



Sportfolio

By PAUL McGRATH
Battalion Sports Editor

"Hi, I'm Darrel Royal."

Time and again the whining voice of Daddy D, the head man behind the controls of the football factory at the University of Texas, blares from the television screen requesting that we take a closer look at the newest make of Chrysler or Plymouth.

Royal also is known for his always pessimistic description of his team. "Gosh darn it. I just don't see how we're gonna be able to field a team this year," he is apt to say.

Yet, his charges are continually in the Top Ten each fall and the six straight conference titles is a feat rivaled by no other SWC school.

Let's face it Ags. No matter what our personal feelings may be for that state institution in Austin, the Longhorns are good. They are indeed a force to be reckoned with.

The Orange has found more ways to score than the new state constitution has revisions. Marty Akins is having a fantastic year masterminding the Steer attack. His passing to people like Alford Jackson has been like a hypodermic for the Texas offense.

A superfluous amount of running backs which feature gems in Gralyn Wyatt and Jimmy Walker and also has the Rose from Tyler in Earl Campbell, is the mainstay of the Longhorns. Their rushing attack, thanks to the inventiveness of Emory Bellard, is constantly amongst the nation's leaders and has produced a long line of fine runners such as Chris Gilbert, Steve Worster, Jim Bertelsen and Roosevelt Leaks.

The Texas defense, much in question prior to the season's opening gun, seems to have found the patches for the quilt. Although not seriously challenged until the Oklahoma game, their spirited play and steady improvement cannot be overlooked.

The A&M-Texas game is still almost a month off, but yet the kettles are already beginning to boil as early forecasts of the importance of the match are starting to surface.

If the two teams were to play this weekend, the edge would definitely have to be with the Horns, what with A&M quarterback David Shipman slightly injured and the Aggies just finding the answer to their fullback problems in freshman George Woodard.

But the game is not this weekend and the waiting must continue for the annual grudge match showdown. Providing neither team slips in the next few weeks, it should be a doozie.

Speaking of showdowns, there was a most unusual confrontation in Wofford Cain Hall last week.

It seems a young lady decided not only to peruse the hallways at 1:30 a.m., but to also enter some of the athlete's rooms as they slept.

She stirred the slumber of one athlete, asking for certain services to which he reacted by rolling over and going back to sleep, thinking it was merely a dream.

His roommate then woke up and she made the same proposal to him. He responded with, "Lady, there's a time and a place for everything and this is definitely not the time or place." We should all be so noble.

Texas A&M Associate Athletic Director for Business Affairs, Wally Groff, also had a confrontation last week, although his was less fortunate.

His new money-green Chevrolet was hit by a car pulling out from the curb in front of G. Rollie White. Groff knocked the intruding car's bumper off while his vehicle sustained minor damages.

Meanwhile, on the brighter side of the news, we can all take heart that the chances of the Aggies losing this weekend are almost nil. Open has never had much luck over the years.

Champ repeat most difficult

By DAVID WALKER
Battalion Sports Writer

With the start of the 1975-76 basketball season only 33 days away the Texas Aggies are preparing daily for what most sports experts call the hardest of all sports accomplishments, repeating a championship.

Coach Shelby Metcalf's defending Southwest Conference champions are working daily to keep that trophy in College Station.

"So far everything is going pretty good," Metcalf said. "We're real happy with our seniors, I'm sure that we're going to have fine senior leadership this year."

The Aggies have four seniors returning from last year's championship team and all saw considerable action throughout the 74-75 campaign.

All-SWC performers Sonny Parker and Barry Davis, last year's super sub Ray Roberts and defensive wiz Gates Erwin return to give this year's young squad the leadership that is so important if a team is going to be successful.

The Aggies lost six seniors from last year and replaced them with six freshmen. "We replaced our six seniors with quality, but we sure lost a lot of experience," Metcalf added.

The non-seniors include junior Steve Jones, who Metcalf says can be the Aggie come back player of the year, the six freshmen, Karl Godine, Jarvis Williams, Bob Middleton, Wally Swanson, Joey Robinson and Bryan Holland. Doug Mezger is the lone sophomore on the squad.

"Overall we're pleased with our freshmen," Metcalf said. "Four or five of them have a chance to make this year's traveling squad."

This year a team can only take ten players on the road. Last year the Aggies traveled with twelve. "I really don't like this because I feel players can contribute even if they (see "Basketball," pg. 12)

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