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Lemons Finds Home At A&M

By BARRY DONNELLY
Playing follow the leader seems like a silly game for a college athlete, but that game is what brought Billy Lemons to Texas A&M.
Lemons was recruited by the new departed Swede Lee. The previous year Lee was Lemon's coach at Pampa High School. He left Lemons' senior year for Aggie land. Now Lemons is in College Station and the game is over. In his own words, "I've found a home."
At 6-6, 270, Lemons is one of the largest men on the team. In addition to size, he possesses remarkable quickness. In high

school he was a member of the select Blue Chip list of school boy athletes. He was also all-district, all-state and a Top of Texas All Star.
At A&M Lemons has been positioned at offensive right guard. Although he was a stellar defensive player in high school, the coaches believe he is headed for the top in the offensive alignment.
He really likes the attitude of the team. "It's just like one big machine. Everyone is together and pushing to make the team."
In practice Lemons is really working hard. He can be expected to make a strong challenge to

break into the starting line-up. He expresses great satisfaction with the coaching staff and just generally likes football.
The first glimpse of Lemons makes one feel just tiny. He reported at 285, but the heat of the demanding two-a-day workouts has him down to a mere 270. He said, "Practicing twice a day is really hard, but you're always glad when they are over." He is an extremely polite person. Every answer is followed by so many sirs it could make one feel old. However, on the field he is all business. He says he wants to be a starter, and has all the tools to do the job.
The new "T" Bone formation is just made for linemen like Lemons. His size and quickness make him ideal as a pulling guard to lead Aggie halfbacks around the end.
The game is now over for Lemons. He is firmly planted in College Station and happy to be here. He now hopes to follow the leader to the starting guard position.

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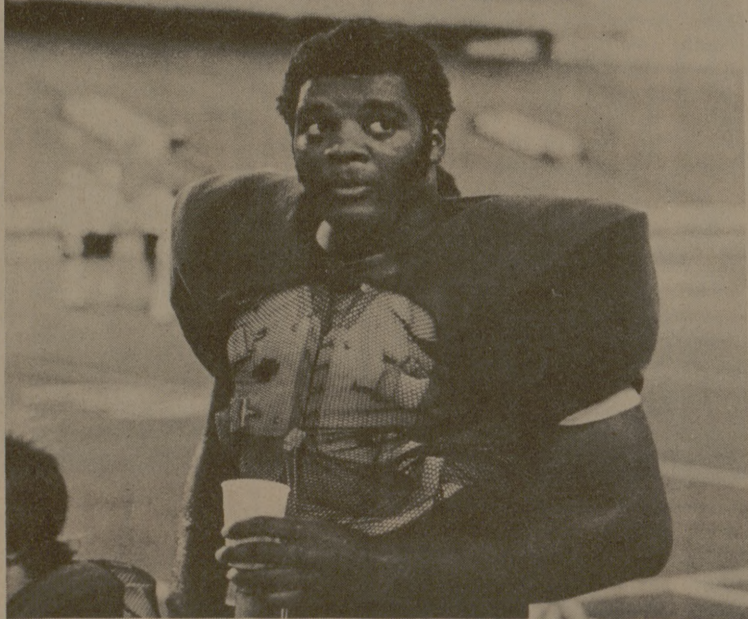
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BILLY LEMONS relaxes during a break in the practice session yesterday. (Photo by Peter Leabo)

Pickard Selected As Top Trainer

Billy Pickard, in his ninth season as athletic trainer of the Texas Aggies, recently received the Southwest Athletic Trainers Association's top award at its 19th annual state meeting in Waco.

Pickard received the Eddie Wojceki award as the trainer doing the most for the SWATA.

A native of San Antonio and a 1956 A&M graduate, Pickard is the only member who has not missed a state meeting in the SWATA's 19-year history.

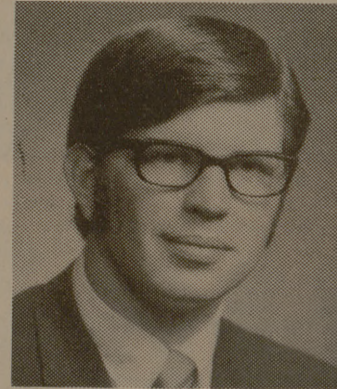
Exhibits chairman of the group for several years now, Pickard is a past president of the organization.

Following his graduation from A&M, Pickard served as athletic trainer at Port Arthur Jefferson High one year and then was at Brazosport High in Freeport for seven and a half years before

joining the A&M staff in January of 1965.

One SWATA official said: "Billy Pickard is the hardest working member of our organization and is very deserving of our top award."

Pickard now is in his second season of handling the dual role of trainer and equipment manager at A&M.



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