

# Bill Henry



Personal rights took a terrific leap backwards this past month when the Texas Coach magazine and that well-known, highly touted champion, Tony Simpson. Who? If you don't know, don't feel out, for Simpson is a junior high football coach at Galena Park in the Alamo area.

He wrote the lead article in this month's "Texas Coach" titled "The Hair Length is a Doctrinal Issue." The article concerns itself with the theory that long hair on boys and men is the sign of a "sissy" and should be banned from American playing fields.

The article was written publicly answering the questioning as to the chance of not allowing the state's top athletes to participate in this year's all-star football and basketball games.

Getting back to Simpson, he says, "It is time that American coaches stopped allowing themselves to be personally represented by athletic teams and individuals that look like females. Only in the male world is the male designed to be the attractive."

He also portrays long hair with that "pinko element" in our nation. "A male with long hair is cute, he is pretty, he is sweet," he sneers. "If coaches of America would grow long hair like their athletes, we might be able to scare the Russians and Chinese Communists to death in our lack of masculinity."

"It should be pointed out that the only reason males are free to look like females and their coaches are free to permit this is because we have real men that were not cute, not sweet, and not pretty, with the intelligence and sense enough to kill our enemies all over the globe."

You've got to be kidding! I respect idealism but this guy's really out. To keep one's coaching job, one must win games. Even at the highest level. The higher one climbs in coaching, the more dedicated that effort. If Eddie Owens was at his school, you can bet he'd be coaching even though he is black and has long hair because with Owens on your team, you will win many many games.

Simpson upheld, with great admiration, the hair-ban used by the Texas game committee. "A good hair code will get the abnormal out of athletics before they become coaches and bring their 'losers' standards into the profession."

If they're any "losers" in the profession, it's Mr. Simpson. No one has the right to subtract one's personal rights because of some mental aberration he might have in accordance with lengthened locks. Having long hair doesn't automatically put you into the "winners" category in any means. People with short hair murder, rape, steal, overuse automobiles, etc., just like people with long hair.

This final quote from Mr. Simpson should be one we all hold dear: "A long time placing it in one's mental file marked 'really freaky'."

He says that men who wear short hair are "in submission to warped standards and standards of females who like to set the dress and grooming standards for their mousy husbands, their pantywaist boyfriends, and their feminine sons."

God, he also adds, made man to dominate women and that God did not mean for man to wear long hair. If any of the likenesses of man are accurate, he had long hair. As did people like George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Joe Namath, John Kennedy, Mark Spitz, etc.

If you're worried about a son being infiltrated with Simpson's militant, chauvanistic teachings, don't, for the poor fellow has resigned his post. Could it have been by pressure???

## Relay Teams Hopeful

# Tracksters Enter National Meets

After a brilliant second place finish in the Southwest Conference Meet in Austin two weeks ago, the Texas Aggie track team show its wares to the nation when it partakes in two national meets the next two weekends.

This weekend the team travels to Wichita, Kansas to compete in the National Track and Field Federation Meet, tuning up for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Meet set for June 17-19 in Baton Rouge, La.

Coaches Charley Thomas and Ted Nelson will accompany the 13-man squad and are placing most emphasis on the relay teams which rank high in best national

times. "Our sprint relay team showed what it could do in the conference meet and now have the confidence to make a run at the national title," Thomas said. "With some good workouts next week, the mile relay team could be a contender also."

Gerald D'Ambrosio, Sammy Dierschke, Billy Porter and Donny Rogers make up the sprint relay team while Harold Davis, Willie Blackmon, Horace Grant and Doug Brodhead are members of the mile relay team.

The sprint relay team has the fourth best time in the nation thus far with a 39.9 which it ran at the conference meet.

Scotty Jones, holder of the fourth best national time in the 120-yard high hurdles, with a 13.5, is hoping a nagging leg injury will be relieved and enable him to go all out at the national meets. The best time in the nation so far is 13.4.

Also entered are Rogers in the long jump, Ben Greathouse in the high jump, David Peterek in the pole vault, Porter in the 100-

yard dash, Willie Blackmon in the javelin and Craig Carter in the 880-yard run, Bill Newton in the shot put.

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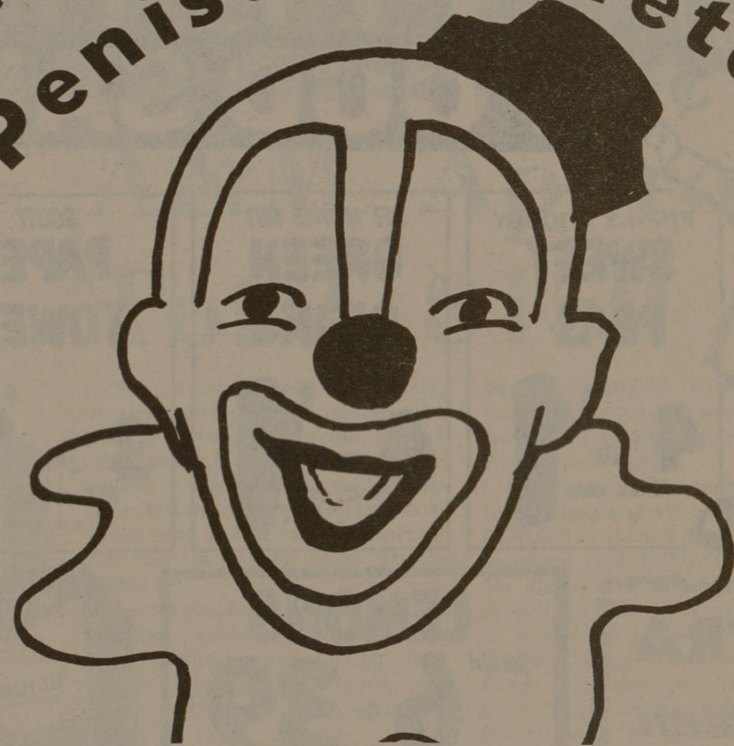
Richard Petty, Buddy Baker and Gordon Johncock are the three drivers entered in the \$100,000 Classic who have triumphed at the \$7 million motorsports facility in previous events.

Petty, who ranks as the winningest driver in the history of NASCAR, is the only two-time winner at Texas World Speedway. The Randleman, N. C., Dodge driver scored his first victory at the Texas oval in the 1971 Texas 500, and again took the checkered flag in the NASCAR 500-miler last June for back-to-back wins. During his fifteen year racing career, Petty has won over 150 races, earning almost \$1 1/2 million.

Last November's Texas 500 winner, Buddy Baker, hopes to equal Petty's win record at Texas World Speedway with a second consecutive victory in the Alamo 500. The popular Dodge chauffeur already holds the qualifying record for stock cars at TWS with a speed of 176.284 miles-per-hour.

USAC driver Gordon Johncock is the most recent winner at the high-banked course. Johncock received first place honors in the stock car segment of the Texas Twin 200's on April 7.

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