

# Consol band takes 2nd division award

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The A&M Consolidated Band, winner of five previous sweepstakes, suffered an unexpected blow when it finished with a second division rating in the first round of competition.

First division ratings are required in each of the three rounds for a sweepstakes award. The Consol band has won the sweepstakes award five years in a row.

Rather than a first, second and third place system being used, bands are graded against a standard. "The system is much like a grading system in school," said Band Director Charles Maxwell. "Everybody can make F's or everybody can make A's." Consol made a B.

The round held this weekend at Roundrock was marching competition. Sight Reading and Concert competition will be held in the spring. Although the Tiger Band is out of the competition for sweepstakes this year, they are still in the running for the 3A honor band title, which is statewide recognition.

The band members, who practice an average of 10 hours per week for a seven-and-a-half minute show, came under the scrutiny of three judges at the meet. All three judges gave Consol a '2' with most commonly sighted errors being alignment and sharpness of precision. Other faults mentioned included timing and tuning.

The judges did note, however, that the sequence was well con-

ceived and there was a great deal of individual talent.

The band and the associated marching groups, the Tiger Troupe, the Bengal Belles and the Tigerettes, have been preparing since the beginning of the school year for the competition. They also perform at half-times in the football games and marches in the annual Christmas parade.

Maxwell said a large problem occurs early in the year because half of the entire group are freshmen. "They must be taught to play and march at the same time and that takes a lot of practice. These kids are still learning," he said.

In a related incident several band members were suspended from A&M Consolidated High School after some liquor bottles were found on school buses which carried students to and from the marching contest. About 20 students were involved.

A&M Consolidated school district superintendent Fred Hopson, Maxwell and Consol High principal Bob Caskey would not make statements about the incident except for Maxwell's statement that "these students have gotten more than their punishment, they have suffered enough."

"We like to show our best light, we don't like to show our dirty wash," Maxwell said.

Suspension, according to Consol High regulations, may be total absence up to three days and may or may not allow for student to make up missed work.

## Personal request granted

# Shipman likes change to halfback

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Tareyton smokers would rather fight than switch, but the Aggies' David Shipman would rather play than ride the bench.

Shipman was the Ags' backup quarterback until after the Arkansas game, when he began working out at halfback. He has remained at halfback the rest of the year and saw his first action against Rice, Saturday in the Aggies 37-7 victory. He carried the ball seven times for 37 yards. This is not the first time Shipman has been switched from quarterback to halfback.

The 6' 2 1/2 lb. Shipman played high school football at Odessa Permian High School. In his sophomore and junior years he played quarterback. His senior year he was moved to halfback when one of the halfbacks was injured. However, when the playoffs came around the halfback was healthy and Shipman was switched back to quarterback. He was able to lead his team to the state championship and made all-district as well as all-state teams.

At the beginning of the 1974 season Shipman was a second string quarterback because of his lack of playing time. Last year before the season began Shipman injured his knee.

"I was running the option in one of the last scrimmages when it happened," Shipman said. An injured knee is one of the most frequent injuries a running back can sustain. He had to have an operation to remove cartilage.

"I had a couple of stitches in the inner ligament because it wasn't

completely torn," Shipman said. Shipman came back last year to hold on extra points but could not play other than that.

"I have enough confidence that it (the knee) doesn't bother me mentally and physically I nearly have all my speed back," Shipman said. It feels good running on it, he added.

Shipman may have been physically and mentally ready to take over the reigns of the Aggies in 1974 but Walker was an obstacle to overcome. For the time being Shipman was a second string quarterback.

"He (Walker) had a season's play and I had just come back. He should have been starting, and I was willing to wait for the situation where I could play," Shipman said. "The situation never did occur. I never had a chance to go into a relaxed situation to prove what I could do."

If Shipman decided to remain at quarterback and fight it out with Walker he realized it would be for the rest of his time at A&M. Both are sophomores and have their college careers ahead of them. If this was the pros Shipman would have demanded to be traded. His options in college are to quit, transfer or change positions. Shipman chose the latter.

After the Arkansas game in which the Aggies were again hit with injuries in the running back area, Shipman decided to change positions. "After viewing the films on Sunday I went to Coach Bellard and requested the change to halfback," Shipman said. Shipman felt he could contribute at halfback and he was good enough athlete to find a spot on the field of play.

Shipman thought Bellard was surprised by the request and told me to see him on Monday, Shipman said. "I was playing quarterback and did have an awareness of the backfield. I could easily adapt to the backfield. It's not that big of a change," he added.

The move to halfback may not be a permanent one for Shipman. Injuries could always bring him back into the quarterback picture.

Shipman said he could handle the reins at quarterback should it ever be necessary. He said he feels he is adequate in both passing and running.

"My request to go to running back shows I feel I can run," Shipman said. "If I need to run or if I

need to pass I feel I can do it. Whatever it takes to win I'm going to try it."

In the Arkansas game, "I felt strange not being on the field playing for two years. I thought I did a reasonably good job," Shipman said. "My blocking wasn't that good, occasionally I would get a good block. I need to work on it. I did a lot of blocking at high school and it will just take time," he said.

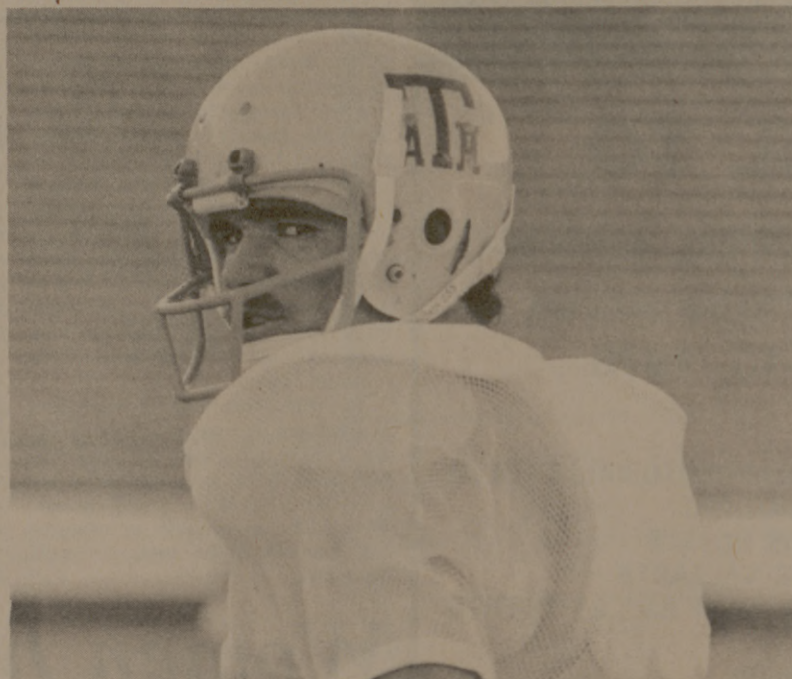
In the upcoming Texas game Shipman may see some action and it would come against a team that tried to recruit him. "I really don't know why I chose A&M," Shipman said. "I enjoyed the atmosphere of the college and maybe that

helped," he added.

"I wanted to come to a team where I was losing, that I could help. Shipman said. "I didn't want to be on some podunk team but a large university. I wanted to help them win. I had been on a team in high school. I wanted to go to a loser and help the team accomplish something," he said to explain his choice of A&M.

In the Texas game Shipman met with Texas tried to recruit him. "Darrell Royal was all I've heard since I was little," Shipman said. "He was someone I had always heard about. When I met him I could have passed out. I was nervous and excited. I was finally meeting the man I had heard so much about." Shipman said.

On the day after Thanksgiving Royal might have wished Shipman switched schools, not positions.



David Shipman at practice as new halfback (Photo by Glen Johnson)

# Sbisa Hall, Duncan Hall & Commons Meal Schedule

Week Beginning November 24 Thru November 30  
Master Menu No. 3

SUNDAY BREAKFAST			
*Tang, Coffee, Milk *Asst Dry Cereal *Grape, Strawberry & Peach Jelly *Sausage Links *Fried Eggs/Scrambled Eggs	*1. Blueberry Hotcakes *Toast/Oleo *Bacon		Grape Drink, Grapefruit Juice, Hot Chocolate, Hot Tea, Cocoa, Sprite
DINNER			
ENTREES AND SOUPS *Roast, Boneless, Pork Loin, 3-1/2 oz w/ Dressing Seconds on Dressing Only *Brown Gravy *Cranberry Sauce *Baked Tuna & Noodles	VEGETABLES AND FRUITS *Tri Tails *Fresh Frozen Mixed Veg. Buttered *Yellow Squash	SALADS, RELISHES, DRESSINGS *Mixed Fruit Fruit Salad *Sliced Apple Sauce *Fruit Salad *Cherry Jello w/Whipped Star *Whipped Grape Jelly Parfait *Tossed Salad, Cottage Cheese and Italian Tomatoes	DESSERTS AND BREADS *Open Ice Cream Bar *Pineapple Upside Down Cake *Hot Rolls *Oleo
		DRESSING: French, Russian, French, Mustard, Catusap, Mustard, Salad Dressing	BEVERAGES *Iced Tea, Hot Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Tang, Grape Drink, Grapefruit Juice, Sprite, Cola, Pink Lemonade, Fruit Punch, Pineapple-Grapefruit Juice
SUPPER			
NO EVENING MEAL			
MONDAY BREAKFAST			
*Tang, Coffee, Milk *Asst Dry Cereal *Grape, Plum & Strawberry Jelly *1. Blueberry Muffins *Pan Fried Bacon	2. Jelly Fritter *Sausage Patties	3. Continental Breakfast *Blueberry Muffins *Donutnuts *Sweet Rolls *Raisin Bread & White Bread	4. Scrambled Eggs *Fried Eggs *Hollands-Syrup *Sausage Patties
		DRESSING: French, Russian, French, Mustard, Catusap, Mustard, Salad Dressing	BEVERAGES *Grape Drink, Grapefruit Juice, Hot Cocoa, Hot Tea, Cocoa, Sprite
DINNER			
ENTREES AND SOUPS *Lasagna & Seconds *Baked Beans w/Frank's 2 ea. & Seconds	VEGETABLES AND FRUITS *Tang, Green w/Ham Base *Whole Kernel Yellow Corn *Oleo & Tomatoes	SALADS, RELISHES, DRESSINGS *French Macaroni Salad *Almond-Sliced Pear Salad *Cherry Jello Jaws *Macaroni Salad *Tossed Salad, Cottage Cheese and Italian Tomatoes	DESSERTS AND BREADS *Open Ice Cream Bar *Almond Cake *Blackbottom Cake *Fruit Flax Parfait *Bread *Oleo
		DRESSING: French, 1000 Island, Green Goddess, Fruit, Mustard, Pickles, Relish, Catusap, Mustard, Salad Dressing	BEVERAGES *Iced Tea, Hot Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Tang, Grape Drink, Grapefruit Juice, Sprite, Cola, Pink Lemonade, Fruit Punch, Pineapple-Grapefruit Juice
SUPPER			
NO EVENING MEAL			
TUESDAY BREAKFAST			
*Pineapple-Grapefruit Juice, Coffee, Milk *Grape, Strawberry & Apricot Preserves *Asst Dry Cereal *1. Jelly Fritters *Pan Fried Ham	*2. Blueberry Muffins *Pan Fried Bacon	3. Continental Breakfast *Chocolate Glazed Doughnuts *Peanut Rolls *Raisin Bread & White Bread *Jelly Fritters	4. Scrambled Eggs *Fried Eggs *French Toast *Syrup *Pan Fried Bacon
		DRESSING: French, Russian, French, Mustard, Catusap, Mustard, Salad Dressing	BEVERAGES *Grapefruit Juice, Hot Cocoa, Hot Tea, Tang, Sprite, Cola, Grape Drink
DINNER			
ENTREES AND SOUPS *Sloppy Joe on Bun (Fresh) and Seconds *Mustard Sausage & Seconds	VEGETABLES AND FRUITS *French Fried Potatoes *Buttered Broccoli Rice *Cut Green Beans w/Ham Base	SALADS, RELISHES, DRESSINGS *Under the Sea Salad *Strawberry Jello/Cottage Cheese *Walnut Salad *Pickled Beets & Onions *Tossed Salad, Cottage Cheese & Peach Chunks	DESSERTS AND BREADS *Open Ice Cream Bar *Peanut Butter *Almond Cookies *Buns *Bread *Oleo *Egg Custard Parfait
		DRESSING: French, Russian, French, Mustard, Catusap, Mustard, Salad Dressing	BEVERAGES *Fruit Punch, Iced Tea, Hot Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Tang, Grape Drink, Grapefruit Juice, Sprite, Cola, Pink Lemonade, Pineapple-Grapefruit Juice
SUPPER			
NO EVENING MEAL			
WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST			
*Coffee Milk *Fresh Fruit *Grape, Strawberry & Peach Jelly *Asst Dry Cereal *1. Scrambled Egg *Sausage Patties *Toast/Oleo	*1. Doughnuts *Grilled Ham	3. Continental Breakfast *Doughnuts *Cinnamon Rolls w/Raisins *Nut Rolls *Raisin Bread & White Bread	4. Scrambled Eggs *Fried Eggs *Hollands-Syrup *Toast/Oleo *Grilled Ham
		DRESSING: French, 1000 Island, Oil & Vinegar, French, Catusap, Fruit, Peach Chunks	BEVERAGES *Hot Cocoa, Hot Tea, Cola, Sprite, Grape Drink, Pineapple-Grapefruit Juice, Tang
DINNER			
ENTREES AND SOUPS *Beef Pot Pie 1 ea. & No. Seconds *Corn Dogs w/Mustard & Chiz 1 ea. & Seconds	VEGETABLES AND FRUITS *Scalloped Potatoes *Buttered Mixed Vegetables *Brussels Sprouts	SALADS, RELISHES, DRESSINGS *Whipped Cherry Jello Parfait *Under the Sea Salad *Apple, Celery & Pineapple Salad *Cottage Cheese & Apricot Noodles *Green Salad, Cottage Cheese and Italian Tomatoes	DESSERTS AND BREADS *Open Ice Cream Bar *German Chocolate Cake *White Cake *Bread/Oleo *Tapoca Parfait w/Star
		DRESSING: French, 1000 Island, Italian, Mustard-Catusap, Mustard, Pickles, Relish, Catusap, Mustard, Salad Dressing	BEVERAGES *Iced Tea, Hot Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Tang, Grape Drink, Grapefruit Juice, Sprite, Cola, Pink Lemonade, Pineapple-Grapefruit Juice, Chocolate & Low Fat Milk at Commons
SUPPER			
NO EVENING MEAL			
THURSDAY BREAKFAST			
*Hamburger *Hot Dogs *Oleo	*Potato Chips *Frito Chips	DRESSING: Russian, French, Bleu Cheese, Catusap, Mustard, Pickles, Relish, Catusap, Mustard, Salad Dressing	*Hamburger Buns *Hot Dog Buns

This menu is subject to change without notice due to food shortages from suppliers

## Football for fun at Slippery Rock

SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa. (AP) — Slippery Rock's football press guide is stamped with "Happiness is Football at the Rock," and that about says it all.

The Rock is on top of the world these days as it prepares for Saturday's Pennsylvania Conference Championship with West Chester.

"We have more fun than the big schools," laughs Coach Bob DiSpirito.

Slippery Rock, now 8-0-1, has defeated West Chester the past two years for the title and DiSpirito figures that could be a disadvantage now.

He's afraid his team may be looking past West Chester to Nov. 30 when the Rockets, win or lose against West Chester, meet Ithaca College in an NCAA Division III playoff contest.

The winner of that game goes on to the Stagg Bowl Dec. 7 in Alabama in a nationally televised game.

Voters in The Associated Press College Division poll moved the Rockets from 13th to 11th this week. They moved into the poll's top 15 for the first time last week.