the Coach's Night programs, and fall workouts begin Thursday. Dallas was special, though, and the attendance figure of 800 was not the only reason.

The event was held in the Stadium Club in Irving, and the stops were pulled out for putting

on the best show possible. Master of ceremonies was Roy Edwards, former sports writer for the Dallas Morning News and now sports editor of the Memphis, Tenn. Commercial Appeal.

The head coaches of all the A&M sports and the football coaching staff were present, along with administrative personnel from the athletic department.

Some of the Dallas alumni are among the top people in A&M

support organizations. Among these are Bob Latimer, president of the Association of Former Students, and some 16 Twelfth Man Scholarship donors for the Aggie Club.

Special targets for some of Edwards' remarks were former A&M basketball players Eddie Dominguez and Terry Trippett. Edwards is president of the Basketball Writers Association, but he is better known to A&M people as the columnist who had

several misunderstandings with former A&M Coach Gene Stallings.

"Here I am; all yours," Edwards told the crowd after being introduced. "Just don't hit this mgroon coat, because I borrowed it from Eddie Dominguez."

Edwards revealed that he had been a card-carrying member of the Dallas A&M Club for several years. It is widely known that many of the more influential Aggies are close personal friends

with the veteran sports writer.

"Superstar," as he is called, spiced up the program with several Teasip jokes. When it was mentioned that A&M was working on a joint program with the Baylor School of Medicine, Edwards asked Shelby Metcalf, the Aggie basketball coach, if that meant there would be better sideline treatment for him at Waco basketball games.

One of Edwards' remarks probably sums up the hopes of A&M more than anyone else could express:

"Thinking that Texas A&M will lose with Emory Bellard is like thinking that Darrell Royal will abandon the running game at Texas and hire Hayden Fry (the Southern Methodist coach) to coordinate a new passing attack."

David Hoot trying to earn job with the Oilers

"Tackle made by Number 26, David Hoot."

That announcement is familiar to Aggie football fans after four years of watching the 6-2, 200 pounder punch opponents.

But that tackle identification is being made this year in the Astrodome, and Hoot is number 26 for the Houston Oilers of former Rice coach Bill Peterson.

An All-Southwest Conference performer here, Hoot was drafted for professional football by the Los Angeles Rams. He was

cut after eight days in training camp, and the Oilers picked him up right away.

Hoot saw considerable action in the loss to the Dallas Cowboys two weeks ago, and he played the entire second and third quarters and a good portion of the final period last Thursday in the Houston Post Charity Game with the Chicago Bears.

He delighted the crowd with some hard tackling, and his recovery of a fumble halted a Bear touchdown drive. One of the most

potent Chicago offensive weapons was lefty quarterback Bobby Douglass' pump and run, but this was never used with Hoot in the game.

"I thought it was the end of the world when I was cut by the Rams," Hoot said after the rule book loss to the Bears. "I was glad Houston wanted me, because I didn't want to be going all over the country trying to get a job with somebody." Hoot is a graduate of Reagan High in the Space City.

"Pro ball isn't that much different from college," he explained. "There are more defensive calls, and you'll get killed if you stand around before the whistle's blown, but once you've reached a certain point, football's all basically the same."

Another Aggie in the game was Bear linebacker Ross Brupbacher, a second-year starter in his third pro season. Brupbacher fits into the Chicago pattern of hard-nosed defense, paced by middle linebacker Dick Butkus.

"It looks to me like David Hoot has won himself a job," Brupbacher said after the game. "I think he'll do real well in Houston. He's a good one."

Another Aggie was a part of the game, although his contribution was off the field. Pro!, the official publication of the National Football League, featured an article by Dave Elmendorf of the Rams. "Diary of a Rookie" is the story of the preseason days of the All-American safety with the Los Angeles team a year ago.

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A&M library joins study

A&M Libraries have joined Louisiana State and Mississippi State libraries in a study to test delivery of library literature, to U. S. Department of Agriculture employees in the three-state area.

The study funded by the National Agriculture Library also involves libraries of the USDA Agricultural Research Service

and Forest Service in New Orleans.

The pilot program will serve 2,000 patrons in the three states. They utilize literature in book and other form in research, testing and management responsibilities.

TAMU Libraries Director John B. Smith said USDA personnel

in Brownsville, College Station, Mission and Weslaco will be served through the Interlibrary Loan Department during a six-month trial period which began July 1.

The project will determine costs and benefits of shifting some library services previously provided department employees in the field by the National Agricultural Library in Washington to one near by.

Delivery will be made directly to employees in each state from its respective land-grant university.

John Sherrod, USDA library director, said data and cost figures from the study will aid the National Agricultural Library in structuring and financing an efficient document delivery plan for USDA employees and other agricultural researchers and administrators.

A document delivery system is one of the first projects of an integrated National Agricultural Libraries network planned as a cooperative venture by the 69 land-grant universities and National Agricultural Library.

A grant will be used in part to reimburse the participating libraries for services provided during the six-month trial.

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